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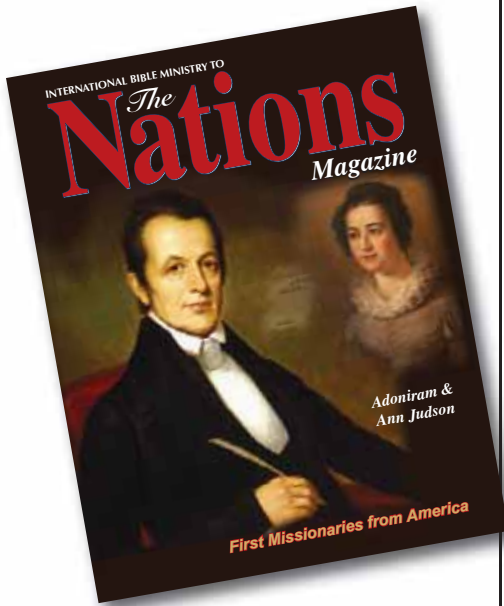
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Portrait of Adoniram Judson,
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Salem, MA

Portrait of Ann Judson,
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EDITORIAL



THE GOSPEL TO EVERY NATION in Our lifetime ??

JAMES RAY, *Editor*



And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come (Matthew 24:14).

Jesus told us that the Gospel would be preached in every nation before He returns. He did not say that every person would hear but that every nation would have access. BIMI has reached its goal of having missionaries in or going to 100 nations. (That number might fluctuate + or – with missionaries changing fields, but in any case we are near our goal.) We now are calling The 100 Nations Project The 100+ Nations Ministry. According to the United Nations there are about 193-195 independent sovereign nations on the earth. If you count regions connected with mainline nations, there are more, approximately 216–220.

The remaining nations are a mixture of open and closed doors. I have added to my database every nation on earth with relevant data. I was amazed to find so many small and virtually unknown countries tucked between more familiar nations. In many of these nations, Christianity is illegal and Bibles are outlawed. Also in some of these obscure places, people are illiterate and could not read a Bible if they were given one. Could there not be designed for such people a Gospel pictorial tract, something like the famous Chick Tract *This is Your Life*, that would give the Gospel story in pictorial form? Would it not be wonderful to somehow get at least the first “Gospel Seed” into every one of these? Surely it can be done with our modern technology, the internet, radio, newspapers, and other means.

Great Mission CHURCHES

In the past few weeks (as of this editorial,) I have had the privilege of presenting missions in some great churches. These churches included **Hardison Baptist Church, Byron, GA**, Rick Odum, pastor; **Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Trenton, GA**, Doug Grant, pastor; **Faith Baptist Church, Pikeville, TN**, Doyle Ashburn, pastor; **Calvary Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, IN**, Kevin Petty, pastor; **Independent Baptist Church, Vienna, WV**, Bob May, pastor; **Ko’olau Baptist Church, Hawaii**, Steve Nutt (BIMI) interim pastor; **Westside Baptist Church, Talassee, AL**, Richard Dorley, pastor; **Blackburn Road Baptist Church, Athens, AL**, Greg Patrick, pastor; **Emmanuel Baptist Church, Newnan, GA**, Terry Arp, pastor; **Grace Baptist Church, Columbia, SC**, Bill Egerdahl, pastor; **Harvest Baptist Church, Clyde, OH**, James Lewis Jr., pastor. *Dr. Lee Roberson’s famous statement “Everything Rises and Falls on Leadership” is still true.*



The Most *Sacred Spot* on EARTH!

The strings of his heart pulled him like a magnet into the Tabernacle Church in Salem, Massachusetts, where years before he, Adoniram Judson, and Ann Hasseltine, his bride, had consecrated themselves to missionary service.



This was his only furlough and visit back home after spending thirty-three years among the unevangelized in Burma. This spot was as sacred to him as Mecca was to a Moslem. How much that decision thirty-three years ago had cost him in the service for Christ.

Memories swept over Judson like a flood. The record states that he wept aloud. In those very sacred moments he relived his life and past days. On Thursday, the sixth of February 1812, Judson knelt at this spot with Gordon Hall, Samuel Newell, Samuel Nott, and Luther

Rice for ordination as one of the first missionaries from America to the unevangelized in Asia.

