

EVANGELICAL FRIENDS MISSION

JESUS' RELENTLESS LOVE

STORIES OF FRIENDS MISSIONARY HEROES



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of Ron Stansell. Special
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Dear Friends,

As we serve the Lord together, we are reminded of the immense need to continue spreading the gospel to unreached people groups worldwide. According to the Joshua Project, there are still over 7,000 unreached people groups, representing 3.23 billion individuals who have yet to hear the Good News! It is crucial that we instill a passion for missions in our children, empowering them to carry on the work of spreading the gospel.



Ron and Carolyn Stansell, former EFM missionaries to Bolivia.

Inspired by reports written by Ron Stansell (former EFM Missionary) and collected by Gregg Pricket (former EFM Board Member), we present this five-day devotional as a tool to ignite conversations about missions within your family. Each day is designed to be completed in 5-10 minutes, providing scripture readings and prompts to engage children in meaningful discussions about the importance of missions.

Whether you pray for missionaries, go as a missionary, or financially support a missionary, we all have a role to play in fulfilling the Great Commission. We offer this devotional as a gift to you, trusting that it will spark a desire to actively participate in missions, both now and in the future.

Thank you for your ongoing support of EFM and our mission to spread the gospel to the ends of the earth. Together, let us serve the Lord and his people with joy and dedication.

**Blessings,
EFM Staff**



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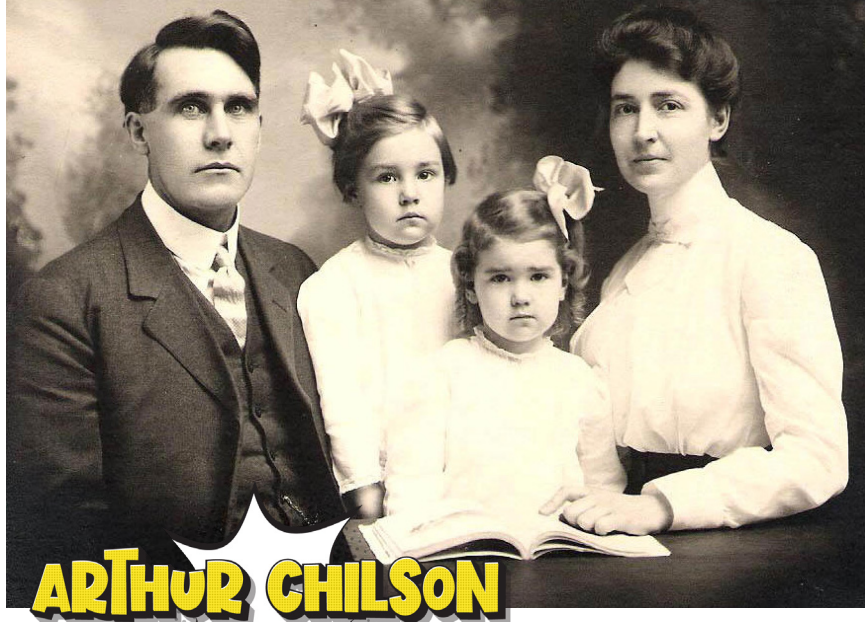
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DAY 1



Here's an incredible story about a man named Arthur Chilson. Imagine the year 1872 in Iowa, where Arthur was born. He grew up in a time when people were really excited about something called revivalism, which is like a big party to celebrate faith. Arthur felt something special during one of these revival series – he felt a strong calling to become a missionary in Africa!

Now, Arthur wasn't just any missionary. He was super brave and had a big heart. After feeling what he called a "second work of grace," he became a pastor in 1899. But that wasn't enough for him. In 1902, he packed his bags and headed all the way to Africa with three friends. Can you imagine going on such a cool adventure?

When they got to Africa, Arthur didn't just sit around. Oh no! He got busy setting up a mission in Western Kenya. He believed in something called the Industrial Mission approach, which means he cared more

about helping people’s hearts than fixing their physical problems. How awesome is that?

Even when Arthur faced tough times and didn’t always agree with other missionaries, he never lost sight of his goal: to help people believe in Jesus while still celebrating their own culture. He and his wife, Edna, worked really hard, building stuff, learning new languages, and making friends with everyone they met.

But here’s the coolest part: Arthur wasn’t just there to do everything himself. Nope, he believed in empowering the local African people to lead their own ministries. Thanks to him, lots of churches popped up, and they even started schools and medical centers. Talk about making a difference!

