

MISSIONARY STORIES

REAL STORIES ABOUT SPREADING GOD'S WORD

Look What God Has Done All Over the World!

THIS STORY IS ABOUT: GOD'S SAME POWER EVERYWHERE

BIG IDEA

From one country to another, from long ago until right now, it is the same Jesus, the same name, and the same Holy Ghost power. And the wonderful story is still going on today, even with YOU!

THE STORY

Wow! What an adventure we have been on! In these stories, we have traveled all over the world and across more than a hundred years of time. Let's remember some of the amazing things God has done!

Way back in 1913, in a big field in California called Arroyo Seco, a quiet preacher named R.E. McAlister simply read the book of Acts out loud. That one moment helped change the whole world!

We flew with Pilot Bennie over the green Amazon jungle, and watched God prepare a tiny sandbar so his airplane could land safely. We knocked on Nona Freeman's door in Africa and found a breakfast basket left by an angel!



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THE STORY CONTINUES

We stood in Indianapolis as 465 people followed their brave pastor Haywood into the waters of baptism. We watched God work miracles for forty years in the Middle East with Mark Starin. And we celebrated when a blind woman in China opened her eyes and could see!

We saw the gospel grow from one quiet baptism in San Diego into a great big movement among Spanish-speaking people. God was working in so many places, all at the same time!

Now here is the most amazing part. What ties all these stories together is NOT the country, or the time, or the people. It is the same message and the same power in every single one!

In every story, people repented of their sins. They were baptized in the name of Jesus. They were filled with the Holy Ghost. And God showed His power by healing, providing, protecting, and rescuing. It is just like the book of Acts in the Bible!

The early heroes of these stories, like McAlister, Ewart, Cook, Haywood, Llorente, and Navarro, did not have lots of money or fancy buildings.

But they had the Bible, the name of Jesus, and the Holy Ghost. And that was MORE than enough!

And here is the best news of all: the story is not finished! Right now, today, in churches all over the world, the same message is still being preached. People are still being baptized in Jesus' name. The Holy Ghost is still falling on hungry hearts!

These stories are not just history in a dusty old book. They are alive!

The God who worked in 1913 and 1948 and 2005 is the very same God today. And He is still asking each of us the same wonderful question: if this is what the apostles did, why would we do anything else? Maybe the next amazing story... is YOURS!



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DID YOU KNOW?

- The stories in this whole series happened on many different continents, including North America, Africa, South America, Asia, and the Middle East!
- Many of the early preachers, like McAlister, Ewart, Cook, and Haywood, all knew about each other and were part of the same great move of God in the early 1900s.
- The same three steps appear in story after story: repenting, being baptized in Jesus' name, and being filled with the Holy Ghost, just like Acts 2:38.
- The Bible says Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever, which is why His power still works everywhere today!

MEMORY VERSE

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me... unto the uttermost part of the earth.” Acts 1:8

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

1. Can you name two or three of your favorite stories from this whole adventure? What happened in them?
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- 2** All the stories are tied together by the same message. What three things happened in nearly every single story?

- 3** The early preachers did not have money or fancy buildings, but they still changed the world. What did they have instead?

- 4** The story says God is still working today. Where do you think God is working right now that you can see?

- 5** The last line says maybe the next amazing story is YOURS. How would you like God to use you for Him?

LET'S PRAY

Dear Jesus, thank You for all the wonderful true stories of what You have done around the whole world. Thank You that You never change and Your power never runs out. Please use ME to be part of Your great story. Fill me with Your Spirit and make me a witness for You. In Your name I pray, Amen.

TRY THIS!

Make a 'Heroes of Faith' wall! As a class or family, draw a picture for each story you remember, from the airplane on the sandbar to the blind eyes opened. Put them all up together on a wall or poster. At the very end, draw a picture of YOURSELF and add it to the wall, because you can be part of God's amazing story too!

