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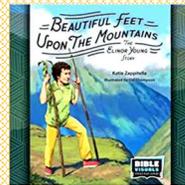
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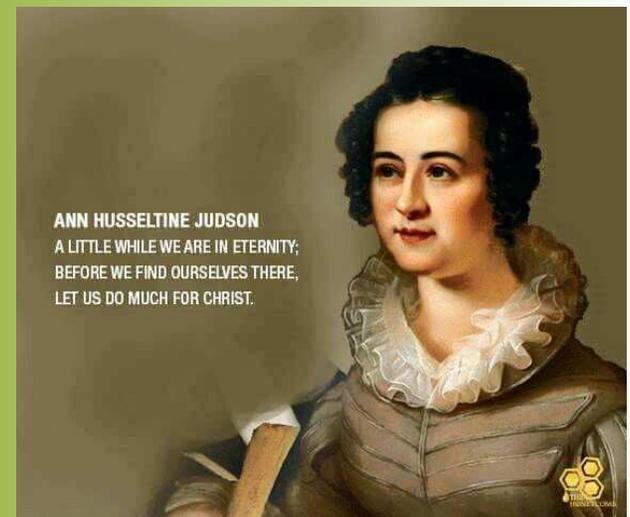
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Remembering Ann Judson



Ann's father handed her a letter. "You are the one who needs to answer Adoniram's questions, not me," he said. Adoniram wanted to marry Ann, but she needed to carefully think about it. Adoniram's letter said that they would live near India where things would be very hard and very dangerous. Their lives may be short and she might not ever see her family again. Why would they want to do that? Because the people of India and Burma needed Jesus. Ann and Adoniram would tell them about the Lord.

It was July, 1810 when Adoniram asked if Ann would marry him. She had been born in 1789, a few months after the Constitution of the United States of America was written. She and the nation were just 21 years old. Adoniram was one year older. If Ann agreed, they would be the first American missionaries to another country.

Ann didn't answer the letter right away. The trip across the ocean in a sailing ship would be dangerous and there were diseases, strange food, angry people, and other dangers in India and Burma.

For two months she could not decide. "I love my family and might never see them again. I'm afraid of all I might suffer, and that I might even die there," she said to herself.

Finally, after a lot of praying, she wrote,



"God has my heart in His hands, and when I am called to face danger, or to face terror and distress, He can fill me with strength, and enable me to trust Him. Jesus is faithful; His promises are precious. O Jesus make me live to Thee and I desire no more."

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A little over a year and a half later, Ann and Adoniram were married. Four months after that, they left on a sailing ship.



Sailing ships were not fast because bad winds and storms that could slow them down. Getting to India then to Burma took about a year.



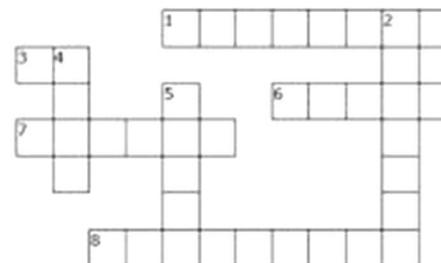
Burma was a hard place to be. Everyone was afraid of the king. He was mean and unjust. He had people rounded up and killed or tortured all the time.

He also said that everyone must be Buddhists. Buddhism told people they must hope to become nothing when they died. They had no hope or comfort in their lives.

For years Ann and Adoniram spent long days learning the Burmese language so they could tell people about Jesus who loved them, would forgive

★ **Think About It** ★

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Giving instructions to a group of students
3. The opposite of stop
6. The planet on which we live
7. The place where God lives
8. Followers of Jesus

DOWN

2. Groups of people living in a certain area; countries
4. To follow the commands, rules, or guidance
5. The Son of God

EARTH	TEACHING	GO	HEAVEN
JESUS	DISCIPLES	OBEY	NATIONS



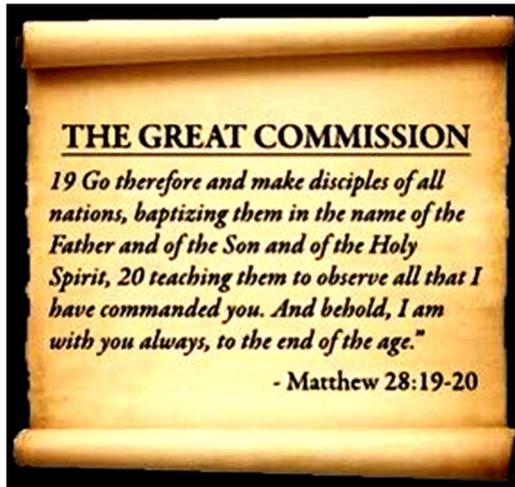
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* Old fashioned wording changed a bit for today's readers,

The Great Commission

Matthew 28:19-20 and more

A **commission** is something that someone in authority gives you to do. Like this one Jesus gave us.



Ann and Adoniram knew that Jesus did not promise to give them a nice life in Burma. He just said, **“GO and I will be with you.”**

their sins, and give them peace and joy in their hearts.

But would anyone ever believe in the Savior?

A young man, Maung Ing, started to cook and clean for them so Adoniram could work faster.

After a few years, Maung Ing said, “I believe in Jesus and want to be baptized, even if I am put in jail.”



Many more years later, Adoniram finished the whole New Testament and Ann wrote a book that taught the Gospel.

There was only that one hand-written copy of the New Testament because there were no typewriters or computers in those days. Adoniram kept it in a special place.

He kept teaching, and in several years there were a few group of believers, churches.

One year the countries of England and Burma went to war with each other. Because Adoniram was a foreign man teaching a foreign religion, the rulers of Burma thought he was an enemy so they put him in jail. Almost all prisoners

there died from lack of food and water and from the bad treatment.

Adoniram stayed alive because for 18 months Ann, carrying their baby, walked to the prison every day to take Adoniram food and water. She also kept asking authorities to let him out of prison. “He is not your enemy,” she said.

Adoniram was afraid that government authorities would find and destroy the Burmese New Testament in Ann’s house. So one day Ann hid it inside a hard pillow and brought it to Adoniram in jail.

Finally the war ended. The king of Burma told the prison to release Adoniram so he could translate the terms of peace.



Ann and Adoniram were together again, but not for long. Ann’s body was so worn out that she died just two weeks later. Their child died a few months after that.

As she died, Ann’s last words were in Burmese, the language of the people she had grown to love. ❖