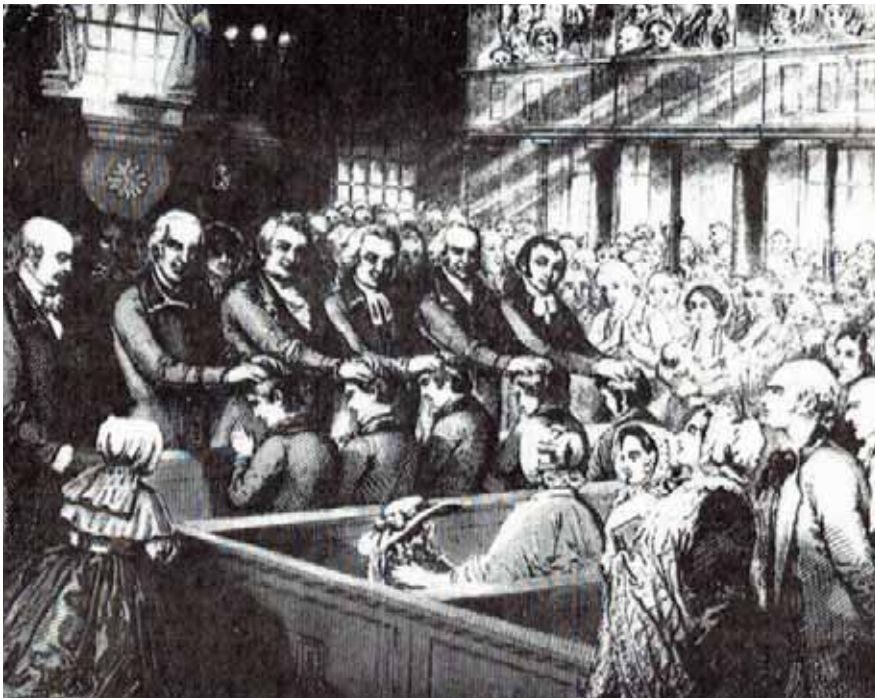
This has become one of America's most famous ordinations. The tabernacle was packed and even standing room was scarce.

God was sending men to the

unevangelized. America was becoming a missionary society.

On February 5th of that year Judson had taken lovely Ann Hasseltine as his bride. On the 19th of February Judson and Ann embarked on the sail ship *CARAVAN* bound for Calcutta. The reality of

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Ordination in Salem Tabernacle, February 6, 1812, of the first American foreign missionaries: Samuel Newel, Adoniram Judson, Samuel Nott, Gordon Hall, Luther Rice

their decision to follow Christ soon replaced the missionary glory of their send-off.

The first trial came when Judson began studying the Scripture on this voyage in order to prove to William Carey (already on the field) that the Baptists were wrong on baptism. The result was that *Judson became a Baptist* before he reached Calcutta. This was a serious decision. He could no longer expect support from the churches that sent them out. Later Luther Rice returned to America to raise support among the Baptists.

After spending some time in India with William Carey at Serampore, the Judsons were forced by the British East India Company to leave the country. Carey recommended that they begin a work on the Isle of France. The Isle of France was a treacherous five thousand ocean miles away. Wherever the Judsons went, the

British East India Company pursued with papers of deportation.

“This night was the most gloomy and distressing we have ever passed.”

The night before going on shore would be forever in Judson’s heart. Ann was desperately ill and had given birth to their first

baby who soon died and had to be buried at sea.

The sound of pigs fighting for garbage in the streets continued through the night. Before them lay a squalid, unspeakably filthy village untouched by western influence. In a letter written by Judson a short while after this arrival, he stated that. “This night was the most gloomy and distressing we have ever passed.”

