

God wants to show us that nothing is great or small to Him.

- Lilius Trotter

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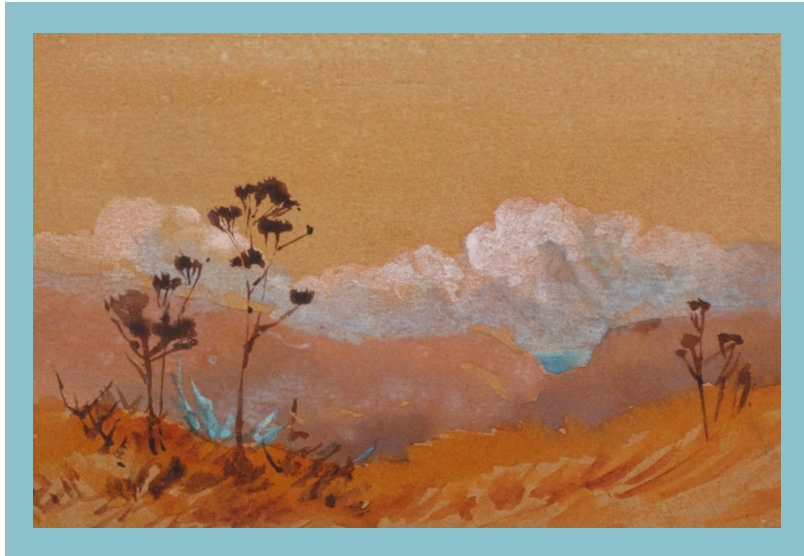


Almost 175 years ago... Mr. and Mrs. Trotter loved long train or stagecoach trips from England, where they lived. They loved the beauty of the mountains, the fields, the flowers, the rivers, and even the houses in other countries.

Their daughter Lilius loved it, too. On one trip when Lilius was ten years old, she looked out of their stagecoach and cried at how beautiful the Swiss Alp mountains were. As she did with everything that she thought was pretty, Lilius grabbed her sketchbook and started to draw the Swiss Alps. In those days cameras were a new thing, and they were huge and heavy. Her family didn't have one, but Lilius loved to draw and paint.

Lilius's father died when she was just twelve years old. She had loved her father very much. She already knew Jesus as her Savior, and knowing that her father was with Jesus somehow made her trust in the Lord even more.

One day when she was grown up, a famous artist named Mr. John Ruskin saw her sketch book and told Liliias, "You are a very good artist. If you do art full time, you will become the most famous artist ever. But only if you do not do anything else besides art. If you promise to do that, I will help you." Liliias thought about it. She was already working with the poor people in London slums while she practiced art. But Mr. Ruskin said, "No. You must choose either helping the poor or learning art. I will not help you if you do not choose art only."



Finally, Liliias agreed with Mr. Ruskin. She would do only art. She would stop going to the poor people to help them. But before long, Liliias knew in her heart that she had made the wrong choice. Art was a good thing, but it was not the best thing. She knew she could not do only painting and not serve God, too. Liliias was sad to say goodbye to Mr. Ruskin, but she felt great joy because she chose to focus her life on reaching people for Jesus.

Years later, Liliias said, "We must not let the good thing hide the best thing. We will feel empty if we do."

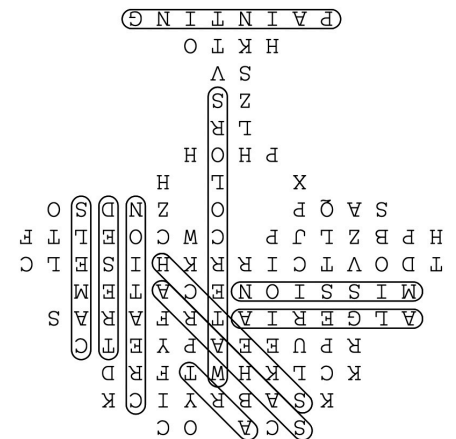
Now, Liliias felt free in her heart. She prepared to go to Algeria, north Africa, to do what Jesus told us to do. That is, to teach the Gospel, the story of Jesus, to people who have not heard it or don't understand it.

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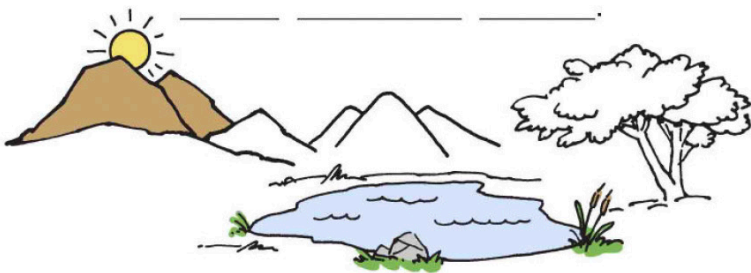


