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editor's letter



KARIN McBRIDE-CHENOWETH
Editor-in-Chief

Welcome to the first ever edition of 3-in-1 The Voice, as the first publication from 3-in-1 Publishing. It has taken around 12 years to manifest in the natural and we are delighted to have regular guest columnists contributing in the coming months to our publications. In 3-in-1 the Voice you will find a Missionary Section. In our inaugu-ral issue we are delighted to feature LORRAINE WYLIE - author and biographer who is originally from Northern Ireland but now lives and works in France. Lorraine writes for 'Women Alive', 'My Weekly', 'North-ern Woman', 'Christianity Today', 'Lifetimes', 'Sorted', 'Lady Biker', 'Irish Racer', 'Mid Ulster Mail', 'Newtownabbey Times', 'North Down Specta-tor', 'The Sunday Post' and 'The Belfast Newsletter'.

Our Missionary section will endeavour to raise awareness of the local progress of Youth Missionary work within Ireland. We will not only have regular contributors from experts in the fireld but links to vari-ous outreaches, events and concerts that you can attend and get in- volved with within your local church. Brigid Kerr will endeavour to answer any questions as well as encourage you through her personal experiences in the field and through various church outreaches and Youth Fellowships as well as keep you up-to-date with any news of conferences, concerts etc.

In our all new 'Hearoes' section Lianne Henderson will introduce us to believers who have made a major contribution to life and history through their unchallenged witnesses. None could be truer said than the first person to be covered William Wilberforce and the lesson of persistence and the victory it brought! ENJOY!

Thank you!

KARIN McBRIDE-CHENOWETH

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Missionary News



"Oh give me a passion for souls"
(Excerpt from a song by Stewart Shaw)

The title above comes from a song God gave to Stewart Shaw one night regarding the souls He wanted won in the streets of Calcutta. Almost ten years ago, Stewart and Monique Shaw were given a passion for souls in India and so they faithfully followed Jesus and took their three young children out to Kolkata (Calcutta). On their hearts were two different groups and so they began, in God's strength, to minister to the street children and the women trapped in the sex trade in Kalighat both Stewart and Monique have been ministering and reaching out in Calcutta ever since.

As it was this song that Stewart had penned was to be our theme song for Team Calcutta 2008, and the story of how we got there is just as amazing as the trip itself so I would like to take time in this issue to demonstrate how God had His hand in it from the very beginning.

THE TEAM

About 12 months prior to travelling to India God was already at work in the hearts of others who were to make up our team. Andrew Napier who had been out to India on several occasions for different reasons had already had India firmly set in his heart. Andrew and his wife Ingrid travelled over to Kolkata in 2006 and on the Sunday before they left, visited Stewart and Monique's church – The Assembly of God in Calcutta. Stewart is originally from Finaghy and one of the ladies, seeing the link, told Andrew and Ingrid all about the Shaws and their ministry. She added that it was a shame as the Shaws were on holiday at that time! However, God had it all planned of course and just as soon as they sat down, the Shaws appeared and sat down on the same

bench! Praise God!! A friendship was established there and then and this would confirm more evidence of God's groundwork for our trip.

In Psalm 139, David notes that *"You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed"* (NLT).