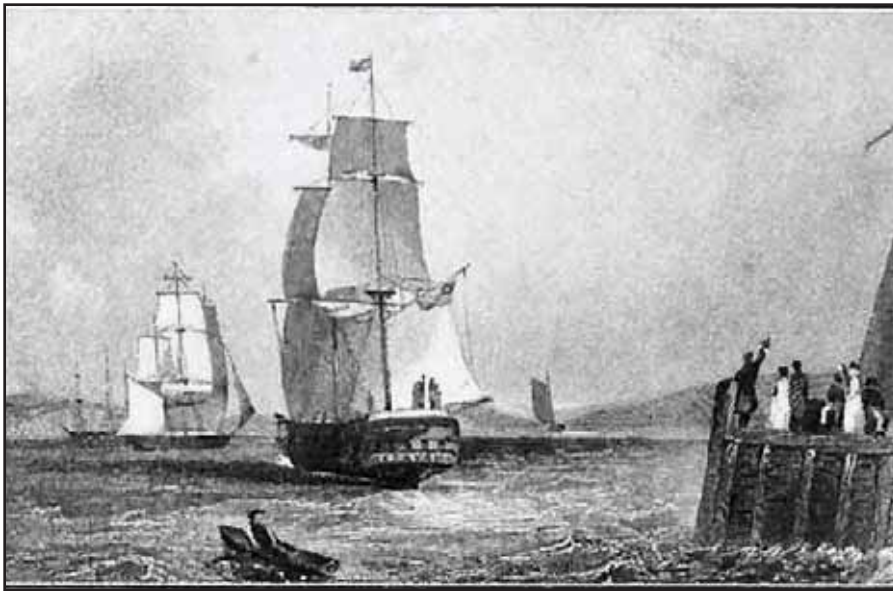
The next morning, July 13, 1813, they disembarked. Mrs. Judson was so ill she had to be carried on a stretcher. The tears came again as Judson thought of Ann, faithful Ann, who thirty-three years ago, stood with him at this altar at Old Salem Church.

The story of Ann’s faithfulness is unparalleled in missionary history. She had married him only days before they set sail from U.S. shores for India. Through the rough sea voyage and uncertain landing on foreign shores Ann remained steadfast to their calling. She suffered loneliness when Judson was in prison, disease of body, and the heartbreak of losing children in a foreign culture hostile to her very presence. Ann loved Adoniram with a love faithful unto death.



The original ordination bench at Tabernacle Church in Salem, Massachusetts

Photo by James Ray



For almost two years he was incarcerated in a prison too vile to house animals. The stench of the place was terrible, vermin crawled everywhere. It was the faithfulness of Ann that kept Judson from total despair.

The deepest trial of all came when Judson accompanied the British Commissioner on an envoy to Ava to negotiate a commercial treaty with the Burmese government. The goodbye kiss to Ann would forever linger on his lips. The last goodbye ... the last look in her eyes and the last whisper of "I love you" would forever be engraven on his heart.

There under the *hope tree* Judson buried his heart.

During the journey a few weeks later Judson was handed a black sealed letter (emblem of grief) from a British officer. He went into his room. Fearfully he opened the letter. The fear of all fears had fallen upon him. His greatest dread had come. Ann was dead. Ann had taken sick with fever and was *dead*. The letter continued,

"We have buried her near the spot where she first landed, and I put up a small rude fence around the grave."

Some weeks later, a broken hearted man sat down in the desolate house at Amherst and wrote to the mother of Ann, back in America. Judson wrote:

Amherst, February 4, 1827

Amid the desolation that death made, I take up my pen once more to address the mother of my beloved Ann. I am sitting in the house she built, in the room where she breathed her last breath, and at a window, from which I see the hopia tree.

When approaching the house Judson could not believe that Ann would not greet him. It just could not be. *At length we reached the house, and I almost expected to see my love coming out to meet me as usual.*



SALEM HARBOR Photo by James Ray



Photo: Grave of Ann Judson in Burma. Used by permission from Rosalie Hunt, Judson's Researcher

He found the spot where he and Ann last knelt in prayer and where they exchanged the parting kiss. Moving out to the grave he lingered under the tree shaken with grief.

There under the *hope tree* Judson buried his heart. How could he go on without Ann? Somehow he would ...somehow with God's help. He would still have little Maria.

Once things had settled down, she would be his comfort and reminder of Ann. In the spring of that same year the waters became deeper. Again Judson knelt beside a grave and buried his little daughter Maria beside her mother under the hopia tree. No one but God could see him through. Ann and Maria would forever live in his heart. Their memory would strengthen his resolve to follow Christ to the end of the journey until he met them again. The road would be lonely, but somehow he would go on.

