

MISSIONARY STORIES

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The Prayer That Turned Everything Around!

THIS STORY IS ABOUT: PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

BIG IDEA

When God's helpers face big problems, prayer is their greatest power. God can turn a scary situation completely around when His people pray!

THE STORY

On warm, sunny islands in the Caribbean Sea, two missionaries named Glen and Rachel Smith worked hard to start new churches. They wanted everyone on the islands to know about the wonderful love of Jesus.

The Caribbean is a beautiful place with blue water, palm trees, and gentle ocean breezes. Glen and Rachel loved the people there, and they were busy building God's church one friend at a time.

But not everyone was happy about it. Some people did not want the Smiths to share about Jesus. They said unkind, untrue things about Glen and Rachel and even tried to make them leave the islands for good.

It was a hard time. The problems were real, and the Smiths could have been afraid. But instead of giving up, they knew exactly what to do.

They got down on their knees and prayed!



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THE STORY CONTINUES

Glen and Rachel prayed and prayed. They asked God to help them.

They trusted that God was bigger than any problem standing in their way.

And then God moved! The whole situation turned completely around.

The people who had been against the Smiths stopped causing trouble.

Some of them even became friends and helpers!

It was like watching the sun come out after a storm. What had looked impossible suddenly became wonderful. Glen and Rachel could see God's mighty hand working for them.

The Smiths knew this was no accident. God had answered their prayers in a powerful way. They wrote about it in a true book called 'Caribbean Call' so everyone could hear what God had done.

Glen and Rachel learned that the safest place to be is on your knees, talking to God. Prayer was their secret strength all along.

And the churches kept growing on those sunny islands, because God is always faithful to His helpers who pray!





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DID YOU KNOW?

- The Caribbean is a part of the world made up of many warm, sunny islands surrounded by blue ocean!
- Glen and Rachel Smith were real missionaries who planted churches in the Caribbean.
- Their true adventures are written in a book called 'Caribbean Call.'
- Planting a church means helping start a brand new group of believers who worship Jesus together!

MEMORY VERSE

“The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” James 5:16

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

1. What were Glen and Rachel Smith trying to do on the Caribbean islands?
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- 2 When people tried to stop them, what did the Smiths decide to do instead of giving up?

- 3 How did God answer their prayers? What happened to the people who had been against them?

- 4 The memory verse says prayer 'availeth much,' which means prayer does a LOT. Why do you think prayer is so powerful?

- 5 Is there a problem in your life right now that you could pray about? Who could you ask to pray with you?

LET'S PRAY

Dear God, thank You that I can talk to You anytime about anything. When things feel hard or scary, help me to pray instead of worry. Thank You for being bigger than every problem. In Jesus' name, Amen.

TRY THIS!

Turn It Around! Cut out a big circle from paper. On one side, draw or write a problem (like the Smiths' troubles). On the other side, draw a happy face for how God can turn it around. Flip it over while you say, 'God can turn it around!' Then make a prayer list of three things you want to bring to God this week.

