



Bible Stories Alive *For all the world*

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China Project: Progress Report

Dear Friend,

Thank you for your prayers. Our project to help Sunday schools in China is moving along faster than we expected.

In case you missed our last newsletter, let me outline again our **Tell the children of China Project**. Sunday schools are now being allowed in places in China, but churches don't have Sunday school teachers. For 50 years it has been a criminal offence to teach Christianity to a child under 18, and now many churches don't know how to teach the Bible to children.

A Visit with Mrs. G Ministries has been asked to provide Mrs. G's Bible Stories Alive for use in Sunday schools in China, and we have gladly agreed to help.

1. We will edit Mrs. G's radio stories in English for use in Sunday schools.
2. Trans World Radio will translate these stories into Mandarin, voice them, put them into e-book and audio book format, and place them on Internet.
3. The Sunday school teachers in China will download the e-book and audio into their electronic device (say, iPad) and take it to Sunday school.

4. The class will listen to the story. After that, they will read the story in the Bible and discuss the questions in the e-book.
5. A Visit with Mrs. G Ministries will be responsible for the production costs.

Now we are happy to report that the stories may be on Internet in Mandarin very soon. In the new year, the children and young people may begin to listen to Mrs. G's Bible stories in Mandarin in their Sunday school class (and elsewhere).

We have already planned the opening syllabus. Here are the first three sets of stories. First, *Joseph and his Dreams* (Genesis, Chapters 37, 39 to 50)—13 stories, with discussion questions. Everybody loves the story of Joseph!

The second set will be *Creation and Adam and Eve* (Genesis, Chapters 1 to 4)—10 stories. These stories are the foundation of everything in the Bible. They tell the children how everything began, how everything went wrong, and how everything will be put right by the promised Saviour.

The third set, *Jesus the Baby*, will tell all the stories about the birth of the promised Saviour, Jesus Messiah, the Son of God, as given in Luke, Chapters 1 and

2, Matthew, Chapters 1 and 2.

Our aim is to help children to enjoy the stories in the Bible and to see what each story teaches about God and about man and about God's plan of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

From the beginning, our vision has been global. Mrs. G went to college to train to be a missionary teacher. When A Visit with Mrs. G Ministries was incorporated as a charity, the purpose statement in the Articles of Incorporation read:

PURPOSE: to spread the knowledge of the Holy Scriptures to all peoples.

To all peoples means translation.

This missionary vision will demand a lot of work by a lot of people. It will also need a much broader base of support by individuals, churches, and foundations.

A recent missionary conference in the Philippines, in Manila, emphasized that one of the crying needs of the churches in the majority world today is for Bible stories for children and young people, Bible stories that will teach them the Bible and reach their hearts.

We have begun to meet this need. In 2015 we

have started in Mandarin for China and in Farsi for Iran, Afghanistan and Turkistan. In 2016, if the Lord enables us, we hope to start translation in Spanish, and in Arabic for the distressed children, young people and families in the Middle East.

Please ask your friends and your church to join us in prayer and partner with us. Thank you for your help.

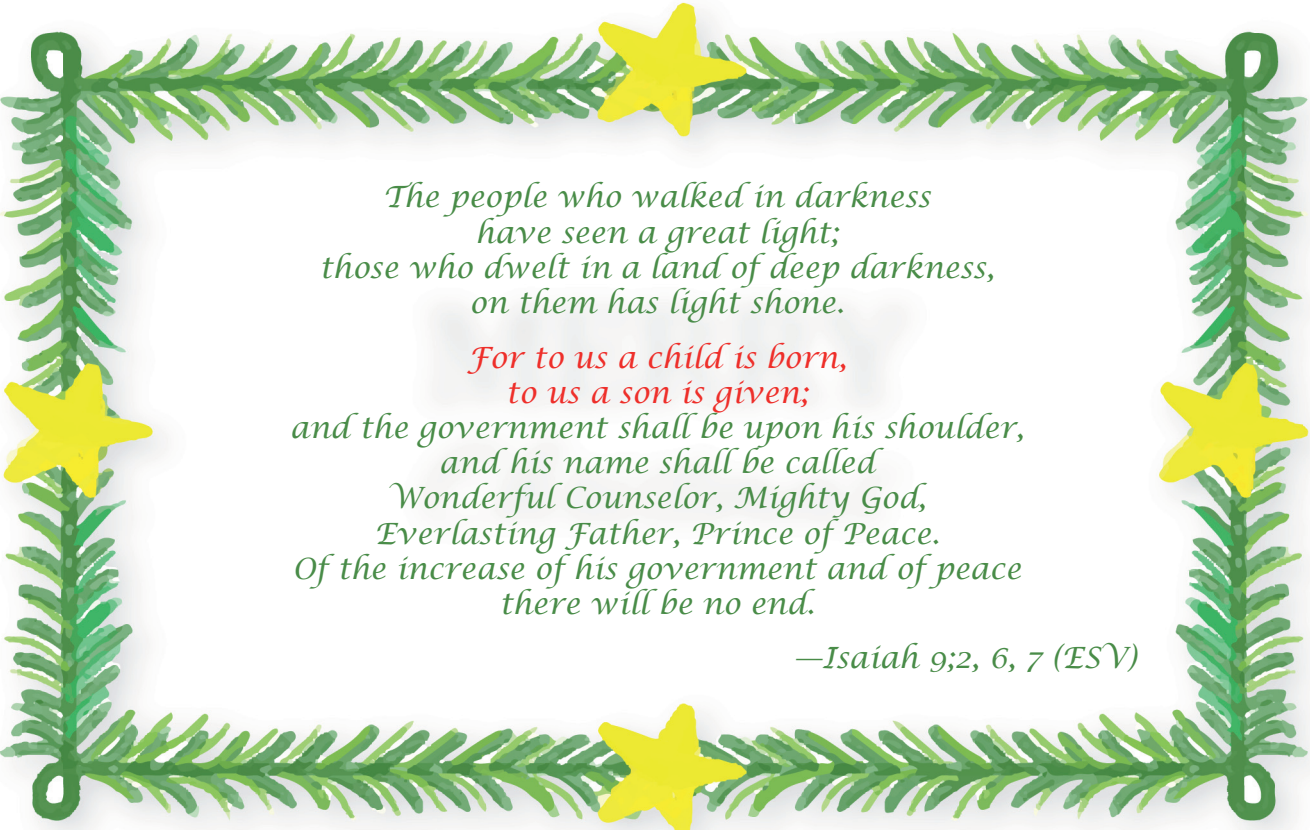
God bless you in a special way at this Christmas time. As we celebrate the coming of God's love in Jesus Christ, may He enable us to share His love with others.