Yes, so much had transpired since that holy day when Judson with the others knelt to be ordained as missionaries to the heathen. From this bench at the old Salem Church, his missionary career had been one long journey of tears but those tears would flow into rivers of living water bringing with it a multitude of precious souls to Christ in a heathen land. From this sacred spot Adoniram Judson turned again toward Burma to again suffer and finally to die for

Jesus Christ!¹

Where in the world is... BRUNEI?



Brunei is a small country on the north coast of the island of Borneo. Located in Southeastern Asia, Brunei borders the South China Sea and Malaysia. The Sultan of Brunei runs the country and is one of the richest men in the world. The state religion is Islam. Christians and other small groups are facing increasing pressure from the Muslims in Brunei.

The Muslims' goal for this small country is for it to become a totally Islamic state and their goal to accomplish this is the year 2020. To accomplish this they have developed a strategy to offer jobs and houses for an incentive to people to adopt the Muslim religion.

The country is ruled by the king, who again is one of the wealthiest men on earth. He and his family rule the country. Join us in prayer for Brunei. Pray that we can penetrate this country with the Gospel message.



Operation World gives the following stats on

Christian	11.25%
Muslim	64.39%
Buddhist	9.09%
Traditional ethnic	7.60%
Chinese	5.31%
non religious/other	1.22%
Hindu	0.84%
Baha'i	0.30%

¹Incredible Journey in the Steps of Greatness, James Ray, BIMl Publications International, Chattanooga, TN

Stats from Operation World

PEOPLE . . . **Forgotten** BY THE OUTSIDE **WORLD**



The 100+ NATIONS Ministry has a goal of getting a Gospel Message to every nation and people group on earth...but how...when in many small out of the way places, the people cannot read or write? If they cannot read the written Word, are there other ways to communicate the Good News. This article by Terry Jones describes one way that goal might be accomplished. Terry writes of his recent journey to these forgotten people.



The Ancient Maya

THIRTY MILLION OF THEM—descendants of the once mighty Mayan nation. The **Maya peoples** constitute a diverse range of the Native American people of southern Mexico and northern Central America. The legacy of the great Maya nation can be seen in their ruins that remain scattered throughout these countries

It was hot, very hot, 102° to be exact, when we met with several members of a local church in the city of Felipe Carillo Puerto, Quintana Roo, Mexico on the eastern side of the Yucatan Peninsula. The local pastor, Alfredo Pech and his wife prepared breakfast for us: quesadillas with hot chili sauce, coffee and fresh squeezed juice made from oranges right off the tree. However, breakfast was not the reason why we were there.

Each CD contains hymns, portions of the Word of God and the plan of salvation in a Mayan dialect.

We had made this journey to participate in the Mayan Audio Bible Project, the vision of missionary Earl Yates. There are at least 69 different and distinct Mayan dialects and only four have some sort of Bible translation available to them. The problem is that most of the people are illiterate in their language, even though they may speak several different dialects.

BIMI missionary Earl Yates has concluded that even though the people cannot *read* they can *listen*. Why not produce a Gospel CD for every household of the descendants of the once mighty Mayan nation? Each CD contains hymns, portions of the Word of God and the plan of salvation in a Mayan dialect. Mayan is a spoken language passed on from generation to generation. While they probably could not read a tract or a portion of the Word of God in their language, they can listen to it on their CD player.



Photos courtesy of Missionary Mark Leidtke

Earl's burden is to see a copy of the Mayan Audio Bible Project CD produced in each of the 69 different dialects. He has the ability to mass produce each CD there in his home in Chetumal, Mexico. Several national pastors, who themselves are of Mayan descent, are joining with him in this effort.

We traveled to the village of X-pichel for door-to-door distribution of the CDs. Local Christians helped place the CDs and the covers inside their cases. After a short devotion from the Word of God and a time of prayer, we were off.

God blessed that day! More than 100 CDs were distributed, and several precious Mayan souls came to know the Lord as their Savior.

When our work was finished and we were walking back to the van, we could hear the message of the CDs coming from several of the bamboo huts. Although we were leaving, the Word of God was still being preached. Tucked away in the creves of earth, the people forgotten by the outside world have not been *FORGOTTEN BY THE GOD OF HEAVEN*.