Arthur’s journey wasn’t easy. He faced all sorts of challenges, but he never gave up. His love for sharing the good news, his passion for helping others, and his kindness left a mark that lasts even today. Can you believe that about 400,000 Quakers in East and Central Africa see Arthur Chilson as one of their heroes? He truly was an amazing missionary!

ACTION-PACKED QUESTIONS!

- 1.** What do you think life was like for Arthur and his family when they first arrived in Kenya?
- 2.** If you were living in Kenya during Arthur’s time, what do you think you would have liked most about his mission?
- 3.** How do you think Arthur’s way of teaching about God might have been different from what you’re used to?

DAY 2



RUTH ESTHER SMITH

Get ready for an amazing journey into the life of Ruth Esther Smith, a true hero in Quaker missionary history. Picture the year 1870 in Ohio, where Ruth was born. She grew up to be an incredible leader with a legacy that still shines bright today.

Ruth's adventure began in Long Beach, where her family moved when she was just a kid. Can you imagine exploring a new place like that? She even went to a school that later became Azusa Pacific University (APU) – how cool is that? Inspired by the Wesleyan holiness movement, she trained at the Sunshine Mission in San Francisco, where she learned all about helping people who really needed it.

But Ruth didn't stop there. Oh no! She became the pastor of Long Beach Friends Church and then set off on an epic mission to Chiquimula, Guatemala in 1906 with her friend Cora Wildman. They

didn't have much, but that didn't stop them from spreading the good news of Jesus. They learned Spanish and rode mules for miles and miles, teaching people about God and setting up schools for boys and girls.

Ruth was all about preaching holiness and showing people how to surrender to God's love. She even became the boss, training other workers and helping the church grow a lot, especially during the amazing Chiquimula Revival! Plus, she started the Berea Bible Institute and even helped with missions in Bolivia — talk about a busy superhero for God!

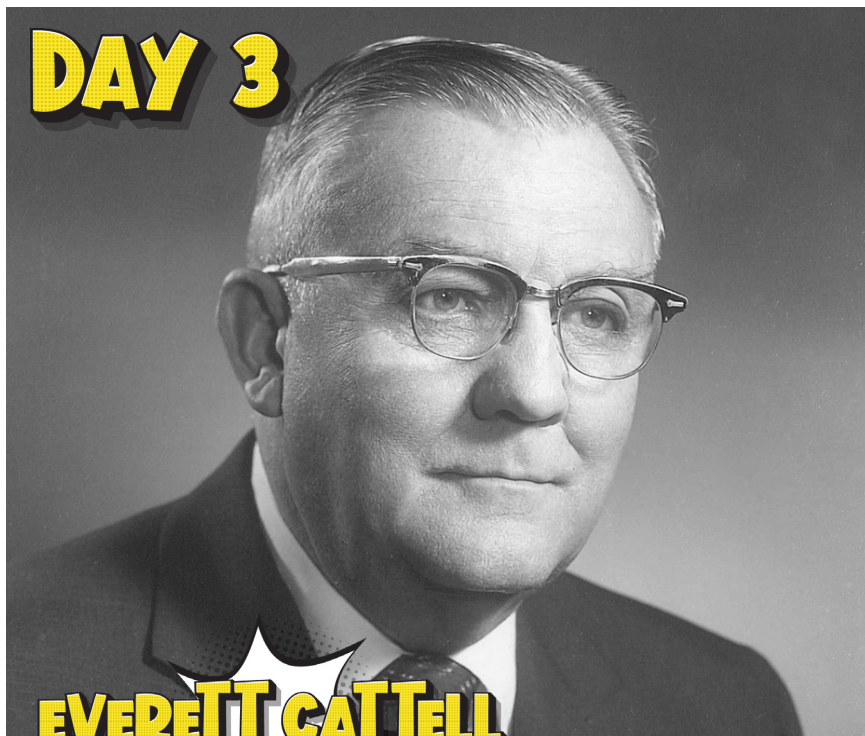
What made Ruth really special was her kindness, her smarts, and her love for talking to God. She believed everyone should have a chance to spread the good news, no matter if they were a boy or a girl. She respected everyone she met, especially the indigenous people she worked with.

Even when things got tough, Ruth never gave up. She stayed in Guatemala and helped the church grow to over 4500 believers! Her leadership, her trust in God, and her love for helping others left a big mark on the world. She was truly an amazing missionary for God!

ACTION-PACKED QUESTIONS!

