

A Visit with Mrs. G

Bible Stories Alive for All the World

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Forty-Five Years and Still Growing

We have just celebrated the 45th anniversary of Bible Stories Alive (BSA). When the first broadcast went on the air on September 3, 1973, we never dreamed that the programs would be heard every week for 45 years on hundreds of radio stations all over the globe!

For a children's radio program to run for almost half-a-century and keep expanding is quite unusual. I asked a person familiar with the history of Christian radio why A Visit with Mrs. G continued to grow when many children's radio programs were disappearing.

His reply was: "There never has been a radio Bible storyteller like Mrs. G, and there never will be. Mrs. G is unique."

There is no doubt about one thing: God began preparing Mrs. G at an early age. When she was five years old, she attended the Church of England school in her village. The day started with a Scripture lesson, and her teacher was an amazing storyteller.

When her teacher told the story of Joseph, little Kitty Anna sat at her desk at the back of her class and lived in every detail. Each morning she was entranced. She followed Joseph's travels step by step and knew the characters of the story as if they lived in her village.

At the age of fourteen, Kitty Anna became a Sunday school teacher and tried to tell Bible stories as her first school teacher had told them.

At eighteen, when she would normally have gone to college, Kitty Anna decided to teach for a year as a "student teacher" in a village school. Every morning she taught Scripture to her class of 7 to 10 year olds. And when the headmistress saw how the children enjoyed the Bible stories of the student teacher, she added her

own class. So Kitty Anna told Bible stories to a combined class of 7 to 14 year olds.

Her plan was to teach in this school for only a year and then go to college. But World War II broke out, and Kitty Anna taught at the school for two more years. During those years she learned, morning by morning, how to tell a Bible story so as to engage children of different ages. Of course, she didn't know that in that village school God was preparing her to tell Bible stories to the children of the world.

When, years later, Mrs. G was asked to start a family story program on radio, she chose to tell Bible stories. Those working in children's Christian radio advised against it. They felt that there was not enough human interest in Bible stories to sustain a radio program week after week. Mrs. G felt otherwise. From her own experience, she knew that Bible stories could enchant children and teach them great things about God and His ways.

Forty-five years later, we now praise the Lord that millions of children all over the world have been blessed and many have been brought to trust and follow Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord. "This is the LORD's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes."

In faith, we have now started to tell the children of the world in their mother tongue that God loves them. Our present projects in five major languages will cost about \$150,000 per year for three more

years. Please pray for the Lord's provision.

Thank you for being partners with us.



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Gerald Griffiths, President

Bible Stories Alive Now Online in Spanish

Here is our Spanish translator and storyteller recording one of Mrs. G's Bible stories. With her warm and captivating voice, she makes the stories come alive for Spanish-speaking children.

Gisselle Serna De Romero was brought up in Mexico and studied for two years at a Bible College in Guatemala, where the Lord gave her a passion to reach the Spanish-speaking world with the gospel, especially children.

Gisselle saw that Christian radio focused almost exclusively on adults, though 40% of the population in the developing world were children. There was a crying need to develop Christian programs for children in their mother tongue.

In the year 2000 Gisselle and her husband came to live in Ontario and she home schooled her children until they attended public school in 2016.

In 2017 she heard of an opportunity to translate and record Mrs. G's stories. At the interview with Trans World Radio, she says that "something burned in my heart...I think it was God telling me what to do."

In translating and telling Bible Stories Alive in Spanish,



Gisselle has found an answer to her prayer. We thank the Lord for her vision and her gift and her contribution to our ministry. Please pray for our sister Gisselle.

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You can listen to last week's **English** broadcast of A Visit with Mrs. G at:

www.twr360.org/ministry/252/lang,1

For other languages, you can use the following links.

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Arabic: www.twr360.org/ministry/252/lang,8

Swahili: www.twr360.org/ministry/252/lang,29

PRAISE

- the TWR translation and recording teams in Mandarin, Arabic, Spanish, Persian, and Swahili are making good progress and BSA are now online.
- 25 of Mrs. G's books have been edited here in our office for translation into other languages for radio and the Internet and for Sunday schools in China.

PRAY

- that the Lord will direct in all things and supply the cost of audio production of BSA in 5 languages, estimated at \$150,000 per year for the next three years.

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