

# A Visit with Mrs. G

Bible Stories Alive for All the World

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## For Toddlers and Teens

After a noted educator had given his lecture, a woman asked him, “How early can I begin to educate my child?”

“When will your child be born?” the educator asked.

“Born?” she replied. “Oh, he is already five years old.”

“My dear woman,” he cried, “don’t stand here talking to me. Hurry home! You have already lost the best five years.”

Little children take in more than we realize. I learned that from my own family.

At breakfast one Saturday morning we had a guest. After breakfast, I got up from the table to go to my study. Our little daughter Myfanwy explained to our visitor what I was going to do. “My Daddy is going to his study now, waiting to be blessed by Jesus.”

That was the best description I’ve ever heard of what a pastor is supposed to be doing in his study! I wrote it down. (I still have the notebook.)

I was astonished. Where did this little girl get this idea? Her mother had sung a song to her at bedtime.

Listen to the voice of Jesus – O, so sweet!  
As the little children gather round His feet.  
Young ones to His knees are climbing, there  
to rest.  
Older ones stand round Him, waiting to be  
blessed.

This little girl had applied the song. She was one of the younger ones and her Daddy was one of the older ones.

How old do you think she was?

Two years and three months.

On one family holiday we attended a local church. The sermon was a talk on friendship. As we walked down the road after the service, I heard Myfanwy say to her mother, “Mummy, that lady did not tell people how to trust Jesus.” She knew the gospel had not been preached. She was then only five years old. I believe that she put her trust in the Lord Jesus when she was very young. And she was



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always a steadfast Christian.

I’m now reading a story which mentions that a well-known missionary became a Christian at the age of four. In a recent letter a medical student said that she had enjoyed Mrs. G’s stories ever since she was a toddler. “I always understood what Mrs. G was saying. She made the Bible accessible and exciting for the youngest of God’s children.”

“Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them,” Jesus said, “for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” In the days of Jesus, children were regarded as “little” until they were weaned at three years old. There is good reason to believe that Jesus was saying that a child of three or younger could truly believe in Him.

Little children have remarkable abilities and sensitivities. And it is our privilege and duty to present the good news of God’s love to them in Jesus Christ in a way they can understand. To quote again a noted educator. “We must not lose the best five years of their life.”

Of course we must tell Bible stories to children of all ages and to teens. Most Christians become believers during this time.

As I said in an earlier letter, an international conference of Christian leaders came to this conclusion: today

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the greatest need in churches and missions worldwide is for Bible stories that reach and teach children and teens.

Reaching and teaching are both necessary. If Bible stories don't reach their hearts and imaginations, children and teens won't listen. If Bible stories don't teach, children and young people will just know the stories. They will not know what is most important: the meaning and message of the stories, what they say about God and His ways and about Jesus Christ.

As God enables us, we are trying to meet some of this worldwide need. Our plan is this: to write authentic Bible stories in English which can be adapted (not altered) for different age groups and languages.

We are still partly in production mode. But we thank

God for the warm reception to the programs which are already being broadcast.

Please pray for us and for our TWR partners, and the teams that are now working with us in eight languages. We stand in great need of your prayers and support. We are workers together with God in a great project to reach the children and young people, and to bring glory to God in their transformed lives.

Please pray that the Lord will provide for our great needs. Thank you for your prayers and help. May the Lord fill your days with His presence.



**Gerald Griffiths, President**

## What is Happening?

**Bible Stories Alive Version 1:** Mrs. G's original stories – 215 new radio outlets, making a total of **700**, plus the stories online and free downloads. *Listener response:* "The stories are my favourite time on Saturday. Every story has a good Bible lesson."

**Bible Stories Alive Version 2** (our multilingual version in Mandarin, Spanish, Arabic, Persian, Swahili, Somali, Hindi, Gujarati). Here are a few updates.

**Mandarin** – Our big China project is now completed! Praise God! All the stories will be put on USBs and distributed throughout TWR's ministry network in China.

**Swahili** – Four radio stations, often with all the family listening. 150 children from the Kakuma refugee camp meet at a church each Saturday to listen to the program. Some take part in the broadcast. They discuss the program with other children live on air. *Listener response:* "This is exactly what our children need. The teaching of the word in a way that the children understand."



**This boy did not have a radio so he built one to listen to the Bible stories.**

**Somali** – 50 stories have been produced for the five million refugees living in Ethiopia. The stories will be distributed via social media and on CDs, USBs, and SD cards. Worldwide there are 20 million Somalis, 99% Muslim, 50% under the age of 18. TWR reports that there is no biblical children's programming in Somali. So Mrs. G's stories are an important and unique resource to share the gospel with Somali children.

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