- 1.** Ruth traveled to Guatemala to share the message of Jesus. If you were going to another country to tell people about Jesus, where would you want to go and why?
- 2.** What are some ways that Ruth showed love and kindness to the people she met in Guatemala?
- 3.** Ruth started schools for both boys and girls in Guatemala. Why do you think education was important to her mission?

DAY 3



EVERETT CATTELL

Let's journey back in time to meet Everett Cattell, a true legend in EFM's missionary history. Born in 1905, he was like a giant among men, spreading the good news of Jesus far and wide despite facing so many challenges along the way.

Everett's story started when he was just a kid, growing up in Ohio with a strong belief that he wanted to be a missionary. Can you imagine dreaming of big adventures like that? He learned all about serving God from his family and the Friends Holiness Movement, which taught him to love God with all his heart.

After getting married to Catherine DeVol and serving as a pastor for a while, Everett felt the call to go to India in 1936. But boy, did he face some tough times! From dealing with what society expected of him to struggling with his health, Everett never gave up. He became a leader

among Christians in India, bringing people together from different churches and teaching them all about Jesus.

Everett didn't just talk the talk – he walked the walk too. He believed in showing God's love through everything he did, especially when he worked with the Chamar community, helping them, and sharing the good news at the same time.

What made Everett really special was how he believed in empowering local leaders and letting people express their faith in their own way. Even when things got hard, like when people didn't always act right, Everett stayed true to his beliefs. He wrote a book called "The Spirit of Holiness" where he talked about how important it is to listen to God and show love to others, just like Jesus did.

In the end, Everett's legacy is all about following God's lead, caring for others, and leading with a humble heart. His life teaches us that no matter what challenges we face, God can use us to make a big difference in the world. Everett Cattell was truly a hero of the faith!

ACTION-PACKED QUESTIONS!

- 1.** Everett worked in India to teach people about Jesus. What do you think might have been the hardest part of his job?
- 2.** What do you think Everett meant when he talked about living a holy life?
- 3.** If you met Everett, what questions would you want to ask him about his time in India?

DAY 4



JACK WILLCUTS

Meet Jack Willcuts, a real-life hero who left his mark on the mountains of

Bolivia. Born in 1922, Jack grew up in Kansas, surrounded by a family of Quakers who taught him all about faith and love from the very beginning.

Jack's journey took him far from home when he felt a strong pull to serve in Bolivia, a place full of challenges like high mountains, wartime worries, and people who didn't always understand his mission. But Jack wasn't one to back down from a challenge! With his family by his side, he set out on an adventure filled with sacrifice, courage, and lots of spiritual lessons.

In Bolivia, Jack didn't just preach the good news — he lived it out every day. He believed in helping people in every way he could, from teaching them better ways to farm to making sure they had access to

healthcare and education. His mission wasn't just about saving souls; it was about making life better for the Aymara people in every way possible.

Even when things got tough — and believe me, they did — Jack never stopped believing in the power of the local community. He worked hard to empower Bolivian leaders, giving them the tools they needed to take charge of their own church and their own futures. He didn't want to be in charge forever; he wanted to see the church grow and thrive on its own.

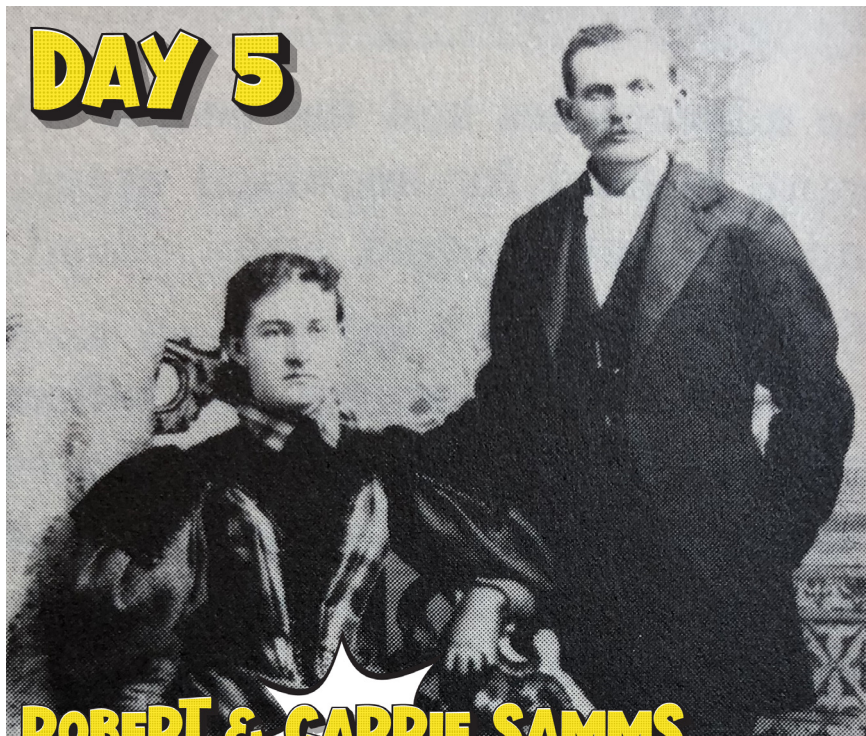
Jack's legacy goes way beyond his time in Bolivia. He changed the way people think about missions, showing that it's not just about preaching from a pulpit but about living out God's love in every action. His vision of a church that stands up for justice, cares for the poor, and puts faith into action inspires people around the world to this day.

