

A Visit with Mrs. G

...Bible stories 'round the world,
'round the clock since 1973...

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My Dear Friend,

There's nothing between me and the sea this early morning. I am sitting on a cliff overlooking the most gorgeously coloured water—blue, turquoise, green. I'm on an island 21 square miles. The nearest land is 600 miles away.

Do come and join me! I've been thinking about you and the letters you write, and thanking the Lord for your interest in the Bible stories. This is a good place to share some news with you, because it's mostly about islands!

I hadn't realized that the Old Testament said so much about islands. Psalms 97, verse 1: "The Lord reigns...Let the multitude of islands be glad."

And it has just dawned on me that Bible Stories Alive are broadcast every week by radio to hundreds of islands.

The other day I received a picture postcard from a ship anchored in the Arabian Gulf. The picture shows a big government centre in Bahrain.

With the postcard there was a beautiful, framed photograph of a young lieutenant in the U.S. navy, in uniform, standing on the deck of his ship, with the U.S. flag behind him, and the sea and the shore in the background.

This lieutenant was a little boy when he started listening to Bible Stories Alive with his siblings.

His parents joined the cassette-a-month club, and John listened right through his school days, and later at university. And now he listens on board his ship, with his fellow officers. This is what he says in his postcard:

Dear Mrs. G,

I am sorry this photo of me in my uniform (U.S. navy) has been such a long time coming.

I want to tell you that your voice and gifts for telling God's words extend even as far as military officers stationed in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Thank you for blessing the world with your talents, and know that not a week goes by in which I don't recall your stories and ways of describing our biblical heroes.

I really look forward to chatting endlessly with you when we get to heaven!

Love in Christ—John.

I received another surprise package from another island, from Guam—one of the hundreds of islands in the Pacific Ocean. In case you haven't looked lately, the island of Guam is south of Japan and half-way between Hawaii and Manilla in the Philippines.

We've had a long association with Guam, beginning with the broadcast of Bible Stories Alive into Mainland China in Mandarin. Now the Bible stories are broadcast

weekly from a local church radio station on the island.

The station manager sent me a gift of a CD entitled "HE IS". Every piece—sung by the director of music at the church's Bible school and seminary—celebrates the greatness and goodness of God. I've played the CD again and again, especially one old hymn, to an attractive new tune.

A debtor to mercy alone,
Of covenant mercy I sing;
Nor fear with Thy righteousness on
My person and offering to bring.

My name from the palms of His hands
Eternity will not erase;
Impressed on His heart, it remains
In marks of indelible grace.

Indelible! When I was little, my dad used to have indelible pencils. The writing could never be rubbed out, however hard my brother and I tried.

South of Guam, there are hundreds of islands, and every week Bible Stories Alive are broadcast to these islands by short-wave from Auckland in New Zealand, as well as from local stations in the islands of Micronesia and Papua New Guinea.

Radio reaches the most unexpected places. Right at the beginning, 35 years ago, we received a letter from a listener in the



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Falkland Islands, in the the South Atlantic, 600 km east of Patagonia, in Argentina. With his letter, the boy sent me a picture of elegant penguins in their smart black and white.

Islands have been very much a part of our ministry. The ministry began with a request from Trans-World Radio for a family story program for the islands of the West Indies, to be transmitted from the tiny island of Bonaire in the Antilles, in the Carribbean Sea. See if you can spot Bonaire on the map!

When we were in Bermuda (Gerald was preaching there Easter

week), I had the privilege of speaking in a church to a local primary school. One hundred and twenty-five school children camewith their teachers for a special lunch. The children looked so smart in their school uniform (all school children in Bermuda wear school uniform). They were aged 5 to 9. How I delighted to tell them the story of Jesus' love when He died on the cross for us. It was the day before Good Friday.

I was also delighted to tell them how I trusted the Lord Jesus myself when I was eight, and how my brother did so—he was six. So many of the children had already trusted the Lord Jesus themselves.

I was so pleased to have enough cassettes with us for all the boys and girls to have one each.

What a lovely thing for a church to do—to invite the local primary school to lunch and to send every child home with a cassette of Bible stories.

This is what we are doing all the time: giving Bible stories to children and young people. Thank you for all your prayers and gifts that make this great ministry possible.

God bless you always.

Yours sincerely,

Kitty Anna Griffith

All Sixty Books in Full Colour

This is the big project before us. We have now reprinted 15 titles, with 45 titles left to do.

