

PRAY ABOUT IT



Isobelle Kuhn did not have an easy life living in China among the Lisu people. Even so, she worked hard to tell them about Jesus and to teach them about living for Him. Will you ask God to send missionaries to the many people groups in the world who have still not heard about Jesus?

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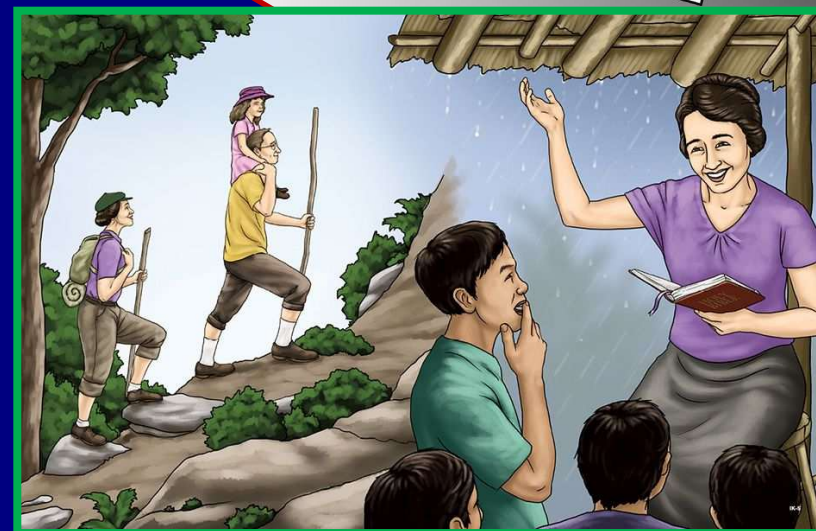
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Isobel Kuhn - Among the Lisu

Fourteen year old Isobel Kuhn— Belle, as she like to be called, stood with her family at a dock in Vancouver, B.C., Canada. They were saying goodbye to a family of missionaries who were friends of Belle’s parents. The friends were about to get on a ship to go back to China. Over 100 years ago when Belle lived, going in a ship was the only way to get to China.

The missionary man looked directly at Belle and said to her, “I am praying that the Lord will make you as missionary and send you to China.”

“No,” Belle said to herself, “I am going to be a teacher in a university.”

The day came when Belle started university as a student. “I’m going to have a lot of fun,” she promised herself.

During Belle’s first week, the English professor said to his class, “Of course there isn’t anyone these days who still believes in the stories of Genesis. Right? Is there anyone here who does, or who believes that there is a heaven and hell? Raise your hand.” Belle raised her hand and was embarrassed to see that only one other student did.

“Oh, you just believe that because your mom and dad told you those things,” the professor said. “You’ll change your mind.”

On the way home that evening, Belle decided that the professor was probably right. “Maybe there is no true



God. What I thought before were answers to prayer, were probably just lucky. But in

case not I’ll be an agnostic. One who thinks God probably doesn’t exist, but thinks a little bit that maybe he does, but he doesn’t care about us.”

Isabelle stopped reading her Bible, praying, and going to church. She did go to parties and thought she was having fun until her boyfriend chose someone else. Belle became so sad that she thought about killing herself.

But one night she thought, “Maybe God really does exist.” She got out of bed and prayed, “God, if you even exist, if you give me peace, I will give you my whole life. I will do anything you ask me to, go where you send me, and obey you all my life.”

That night Belle had peace like never before. She asked Jesus to forgive her sin and be her Savior and Lord.

Isabelle began to pray and thoughtfully read her Bible every day. One day she heard a missionary, Mr. Frasier, talk about his work with the Lisu people in China. Belle thought about the awful fear of demons that the Lisu people had, and asked God if she should help them to know Jesus. It would be hard work to live where people spoke a different language and did

Color with crayons or pencils.



The Lisu people of Yunnan Province in China really want to know more about living for Jesus and about the Bible but there are three problems:

- 1) There are about 400,000 Lisu Christians in Yunnan Province, in over 1,500 churches led by only 400 trained pastors. Each pastor must visit many churches - he cannot be at each church every week. Local leaders help guide the churches in between times, but they have had no formal Biblical training.
- 2) The Communist government in China has made it very hard for Christians to go to school, get jobs, and get together to worship the Lord.
- 3) Also, there are about 400,000 Lisu people in Yunnan Province ready to hear the Gospel, but there is no pastor for them and they can’t get a Bible.