In the end, Jack Willcuts was more than just a missionary — he was a pioneer, a trailblazer, and a true servant of God. His life teaches us that with faith, courage, and a heart full of love, we can make a real difference in the world. Jack's story is a reminder that when we follow where God leads, amazing things can happen!

ACTION-PACKED QUESTIONS!

- 1.** Jack and his family moved to Bolivia to help people there. How do you think their lives in Bolivia might have been different from life in the United States?
- 2.** Jack worked to make life better for the Aymara people. What are some ways you can help make life better for people in your community?
- 3.** Jack believed in teaching people about Jesus and helping them with their everyday needs. Why do you think both were important to him?

DAY 5



ROBERT & CARRIE SAMMS

Join the adventure of Robert and Carrie, two Quaker heroes with hearts as big as the Alaskan wilderness! Robert, a brave lad from Indiana, and Carrie, a spirited girl from Nebraska, met under the sunny skies of Southern California at a Friends mission in East Los Angeles.

Now, picture this: Robert knew deep down that his destiny lay amidst the icy landscapes of Alaska, and when Carrie crossed his path, she felt the call too! Together with their bold friend Anna Hunnicutt, they embarked on a daring mission to Kotzebue, Alaska. Can you imagine sailing the high seas for two whole months?

But landing in Kotzebue was just the start of their frosty escapades! They chose to live like the Inupiaq people, building their own cozy home before the icy chill set in. Can you believe they lived in a space smaller than some bedrooms? Talk about snug as a bug in a rug!

And here's the kicker: Carrie played the organ like a superhero, filling the frosty air with melodies that warmed the soul. With the help of their Inupiaq friends, they sang songs of joy that echoed through the snowy valleys, spreading the light of the gospel far and wide.

Their hard work paid off! Many Inupiaq friends joined their journey, finding hope and faith in Jesus. And guess what? The group of Friends churches they started still shines bright today as the Alaska Yearly Meeting!

But wait, there's more! In the midst of their icy adventures, Robert and Carrie welcomed a tiny hero of their own, little Amelia, into the world.

So, grab your parkas and snow boots, young explorers, and let's journey into the frozen north with Robert and Carrie. It's a tale of bravery, friendship, and the power of faith that will warm your heart even on the coldest nights. Let's huddle up and chat about their daring deeds!

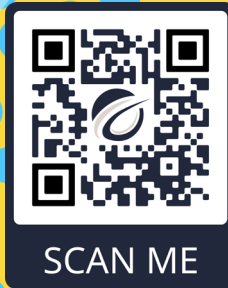
ACTION-PACKED QUESTIONS!

- 1.** If you were Robert or Carrie, what part of their Alaskan adventure would you find most exciting or challenging? Why?
- 2.** Music played a big role in Robert and Carrie's mission. If you were a missionary, how would you use your talents to share the gospel with others?
- 3.** Robert and Carrie had to adapt to a new way of life in Alaska. Can you think of a time when you had to adapt to a new situation? How did you handle it?



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AFTERWARD

Thank you for using this devotional! We hope that you found it useful in creating conversations about missions and would love your feedback. If you are willing to share the impact of these exercises, please email us at efm@friendsmission.com.

Did you know that EFM has a Five-Year Goal to send 10 Missionary Households to 5 New Mission Fields by 2025? We need your help in reaching this goal! If you want to learn more about how to get involved, check out these resources:

- Visit our Five-Year Goal at friendsmission.com/five-year-goal for video resources and to find out where how God is working right now!
- Join our monthly Luke 10:2 Prayer Gathering on the second Thursday of each month. Sign up at friendsmission.com/five-year-goal-pray.
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