

PRAY ABOUT IT



God wants us to spread the Good News about Jesus. That might be in a big city, a small town, a hot jungle, on steep mountains, or somewhere else. When people come to Jesus, we need to teach them God's Word and help them obey it. What part does God want you to have in the Great Commission?

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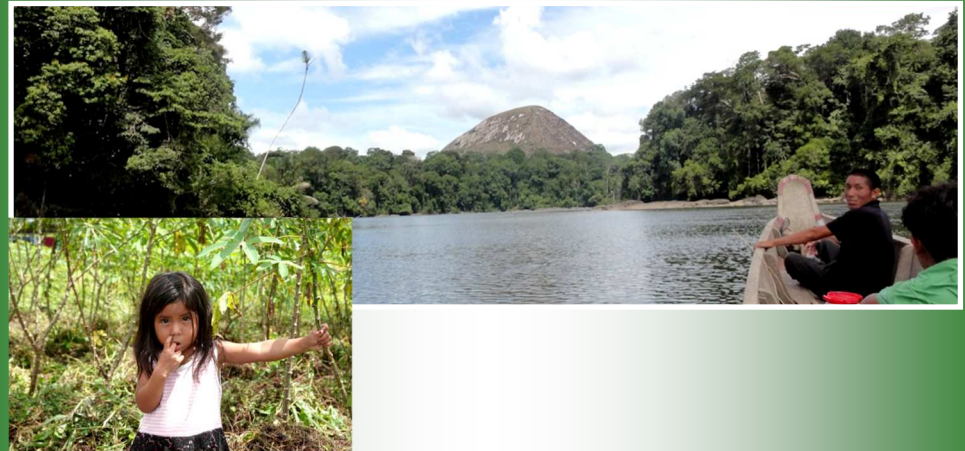
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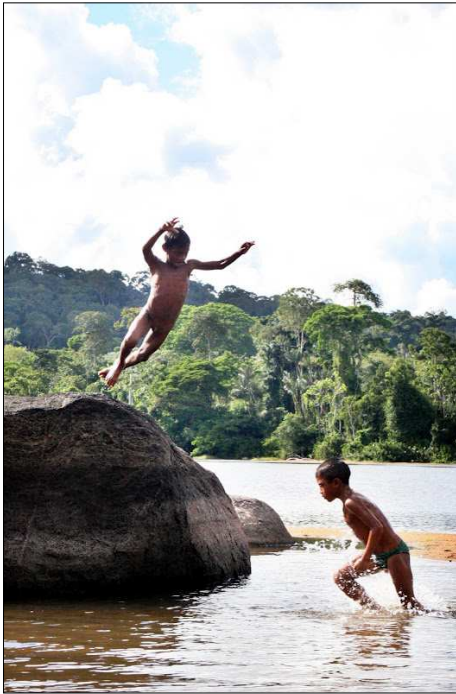


Wayana Witnesses for Jesus

Walter Jackson sat on the end of a pier watching the ripples on the Suriname side of the Marowijne river in South America. Suddenly he saw a canoe load of Indians coming up the river. "Who are they, and why are they coming here?" Walter asked himself.

They were people of an Indian tribe called Wayana. They had come from their forest village two hundred miles away to get supplies. Right away Walter knew that God was saying to him, "Take the Gospel to these people!"

Two years later, Walter and his wife, Marjorie, and one other couple went to live in Wayana villages and began to learn the Wayana language. Gradually they learned enough



The Jacksons and their friends held classes for these new Jesus believers to help them grow strong in the Lord. Then many important witch doctors stopped worshipping the evil spirits, burned their fetishes, and accepted the Gospel.

When the Jacksons retired, other missionaries came to teach and to translate the Bible into the Wayana language. Because of that, the Wayana people now have the Bible—even children’s Bibles—and lead their own churches in their villages.

They also believe that God meant it when He said, *“Go into the whole world and preach the Gospel to everyone.”* (Matthew 28:19)

Wayana Christians told the missionaries, *“God sent you to tell us about Him, and now we believe He wants us to go and tell others about Him.”*

So, they are going to other tribes near them and also ones in countries close to them, teaching how to accept Jesus and walk with Him.

Wayana Christians believe that God wants them to help even people who live far away from

of the language to make books to teach the Wayana people to read and write their language.