Amazingly recently, the Mexican government in an attempt to educate these ancient people began a campaign to provide educational and news CDs to the vast number of towns and villages where the Mayan people live. It is interesting that many of these people may live in bamboo houses with thatched roofs, but almost every household has a CD player.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Jesus said, *Go ye into All the world*. As with the Maya people, there must be ways to reach even the most remote regions on earth.

The internet offers glorious possibilities – even in places where most people would not have a computer – some people in those places would. Perhaps newspapers in these places would sell advertising space – for a message. Radio might offer possibilities. Would you pray with us earnestly that in our lifetime we could plant at least a Gospel seed in every nation on earth? Seed once planted can grow into a mighty tree. Pray for adequate funds to launch this vision.

Another possibility is to go after people groups in the world's largest cities. There are millions of people in London who do not own a Bible, especially within the multinational communities. Pray for funds to develop the 100 Nations ministries. Is this goal possible? YES! However we need many churches and friends to join our "100+ Nations Team" with prayer and support. Perhaps you have ideas and suggestions. I would love to hear from you and have you pray with us that in our lifetime we could touch—EVERY NATION ON EARTH.

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HER *Highest Love*



MARY RAY

In hushed tones, the librarian at the Peabody Library said, “This may be something interesting to you.” She handed me a letter. The writing was beautiful, but difficult to read. The pages were faded but still legible. As I began to read the words, my hands trembled with excitement. The letter was written by Ann Hasseltine Judson.

We had come to Salem, Massachusetts, to trace the steps of Adoniram and Ann Judson during their early years, but never did I dream that I would actually hold in my hand a letter written by Ann Judson. Mailed from Serampore, the letter dated June 30, 1812, was written to Keziah Sumhard who was an unconverted friend of Ann’s.

Ann had only been a bride twelve days when she and Adoniram boarded a sailing ship bound for India. Sailing out of Salem Harbor, she was leaving behind home, church, family, and friends, but in her letter to Keziah she wrote, “It is good, my dear girl, to have God for our friend and portion. He is

worthy of our confidence, highest love and veneration. They who know

His name will rejoice to put their trust in Him, for He is a faithful God.”

Reading her letter, I felt as though I was beginning to understand what kind of person Ann really was. I had been to Haverhill where she was born and where she grew up. I had seen Bradford Academy that her father had helped found and from which she had graduated. I had been in her childhood home and stood in front of the fireplace where Adoniram had proposed to her, but reading her letter seemed to reveal her real



character more than anything else.

Ann described being seasick and not being able to eat the food that was served on the ship. She wrote, “The morning we sailed we began to be seasick, which continued several days.” Even in the midst of her sickness, her gratitude was obvious. She continued, “The sudden change of weather together with want of exercise affected our health, and we soon lost all relish for food. Had it not been for the kindness of our friends in providing so many necessities, we should have suffered much for want of nourishment. The oranges, figs, and raisins we found extremely nour-

wrote to her unsaved friend, Keziah, and said, “May our Heavenly Father reward your benevolence by making you a trophy of His victorious grace.” She also showed her love for India.

For a few moments, Ann had pulled me into her life and touched my spirit.

Describing the scenes to Keziah she wrote, “The next day we entered the River Hoogli, a branch of the Ganges. The scenes were truly delightful. Luxurious fields of rice, groves of coconut, and mango trees, numerous

they felt when once again they saw land, but that joy was dampened by a scene that she described to Keziah. Ann wrote, “We coasted along slowly two or three days after we discovered land, toward the pilot ground. At length we discovered a pilot vessel, altered our course and came up with her. The pilot came on board with considerable parade having an English leadsman and Hindu servant. This was by far the most unpleasant part of our passage. The profanity of the pilot — the constant sounding of the leadsman, the anxiety of my mind occasioned by the high and constant squalor prevented my attending to reading and forbid my thinking on anything but the present confusion. About sunset we came to anchor. Immediately after throwing the anchor the sea broke with such violence as almost threw it over on one side, so the cabin windows being open, the water came in them to our rooms like a torrent.”

Ann ended her description of the violet storm by saying, “Thus we were preserved in the midst of danger by the kind care of Him who hath thus far made our way prosperous.” Those words made me keenly aware of the enduring spirit of Ann

Judson. It also made me realize that her complete trust was in her Heavenly Father. She was a woman who was grateful and compassionate, and she was a woman who had an enduring spirit. That enduring spirit, along with her complete trust in her Heavenly Father, would carry her through great trials and difficulties and ultimately to her death in a far away land.