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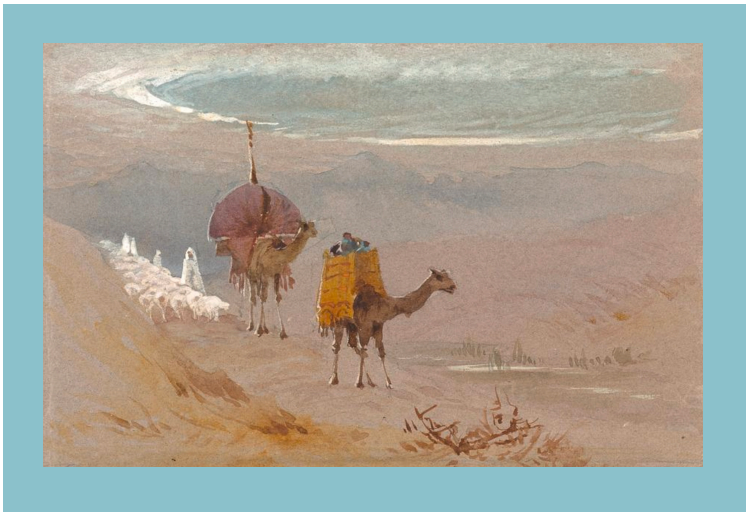
God did something special for everyone because God loves us

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2 - whoever	3 - have	1- that	2 - believes
3 - eternal	1- He	2 - in	3 - life



Lilias and a friend started a group called Arab World Ministries. After Lilias and her friend Blanche learned the language of Algeria, they wrote little folded papers about Jesus. Lilias made the papers pretty by drawing on them the beautiful things in the desert next to their crowded city. Lilias and Blanche spent years and tried lots of ways to get to talk to people about Jesus. Like the times they taught classes on sewing and on the Bible. Or when they traveled far across the desert to reach smaller villages with the Good News. They also opened their home to people who needed a place to stay.



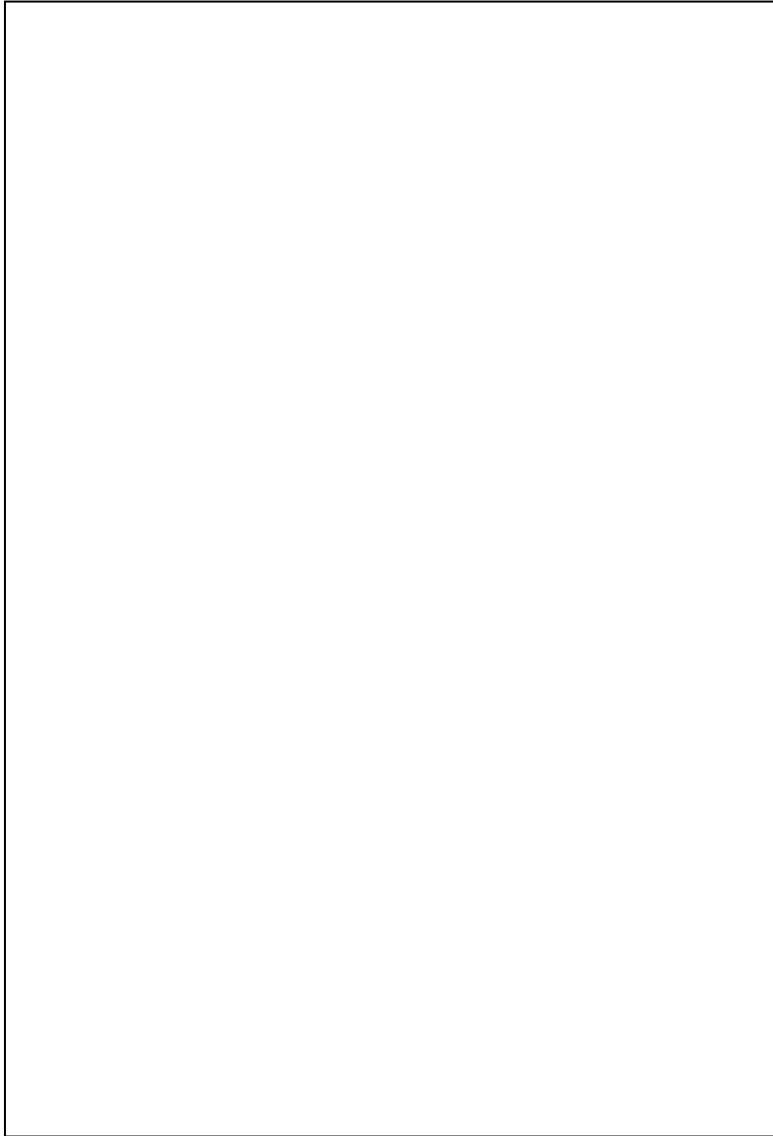
It was not easy to find ways to teach about Jesus in a country where almost everyone believed in another big religion. Lilias and her friend were often exhausted by the end of the week. But they loved working for Jesus as they did.

Lilias died in 1928. If you could ask the people who knew her then what they remembered about Lilias Trotter, most would probably say, "I remember her great love for the people she met, and how hard she worked to tell them about Jesus."

Many, many people came to know Jesus because Lilias chose to make the best thing the first thing of all.

Sketch!

Go out into your backyard and find something small to study by sketching its features! It could be a flower, a lady bug or even a blade of grass.



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