We have just sent *Moses and the Desert Encounter* to the printer. Our next book will be *Moses and the House for God*.

This will complete all the stories from Genesis to Deuteronomy. In two series: ALL THE STORIES OF GENESIS and ALL THE STORIES OF MOSES.

The next series we hope to reprint is ALL THE STORIES OF JESUS (20 books).

Pray for the Lord's provision—for all the gifts needed, particularly for the artists to colour the pictures, and for the funds.

We rest on God's promise: "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you" (Matthew 6:23).

In Other Languages

Danish

Norea Radio Danmark (a Christian radio mission) has already translated and broadcast half of Bible Stories Alive in their programs and made the Bible stories available to 13 commercial stations in Denmark. Now Norea Radio has asked for the remaining books for translation and broadcast. Pray for the translators, narrators, and listeners. Pray that the Bible stories will be heard on many commercial stations in Denmark.

Russian

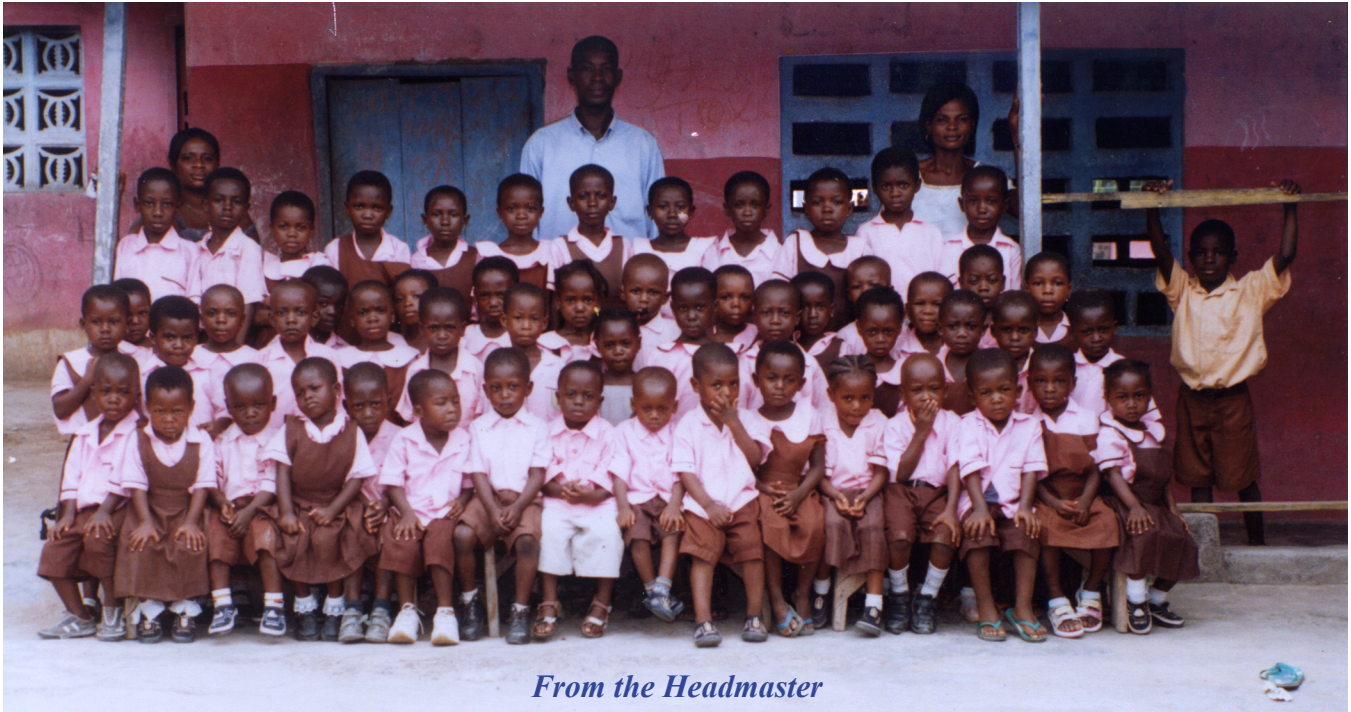
We have now received a copy of *Adam & Eve* in Russian. The book has been beautifully printed in Belarus—10,000 copies for distribution to churches across Russia and parts of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). *Adam & Eve* will also be available in Russian on CD and internet, and perhaps on radio.