I carefully handed back the ancient letter to the librarian. For a few moments, Ann had pulled me into



Home of Ann Hasseltine, Bradford

ishing and palatable. The sea-bread was very bad consequently we found the crackers of very great use.”

Her spirit of gratitude was also revealed when she wrote, “We arrived at Calcutta in the afternoon, spent two nights there and then came to Serampore, where we expect to reside ‘till our brethren arrive. We are treated very kindly. God has raised up friends in a heathen land.”

The letter also showed her compassion for those without Christ. She

herds of white cattle feeding on the shores and huts of natives everywhere caught our eye. We beheld the Hindus scattered through the fields, fishing on the banks of the river and paying their evening devotions to the river while they call on the goddess Gonga. These scenes combined to fill us with admiration of the works of God and pity and compassion for the multitude inhabiting these fertile shores.”

After being at sea for almost four months, Ann described the joy



her life and touched my spirit. Reading the letter that day, my mind wandered back to the peaceful town of Haverhill and a quiet side street where stands the Hasseltine home, still seemingly secure. I thought about the fireplace where Adoniram had proposed to her. She had no illusions about the trials that the future years would hold for her.

Was it just love for a handsome young man that caused her to say, “Yes?” I think not! I believe the answer is found in her words to her friend Keziah when she wrote, “It is good, my dear girl, to have God for our friend and portion. He is worthy of our confidence, highest love and veneration. They who know His name will rejoice to put their trust in Him for He is a faithful God.” She was not just saying “Yes” to a young man, but she was saying “Yes” to Him Whom she considered to be worthy of her ... **HIGHEST LOVE.** ■

Don't expect me to write a preface to this amazing book!

Don't expect me to write a preface to this amazing book that has come from the heart, the head, and the pen of Dr. James Ray. You must read it for yourself.

I cannot find words to pen an introduction; you must peruse its pages and plumb its depths for yourself. I cannot properly express the deep emotional upheaval I experienced as I prayerfully read each word.

Dr. James Ray has rightly brought to life anew the horrors of the hell created by Hitler with the gas chambers and firing squads at Dachau.

He has made America face its own damnable Holocaust by murdering its babies by the millions.

You must read for yourselves the stories

of Christ-loving, God-fearing women whose Bible teaching and practical advice, given along with loving care, impacted not only his life but also many lives—even men like Winston Churchill.

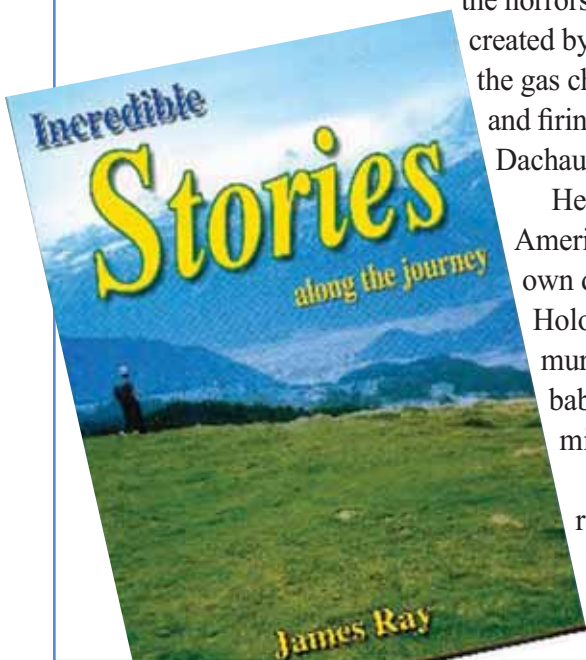
Don't put your book down; you will soon be reading of the price paid by a Scottish missionary, John Paton, who went to the cannibal-infested New Hebrides Islands in the South Pacific to bury his wife and small child before bringing thousands of those natives to a saving knowledge of Christ.

Read on, dear friend. You will feel a touch of anger; you will shed some salty tears. But you will lift your heart in praise for the blessings you will find embedded here.

Before his homegoing Dr. J. R. Faulkner served for many years with Dr. Lee Roberson in the leadership of Highland Park Baptist Church and Tennessee Temple University.



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