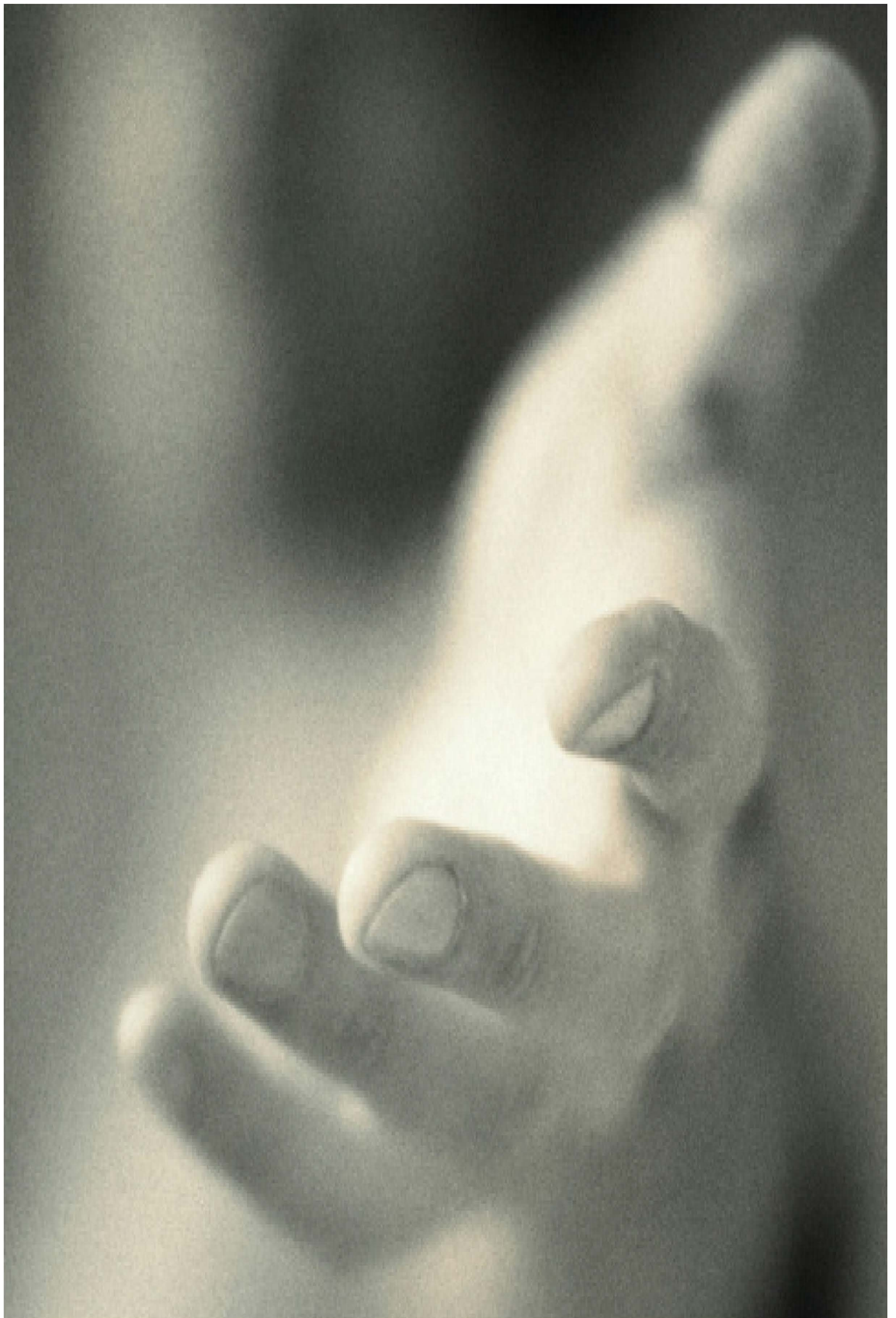
From an early age, due to my father's job, I got the experience of travelling to different countries. I feel that God gave me these experiences so that they would be nurtured by Him, into a heart for mission overseas. I think I already had my mind made up to go to India as soon as Andrew mentioned it! I saw the photos of the kids down by the train tracks and the women and my heart went out to them. I wanted to go and reach out and show them the love Jesus had shown me.

If I am to be honest, I think I did try and organise it in my own strength. However, nearer the departure date, I prayed and confessed that I was sorry if I was not going in His will. However, God confirmed it was by ensuring that the visa arrived on time and all the money was provided for. There is an amazing account about this too... Just two days before we were due to travel, I went to withdraw money from my Building Society. I actually had some trouble as I couldn't find my pass book and they had told me that it would be unlikely I could withdraw the amount I needed! Urgent prayers were uttered!!!! Suddenly, the girl who checked my account exclaimed that the pass book didn't seem to be validated yet which meant they could issue me a new one and allow me to withdraw money! Once again, the Lord had shown His faithfulness and I knew then that He was happy for me to go out to India!

So, finally after nearly a year in preparation, Andrew and Ingrid, Peter and Eileen, John, Joanne, Claire and I set off for Kolkata...

To be continued....





Messianic Moment



FOOD FOR THOUGHT - THE SHOFAR

A Shofar (Hebrew: [זרפוש](#)) is a horn used for Jewish religious purposes.

Religious Usage

Shofar-blowing is incorporated in Synagogue services on Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) and Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement). However, there are references to the horn and the trumpet in the Hebrew Bible / Old Testament.

In the Bible we can read about the 'Shofar' - the ram's horn and trumpet - there are many references to it also in the Talmud and in rabbinic



literature as well. In Exodus 19:16 it is written 'the sound of the trumpet was very loud' in fact the sound came from the cloud on Mount Sinai and was loud it made all the Israelites tremble in awe. The Exodus reference is the earliest.

