

MISSIONARY STORIES

REAL STORIES ABOUT SPREADING GOD'S WORD

Forty Years of Wonders in a Faraway Land!

THIS STORY IS ABOUT: GOD STILL WORKS MIRACLES TODAY

BIG IDEA

God has not stopped doing miracles! In hard places where it is not even easy to talk about Jesus, God still heals, protects, and provides for the people who love Him.

THE STORY

A missionary named Mark Starin and his wife went to live in the Middle East, far across the ocean. They stayed there for more than forty years! That is longer than most grown-ups have been alive. They went because they loved Jesus and wanted to tell people about Him.

The Middle East was a hard place to do God's work. Sometimes people did not want them to talk about Jesus at all. Living there could be difficult and even a little dangerous. But Mark and his wife were not afraid, because they knew God was with them.

And what wonderful things God did! Many times, when the missionaries needed money for an important project, it would arrive at the very last minute, sometimes just hours before it was needed! God always came through right on time.



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THE STORY CONTINUES

God healed people, too. Some folks were sick, and after the missionaries prayed in the name of Jesus, they got better in ways the doctors could not explain. Mark wrote all these true stories down in a book so people would remember what God had done.

One time, a man was very, very sick. The doctors said he did not have long to live. But this man asked the missionaries to pray for him in the name of Jesus, and he was baptized.

Then something amazing happened! Week by week, the man started getting better and better. When the doctors checked him again, they were astonished. The sickness was completely gone! There was no trace of it left at all!

That man lived many more happy years. And everywhere he went, he told people, 'Look what the Lord did for me!' He became a bold and joyful witness for Jesus in his whole community.

God protected the missionaries, too. There were times when trouble seemed certain at the border. But after they prayed, the unfriendly officials would suddenly change their minds, and the missionaries would pass safely through.

Some people even had dreams and visions of Jesus! These were people who had never followed Him before. After their dreams, they wanted to learn more, and many were baptized in the name of Jesus.

After forty years, Mark Starin's life was full of stories that prove one big truth: the age of miracles is NOT over! The same God who worked in the Bible is still working today, in every country, for everyone who trusts Him. Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever!





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DID YOU KNOW?

- Mark Starin and his wife really did serve as missionaries in the Middle East for more than forty years!
- Mark wrote a book about it called 40 Years of the Miraculous in the Middle East.
- The Middle East is the part of the world where many Bible events took place long ago, including places Jesus Himself walked!
- Mark was careful to write his stories with real dates and details, because the miracles he saw were absolutely true.

MEMORY VERSE

“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.” Hebrews 13:8

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

1. How long did Mark Starin and his wife serve as missionaries in the Middle East?
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- 2 What happened to the very sick man after the missionaries prayed for him in Jesus' name?

- 3 Why is it important to remember that God still does miracles today, and not only in the past?

- 4 The Middle East was a hard place, but the missionaries were not afraid. What helps YOU be brave when something is hard?

- 5 If you could ask God for one miracle for someone you love, who would it be for, and what would you ask?

LET'S PRAY

Dear Jesus, thank You that You are the same yesterday, today, and forever. Thank You that You still heal, still protect, and still provide for Your people everywhere. Help me to trust You no matter how hard things get, because nothing is too big for You. In Your name I pray, Amen.

TRY THIS!

Start a class 'Miracle Map'! Tape up a simple map of the world. Each week, mark a place where God has done something wonderful, starting with the Middle East for Mark Starin. Add a star or a sticker for every answered prayer your class hears about. Watch how God works all over the world!