WRITE DOWN THINGS TO PRAY FOR THE LISU PEOPLE

The Great Commission

Matthew 28:19-20 *and more*

TURN TO ME AND
BE SAVED

ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH; FOR
I AM GOD, AND THERE IS NO OTHER

Isaiah 45:22

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☆ Think About It ☆

1. What does God say to do? T _____ to _____
and _____.

2. Where are the people who need to do this? In ALL
the _____.

3. Why? (Clue: is there any other God?).
_____.

4. Think about all this and answer: what should we do
so all people everywhere hear about God?
_____.

things differently, but for Jesus, she would do it.

Isobelle kept doing what she needed to do to become a missionary in China, and finally got there. In a short while, God gave her a husband who was also a missionary!

After Belle and John had learned enough Chinese and knew how to live and be healthy in China, their leaders sent them to work in a Lisu area. They came to know and love the people there. The Lisu people had to grow all their food, so they didn't have much time for Bible study.

But Isobelle saw that she and John could deeply teach the Bible to the Lisu people if they had a special school during rainy season when no one could work in their gardens. She was right.

Many Lisu people attended this school, loved it, and learned a lot. With Jesus in their hearts, they were no longer afraid of the demons. They wanted to learn all they could about God so they could tell their friends and families about Him.

For many years during the dry seasons, the Kuhns traveled all through Lisu territory to talk about Jesus,



but during the rainy season they taught in the Bible School.

Through everything, they helped Lisu people who were sick or were fighting. They met ones who didn't want to hear the Gospel, and they did many hard things. They also wrote letters home and asked their friends to pray for them and for the Lisu.

Sometimes Isobelle got a letter that said someone had prayed at a certain time. Isobelle would think back, and knew that prayer was exactly at a time when they had needed God to do something special.

After many years, a war came. Isobelle and John had to leave China.

Many Lisu people moved to other countries, too. Now, most of the Lisu in China, Burma, India, and Mynamar, are still Christians. They also still tell the stories their grandparents and parents told them about how Isobelle and John Kuhn brought the Gospel to them. 📖

About the Lisu People

When Mr. and Mrs. Kuhns were in China, the Lisu people were very

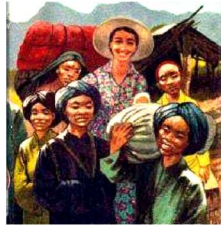
poor. They did not have good food. Lisu people lived in

raised huts made of woven bamboo and mud. Farm animals lived under their huts.

They were also very afraid of evil spirits and offered sacrifices, including food, to ghosts. Giving away their food made them even more poor and weak.

Without the Bible in their language, it was hard for the Lisu people to live the Jesus way. But then Mr. Frasier began to write the Bible in their language, the book of Luke first, then more, and they learned to read it.

It was over a hundred years ago when Isobel Kuhn and her husband taught them, but today's Lisu people still celebrate Mr. and Mrs. Kuhn as heroes.



★ Draw something that this page talks about. ★



The Lisu studied the Bible during the Rainy Season Bible School months.

About Missionaries

Join the names of the continents and countries to where they are on the map.



Mark the spot where you live with an "X".

What is a missionary?

A missionary is a person who is chosen by God to go and tell people about Him and to do His work among them. The missionary may go to a country where people live quite differently to what he or she is used to. Some missionaries have ordinary jobs, but their real task and goal is to build the Kingdom of God in some way.

A missionary is an ordinary person just like you with the same feelings (ups and downs) you have. He or she also becomes discouraged, lonely, disappointed, upset, frustrated and tired.

Not for sissies!

Qualities of a missionary

- Humility
- Courage
- Faithfulness
- Love
- Obedience
- Faith

What a missionary may have to live with:

- No TV or washing machine!
- Working a long, hard day
- Facing dangers
- Learning a new language
- Eating strange-tasting food
- Wearing different (unusual) clothes