Literal translation from the Hebrew Bible, Exodus 19:19

'And when the voice of the horn waxed louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by a voice.'



The Shofar

NKJ Holy Bible Exodus 19:19

'And the blast of the trumpet sounded long and became louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by voice.'

We can compare this with a similar verse in the New Testament 1 Thess 4:16

For God Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the 'dead in Christ shall rise first.'

And interesting fact:

The Shofar has been used in Western classical music. Sir Edward Elgar's oratorio 'The Apostles' includes the sound of the shofar blowing although other instruments i.e the flugelhorn are usually used instead.



IN FOCUS

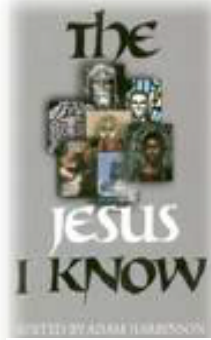
LORRAINE WYLIE

Writer / Biographer

Lorraine Wylie is a renowned and prolific writer and biographer originally from Northern Ireland. Lorraine now works and lives in France where she not only continues to write for local magazines and newspapers in Northern Ireland but runs an International PR Company with her husband Mike. We are delighted that Lorraine has agreed to answer some of our questions!

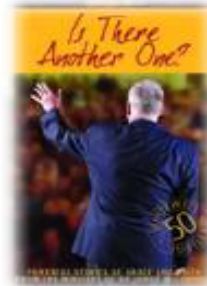
Q When did you start to write?

I started writing when I was just ten years old. It's amazing to look back and follow my journey from childhood to maturity! It has not only provided a lot of material for current writings but is a reminder of how God has remained faithful throughout my life.



Q You have contributed to a unique book called 'The Jesus I know' which is an anthology of inspirational testimonies of personal faith, can you tell the reader a little more about what this book means to you...

'The Jesus I know' book is a collection of individual stories that reveal what Jesus means to the individual. Some of the contributions are so moving, some funny while others are unbelievably inspirational. When I was asked to contribute, I was delighted as it was a unique opportunity to tell others what Jesus means to me.



Is There Another One? By Lorraine Wylie. A compilation of inspirational stories from Whitewell Tabernacle, Belfast published in 2007 by Ambassador International.

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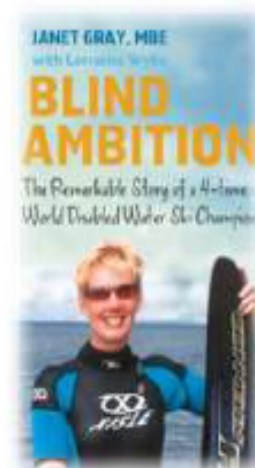
IRIS – An Intimate Portrait by Lorraine Wylie. An authorised biography of Iris Robinson MP MLA published in 2006 by Ambassador International

Q Who is your favourite author and why?

That's a hard question as I like so many different styles! But, if I had to pick one, I'd go for American writer Karen O'Connor because her sense of humour always makes me smile.

Q Who would you like to write about next and why?

I can't think of any individual from contemporary society but I'd love to write about one of the Irish women who swapped the Emerald Isle for the wilds of the American frontier. That would be a real inspirational story!



'Blind Ambition' By Lorraine Wylie/Janet Gray MBE. The amazing story of blind, four time disabled World Champion water skier, Dr Janet Gray MBE



POET'S CORNER

By
Cameron McIntyre

3-in1 Publishing welcomes to 'The Voice' Mr Cameron McIntyre as our guest columnist. Cameron has had over the years used his gift of writing to help many charitable causes with over 6 books published, 2009 saw Cameron move genre and have his first ever short story published.

Hi

My name is Cameron McIntyre and I intend to have some input into this column about poetry. I am 49 years young and during working hours I am a plumber but for the last 35 years my favourite past time has been writing poetry. Poetry is a great passion of mine and I would encourage all budding poets of all ages to give it a go. A few tips on writing poetry are:-

- Don't be frightened to express your ideas on paper.
- Not all poems rhyme.
- Always read your verse through first.
- Get the feel of what it sounds like to read out loud.

You can start off with simple things in poetry like rhyming in basic verse where the first, second, third and fourth lines all rhyme or where the first and third lines alone rhyme or in turn the second and forth do. You can gradually become very brave and write as most of today's poets will write that is without rhyming at all.