Portuguese

The four books—*Adam & Eve*, *Noah*, *Jesus the Baby*, and *Jesus the Boy*—are being enjoyed in Portuguese-speaking Angola and Mozambique. The churches in these countries are asking for more books. The cost of transportation is a challenge. We hope to send more books in a container that will soon be leaving Toronto with supplies and equipment for a mission hospital in Angola.

Our **urgent needs** are still the same: **Prayer, Printing, Postage, and Packing.**

BIBLE STORY BOOKS NEEDED FOR THIS SCHOOL LIBRARY



From the Headmaster

When I was a teenager I used to write to you and you sent to me Bible stories, which I enjoyed very much. Due to God's blessing, I am now the Director of Yeb's High International School. Your Bible stories helped me, and I am eager to extend this same help to the children to know more about God and have a better life.

My plea on behalf of the school is that you send to the school many story books of all the series of the Bible stories to equip the school library. I believe this will enable the children to read a lot and know more about God's words.

Enclosed are pictures of some sections of the school chil-

dren and teachers.

I believe the help you gave to me some years back, which has contributed to my present stage in God, you will also extend to the entire school, to prepare the children for a better life in the Lord Christ Jesus—I. Y.



We plan to send 6 sets of books (60 books of each). Please pray for the postage. Cost: \$120 per set.

Dear Mrs G

Kenya, Mombasa: It is long since we met. Now I am in the teacher training college based on Kenya's coast along the Indian Ocean, 500 km away from Nairobi.

The college is based on Islamic foundations, and societies within and around need Christian light. Hence your books are of great importance here, as well as audio cassettes and CD's.

I hope your Bible stories will spread Christian teaching amongst my fellow students, and that when we go to teaching practice in the surrounding area we can spread the gospel to the communities we visit, so the children will grow up knowing God. W. N. A.

Zimbabwe: I would like to thank you for the books you send to us as members of the Reading Club. Our membership is growing. We are now 12 members. Souls are being saved by Christ through the books and cassettes we enjoy. We enjoy reading books to the Sunday School and at the club as well. At the club, we meet every Thursday to listen to the cassettes and every Tuesday to read the books. M. N.

Ghana: You said I should share the books with my friends. After taking a week to read the story, I took the book to school and gave it to my class teacher. He took five days to complete reading the story. He then explained the whole story to my mates and myself. All of us became happy and very interested in the story.

The following week, my class teacher took it to the assembly ground, where students and the

staff gather every morning. He used 45 minutes in reading from the book to both teachers and students present. He then told them I was the owner of it.

May God our Lord grant you grace. "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he that wins souls is wise" (Proverbs 11:30). Thank you very much. I. A. B.

St. Lucia, W.I.: Holy greetings to you and all working to help people to know the Lord through the history in the Bible. I say this because I see in the books you are sending to me the true story of the Bible. I can read the Bible more plain and see what was taking place in the history of the people in the early days and of the life of Christ. Every thing is plain and clear before me, I thank you and I always pray for you. R. S.

South Africa: All the packets you recently sent to the Skinners, containing all the cassettes they needed and which you so generously sent to them free of charge, have arrived safely. They have already been loaned out to the (queue of) people who have been awaiting their arrival. The Skinners wish to thank you most sincerely for helping them to keep Mrs G's stories circulating, for the increase of God's Kingdom! D. L.

Nigeria: I thank you for the materials that you sent to me. I also need more because I want to use them for evangelism. Yours in Christ, A. A. T.

How I came to know Jesus Christ

Pastor Richard Nimfah

I would like to share with you how I came to know Jesus Christ and accepted Him to be the Lord of my life.

In my village, we have witch doctors who attend to our problems and we have places where we pray to our forefathers and to the other spirits.

But I saw that these things did not work and only lost us a lot of money, chickens, and sheep. So I was not happy about this. But there was nobody who could tell me what else to do.

But a few years ago somebody visited our village and gave us some books, of which I received one. The title was "Adam and Eve" by Mrs. G.

In this book I saw the answer to my questions. I saw how I had been bound with chains of sin, and how I could be set free from those things, and how I could pray to God and live as a child of God. I prayed to God with tears for my sinful life and God heard my prayer. Since that day I am happy and I can live a clean, bright life, which was never possible for me before.

I immediately joined a Christian church group. After one year, I became a Sunday School teacher in the church. Now I write to you as a pastor, not only to tell you how I was saved but also to request books and CD's for the children in the Sunday School classes in my church.