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Issue 36: **Hudson Taylor**

## J Hudson Taylor Pioneer Missionary In China



*Bump!* Bump!

Thump!

Fourteen-year old Amelia Taylor ran to the stairs to see what was causing all the commotion. "Hudson! What in the world are you doing with your feather bed?"

Amelia's seventeen-year-old brother looked down the stairs with a smile. "I'm getting rid of it--they don't have comfortable mattresses in China, you know!"

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James Hudson Taylor was born in England on May 21, 1832. His parents told God, "We want to give him to You, to be a missionary in China."

Hudson's parents didn't tell him about their promise to God, but at age eighteen, Hudson felt that God wanted him to go to China and he began preparing.

Every morning Hudson got up early to study Chinese pictograph writing. He also exercised daily, and he learned to live without luxuries. God helped Hudson find a way to study medicine so he could use that to help people in China.

“But I want to learn to trust God alone for my needs, not telling anyone else,” thought Hudson. This would take some practice.

### His Last Coin

Two years later, twenty-year-old Hudson pulled his coat tighter as he walked through a dirty, crowded street in the town of Hull, England. Reaching into his pocket, he felt his last coin, all he had to buy food with.

As he walked, Hudson came upon a family in desperate need of help. Hudson knew he should give them his last coin—and his coat and sweater. It was 1842, and in those days money came in coins and there was no government help for poor people.

As Hudson left the family, he had no coat, but he did have song in his heart to keep him warm. The next day the mailman handed him a letter. When he opened it, the envelope contained four times as much money as he had given that family! He learned a lesson

that would help him again and again in his work in China. It was: “As I care for others in Christ’s name, I can trust God to take care of me.”



The English Chinaman

Hudson first arrived in China in 1854. Soon he did what no other missionaries had ever done; he decided to dress like the Chinese. He knew that would help them trust him more and listen to what he told them about God. He also decided to give up the comfort of living in the cities so he could reach the poorest people in the middle of China. His new mission organization, the China Inland Mission, was serving the people’s physical, medical, and spiritual needs.

After Hudson had been in China for 13 years, on Chinese New Years, 1867, the town of Hangzhou, China was bustling. A new missionary family was just arriving to serve with the China Inland Mission. As they made their way among the

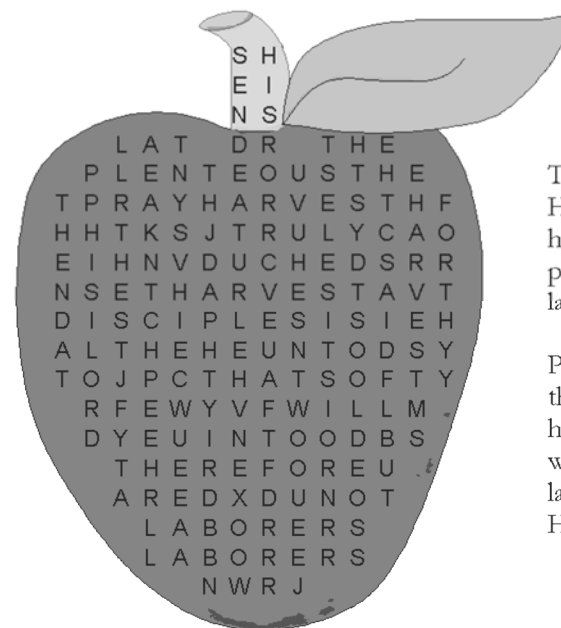
## ★ Think About It ★

Hudson Taylor’s sister prayed for him to be saved, then after he was saved and went to China, she prayed for more missionaries to join him; the same thing Hudson prayed. What was the result of their prayers?

Write here your own prayer for God to send more missionaries to China or some other country of your choice.



## Matthew 9:37-38



Find the words in the Bible verses hidden in the apple.

Then said He unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few;

Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest.

## Hudson Taylor's Little Sister



- Amelia prayed for Hudson Taylor three times a day until he gave his life to Christ.
- She walked the streets of Barnsley with Hudson distributing Gospel leaflets door to door.
- She gave up her education to look after the children of a widowed uncle.
- Married Benjamin Broomhall, who became the head of the British office of China Inland Mission, with much assistance from Amelia.
- She took on Hudson Taylor's six children when his second wife died.
- Sent five of her own children to mission work in China.
- When a widow in a wheelchair-like seat, she was used by China Inland Mission's candidate coordinator to 'size up' people wanting to be missionaries.

## The Great Commission

Matthew 28:19-20 and more



**PRAY  
THE LORD  
OF THE HARVEST  
TO SEND OUT  
WORKERS  
INTO HIS HARVEST!**

**Luke 10:2**

noisy street vendors, they saw a strange sight. It was an Englishman wearing Chinese clothing and a long Chinese pigtail who stood on a table outside the mission clinic. It was Hudson Taylor preaching to a gathering of Chinese people.

Hudson paused from his preaching just long enough to wave and smile at the new missionaries. He'd been expecting them, for he had prayed for 24 new workers, and he knew God answers prayer! These new missionaries would join others in giving up comfort in order to take the Gospel to the Chinese.

Hudson Taylor kept praying for many years, and more and more missionaries came to serve in China.

Hudson married Maria Dyer, who was a missionary he met in China. She died in 1870. Hudson married Jane Faulding in 1871.



Hudson Taylor worked in China for 51 years, and eventually there were enough missionaries to meet his goal of reaching all 18 provinces of the huge country of China. Now, that's answered prayer!

J. Hudson Taylor died in 1905, before the communists took over China. His work still has an effect, in spite of persecution. In fact, Christian workers all over the world are still challenged and changed by Hudson Taylor's example and books. God is still answering the prayers Hudson prayed all those years ago.

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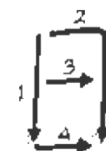
China Inland Mission changed its name to OMF. (Overseas Missionary Fellowship) OMF had endorsed a comic book about Hudson Taylor, called "White Devil," which is what some unhappy Chinese called him. Go to [www.amazon.com/White-Devil-Legend-Hudson-Taylor/dp/0825461359](http://www.amazon.com/White-Devil-Legend-Hudson-Taylor/dp/0825461359) and click on "see inside" to read some of it. In a fun way you will learn more about this man, a hero for God.

## Hudson Taylor: Friend of China

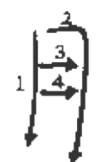


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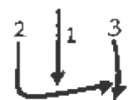
Before he went to China, Hudson Taylor learned how to write several hundred Chinese words. Here are a few of them. Can you write them?



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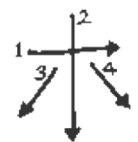
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雨 rain



木 tree