In Christ,



President

P. S. Many thousands of children, young people and adults listen every week to our radio program, A Visit with Mrs. G, and every night many hundreds of children listen in bed to the Bible stories on CDs, and who knows how many listen on Internet? We thank God for the listeners. Listening is a first step. Let's pray that they will do more than listen, that they will hear God's Word and understand it, and put their trust in the Lord Jesus and live to serve Him.



*The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.*

*For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end.*

—Isaiah 9;2, 6, 7 (ESV)

Bible Stories Alive in Cambodia

Every month we receive a full report, with pictures, of the outreach of the Trans World Radio (TWR) program Happy Children's Garden (HCG), on which Mrs. G's Bible Stories Alive are told in Khmer.

The two pictures below are of village children in Battambang province. After listening to the program on radio, a pastor invited the TWR team to hold a meeting in his village. The children absolutely loved the Gospel songs and Bible stories told live by a TWR team member.

The pastor saw that audio was the way to reach the children and young people. The pastor has now started a Sunday school class in his church, using the radio program and Bible Stories Alive recorded in a simple electronic device called Speaker Box.



These children (in another village) are listening to the radio program from a speaker box. They are obviously enjoying the Bible story. So the speaker box method works.

A speaker box is given to the leader of each listening group in a village. The speaker box is loaded with radio programs and can be used anytime, anywhere. The leader is expected to act as "pastor" and take a personal interest in each member of his listening group(s).

The leaders of TWR's Children's Ministry are young Cambodians. Charia, the director (first row, first left), told her first Bible story when the radio program began 16 years ago. She was then 17. She told the story of Creation in Mrs. G's *Adam and Eve* book. The ministry is holistic and helps children and teens in many ways, but the heart of it is the radio program. Last year there were almost 18,000 written responses.



A 3-day conference for leaders of listening groups



Testimonies from children in Cambodia —Translated from Khmer

Chetra is 10 years old and in grade 5. “I’m listening to the Happy Children’s Garden (HCG) program each week on the radio. I really like this program because it helps me to know Jesus. Before I believed in Jesus, I got angry and was jealous. I fought with my friends. I didn’t go to school or listen to my parents or teacher. But after I believed in Jesus, I now love Jesus, I have stopped lying to my parents, I go to school, and Jesus has taught me to love and help my friends.”

Srey Mom is 14. “Today I listened to the story of Jacob. Rebecca helped Jacob to steal the blessing from his father. Through this story I learned about lying, dishonesty, and the consequence of them. It’s sad at one side because Jacob had to leave his family, but on the other side, I learned that in life I should be honest and please Jesus.”

Phosis is 10 years old, in grade 4. “Today’s story was about the warning from the Jewish leaders to try to stop the apostles from sharing the name of Jesus. However, the apostles loved Jesus and they continued sharing this Good News with others. Please pray for me that I will have the courage like them to tell others about Jesus.”

Oy is 8 years old. “I know Jesus through listening to the HCG program. There is no church in my village but there is a youth that started a Bible class for the children by using the HCG program. I love the story of Apostle Paul. I learned from Paul’s life that, after he followed Jesus, God used him to heal the sick and he didn’t give up telling the gospel to other people. I also learned from Paul’s life that, no matter what problem he was facing, he trusted the Lord and prayed.”



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