



Bible Stories Alive

For all the world

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More of the Same

I would like to thank all the kind friends who have sent messages of sympathy and love to us as a family. Many have thanked the Lord for the ministry of my dear wife and assured us of your prayers. I cannot tell you what your continued prayers mean to me. Thank you.

Some have asked about the future of A Visit with Mrs. G Ministries. Our plan is—**more of the same**. As God enables us, we will continue what the Lord has so manifestly blessed in the last 42 years. And first, we will continue to pray about every aspect of the ministry.

Mrs. G opened the mail every morning, and if the writer was in any need or distress she would call me over to her desk so we could ask God to bless that person. And when there was any need in the running of the ministry we asked the Lord to provide.

Some twenty years ago, the technician in charge of the weekly broadcast phoned to say that the master tapes of the Bible stories were becoming fuzzy and would no longer be fit for broadcasting. He recommended that the tapes be cleaned and restored to their pristine clarity and digitalized, so that the sound track

would stay clear for an indefinite time. He estimated cost at US\$50,000, at that time CAD\$80,000.

We did not have the money to pay for such a project, but Mrs. G replied, "Well, we'll have a 'Save the Sound Track prayer project'." We both prayed there and then. We prayed at home that night and again at breakfast time next day.

Soon after we got to the office, a lady phoned from Florida: "We want to support your ministry. Please give us a project." Mrs. G told her about our fuzzy tapes. "Let me call my husband," the lady said. Her husband said, "The sound track must be put right. The stories will go on long after you have gone to Heaven." And those generous friends sent a cheque to pay for the digitalising of all the stories.

Now though Mrs. G has gone to Heaven, her stories and her voice will still be heard around the world. And there will be no change in our English ministry by CDs, Internet, and radio.

As to the translations, again there will be no real change. There will, of course, be some cultural adaptations, and everything will be checked to ensure fidel-



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ity to Scripture. Mrs. G told the stories for radio, to give the listeners a you-are-there experience of the Bible. Children (and grown-ups) love them! And the stories will stay as they are. Our aim is to make the same Bible stories as heart-engaging for children in Chinese and Arabic as they are in English.

To do this we will need talented translators and storytellers and program producers in Chinese, and in other languages. Please pray with us that the Lord will provide gifted translators and storytellers. Of course, we will need money to pay for everything, but our first concern now is that God will provide the right translators, storytellers, and

program producers for Chinese, Arabic, and Farsi (see next page for Farsi).

So let's together claim the Lord's promise—it applies to everything that is for the advance of His Kingdom: *"Ask, it will be given you."*

Thank you for being a helper in this vast project of telling the stories of God's great love to the children of the world—for the children's enjoyment and salvation. God bless you!

Gerald Griffiths

President of A Visit with Mrs. G Ministries

Christian Day Schools in China



The Economist magazine reported recently that there are already 2,000 Christian schools dotted all over China. All of them are as yet illegal, but "many officials turn a blind eye to Christians because they find they are good citizens."

In a country as big as China, 2,000 Christian schools could easily grow to 20,000, and many, many more. All these Christian schools will need Bible stories, and we are now editing Mrs. G's stories so that they will be suitable for both Sunday schools and Day schools—while still retaining the charm of a Mrs. G story.

Joseph and His Dreams (Genesis, Chapters 37, 39-50) is now being translated into Mandarin. Each excerpt of the story will be followed by the Bible reference, with memory and discussion questions.

The next story will be *Jesus the Baby and the Boy*, telling the complete story of our Lord's Birth and Boyhood in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.

Used Stamps

We are discontinuing our used stamp donation as of April 2015. We are grateful to all who have donated used stamps over the years.

e-Newsletter

You can receive our newsletter by e-mail. Just e-mail us at mrsG@biblestoriesalive.org and we will add your name to our e-mailing list.

In Farsi for Iran

No religious freedom in Iran

There is no religious freedom in Iran. Only Armenian and Assyrian Christians are free to gather for public worship. But their freedom is restricted. In their services, they cannot have any Muslims (99% of the population).

The government has closed all official/registered evangelical churches (who had church buildings).

However, the church in Iran is growing. Believers meet secretly in house churches and home fellowships.

In parts of Iran, persecution is high and in other parts it is moderate. At present, there are at least seventeen Christian leaders who are in prison because of their faith in Jesus.



Request from Trans World Radio (TWR) Canada —the Persian Department

“Many years ago TWR started to translate and broadcast Mrs. G’s stories in Farsi. Unfortunately, the Persian lady doing this work was unable to continue, so sadly the project was not completed. There is a great need for Bible Stories for children and youth in Iran. I believe Mrs G’s Bible stories would find a rapt audience both of parents and of children and youth. The stories will be a wonderful

resource for the believers, who have been asking for Christian material for their children. There is little suitable material in this part of the world.

“Now we have the manpower and finances to finish this project. The Persian Department of TWR Canada would now like your permission to complete the work of translating and recording Mrs. G’s Bible stories in Farsi.”

Our response

What a privilege! And what a help to achieve our goal to translate Bible Stories Alive into other languages! Translation into Farsi has already begun. We promptly sent TWR the first set of stories, *Joseph and his Dreams* (Genesis 37, 39-50). We will supply more edited stories as this Farsi project proceeds. TWR plans to post the stories on Internet and put them on mp3 players, so that children, young people, and families will be able to listen to them in the privacy of their homes. Later, we hope to produce e-books.

Pray for...

- the Iranian believers who are translating and recording the stories.
- the delivery of the stories into the homes of listeners.

Statistics

| | Iran | Afghanistan | Tajikistan |
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| Population | 80 million | 30 million | 8 million |
| % Muslim | 99% | 99% | 90% |
| % 0-14 years old | 23.7% | 42% | 34% |
| Language | 100% Farsi | 35% Dari (a dialect of Farsi) | 80% Tajiki, (a dialect of Farsi) |

Won’t it be wonderful if these children come to know the truth about Jesus through A Visit with Mrs. G in their own homes?

Forty years later



We first met the two of you at a camp in Michigan called Northern Pines where you were a speaker. When we met you, we were thrilled that your wife was the Kitty Anna Griffiths who our 3 children listened to on their tape recorders every night. Our children were then about 4, 6, and 8 and they had been listening to her stories for several years. They loved them! Now, over 40 years later they and their children are following closely to our Lord. Thank you for sharing her with the world. You two are making and have made a huge difference for Christ! God Bless you!

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree."

Matthew 13:31-32