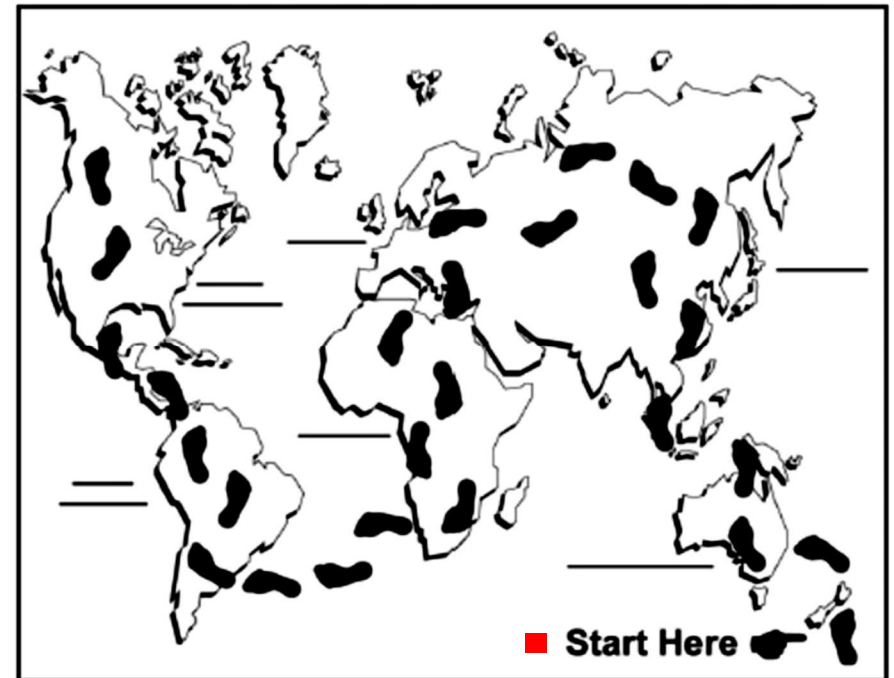
The missionaries told the Wayana people about Jesus, how He was God’s son. How he died for all of our sins, and that He wants us to accept the gift of being forgiven for our sins. God wants us to follow Jesus. This was brand new to the Wayana people.

Gradually, as some in the tribe helped the missionaries put the Bible into the Wayana language, they began to accept Jesus as their Savior. Then more did. And more still.

★ **Think About It** ★

PRAYER WALK : EVERYONE NEEDS JESUS

Pretend you are going to walk around the world. Stop at each continent, write down the name of that continent, and pray that people in that area will (1) hear that the God of the Bible loves them, (2) learn that Jesus died for their sin, and (3) realize that they have sinned and need to receive Jesus as their savior.



Do you see how far the Wayana missionaries are going? They won’t have to walk, though!

The Great Commission

Matthew 28:19-20 and more

We have seen and do testify that

The Father

sent the Son
to be the
Saviour

of the
world

1 John 4:14

(Color this with crayons or colored pencils.)

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them. They plan to go to Canada and be missionaries to First Nations people there.

In 2017, Wayana church leader Ipomadi and missionary Marco visited leaders of the Native Evangelical Fellowship of Canada. They went to talk about whether Wayana missionaries could be of help there. The answer was yes, they could be!

In 2019, a larger team of Wayana Christian leaders and Marco went back to Canada and stayed longer to talk over plans to do that. The plan is to take more and longer trips to Canada to help spread the news about Jesus.

It is not easy for the Wayana believers to get visas and money to pay for food and places to stay for the weeks or months they are in Canada.

Also, they need to learn things about living with the Canadian tribal people and they need to learn to speak English. French is



used in part of Canada, and is the other official language. Some Wayana missionaries already know French. They will right away be able to talk to First Nation people in French-speaking places.

Missionary Marco says, "We see how people in the Wayana churches are willing to serve as missionaries far away from home. We are eager to see what will happen in people's lives over the coming years because of them."

Will you pray for these Wayana missionaries? Pray for the ones who go to Canada and also the ones going to tribes in countries near them.

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* What about you? will you tell God that you will be a missionary someday if that is what He wants?



Did you know fun facts



- ★ Suriname shares borders with Guyana, Brazil, and French Guiana (an overseas part of France, not an independent country).
- ★ The longest river in Suriname is the Corantjin River. It is the border between Suriname and French Guiana.
- ★ Suriname is an 11-hour-flight from London/UK and 14 hours from New York/USA.
- ★ Most people live in Paramaribo and city areas of the northeast. The rest live mainly in the jungles to the south.

find the words

The sun-shaped puzzle below reminds us that Jesus is the Light of the world. It has all the green words that are in the fun facts under the map of Suriname. Can you find them?

The words may be in any directions or be either backward or forward.

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 J P C X B Y
 G E O S W O
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