Personally as one who who has just released a sixth poetry book I prefer rhyme or strict form. For you the budding poet, once you have accomplished your first poem then you can source the web or newspapers for poetry competitions. Send it in and look forward to the outcome. In the competitions most poems have to be no longer than twenty lines so bare that in mind. Hopefully over a few months of writing poems you will be lucky enough to get one published in an anthology.

To start all you budding poets off today, let's see if you can write a poem for "The Voice" and lets entitle your poem "The Voice". The poem can be about anything whether it be religious or not. Over the coming months the best will be printed, so this could be your first competition!

- Don't forget when you have a thought to write it down quickly because if you lose that thought you may well have lost the making of your poem forever.
- Always write from the heart.
- Always write about real experiences and what is important to you rather than something that is make believe.

And remember...Although you may have a few set-backs along the way, the words you use now may not be the words you use twenty years from now. Poems today may seem childish but as your word power becomes stronger over the years your style of poetry will mature. I hope you have enjoyed this introduction. Good luck with your writing! Over and out for now!

Cameron



HEROES

HEROES



A Force to be Reckoned With – William Wilberforce
By
Lianne Henderson

William Wilberforce Journal Entry 1787

"God Almighty has set before me two great objects, the suppression of the Slave Trade and the Reformation of Manners (moral values)".

These are the words of a man who had been through many trials and tribulations to change his country; by exercising his Christian beliefs and bringing them into a world that ridiculed them, William Wilberforce created laws that changed the county of Great Britain forever. His most famous triumph was the abolishment of the horrendous slave trade in Great Britain. This is his story...

William Wilberforce was born in Kingston-Upon-Hull on 24 August 1759, the only son of Robert Wilberforce a wealthy merchant, and his wife Elizabeth. Wilberforce was a small, unwell and delicate child, with poor eyesight. He lived a good life and he had a happy family and a great support network at his school. However things changed for Wilberforce with the death of his father in 1768. His mother struggling to cope and William who was nine-years-old was sent to live with his wealthy Aunt and Uncle. He became interested in Evangelical Christianity due to the influence of his relations.

Fallen Angel!

However, Wilberforce's Church of England mother and grandfather disapproved of the Evangelical influences surrounding him so they sent him back home. Through time Wilberforce's relationship with Christ began to diminish and he began to embrace more social activities such as theatre, playing cards and attending balls.

In October 1776 at the age of seventeen, Wilberforce went up to St John's College, Cambridge. The deaths of his grandfather and uncle made him independently wealthy, and because of this he did not apply himself as he ought to his studies. Instead Wilberforce spent even more time gambling, socialising and drinking late into the night. Of course this made him a popular figure amongst the people due to his conversation skills, generosity and witty charm. He made many friends including one that would turn out to be significant one - the future Prime Minister William Pitt. While still at university Wilberforce began to consider a political career. In September 1780, at the age of twenty-one and

while still a student, Wilberforce was elected Member of Parliament (MP) for Kingston-Upon-Hull, spending over £8,000 to ensure he received the necessary votes (an act that was the norm at the time!). Free from financial pressures, Wilberforce sat as an Independent, resolving to be a "no party man".

Returning to Christ



In October 1784, Wilberforce went on a tour of Europe. He travelled with his mother and sister as well as Isaac Milner, the younger brother of his former headmaster. At the end of their European tour they went back home, Milner accompanied Wilberforce to England and on the journey to England they read *'The Rise and Progress of Religion in the Soul'* by Philip Doddridge, a leading early 18th-century English non-conformist.

Wilberforce's Christian Beliefs began returning, he started to rise early to read the Bible and pray; he even kept a private journal. He underwent an Evangelical conversion, regretting his past life and resolving to commit his future life and work to the service of God – Wilberforce was literally Born Again! His conversion changed some of his habits but not his basic nature; he remained outwardly the same but urged people to embrace his new faith. Internally he underwent an agonising struggle and became relentlessly self-critical, harshly judging his spirituality, use of time, vanity, self-control, and relationships with others.

At that time anyone from the polite society was subject to contempt and ridicule if they ever embraced Evangelism. Wilberforce's conversion led him to question whether he should remain in public life or not, so sought guidance from none other than John Newton, and William Pitt his long time friend. Both Newton and Pitt mentored and encouraged Wilberforce to remain in politics "with increased diligence and conscientiousness". With his political views now firmly founded by his faith and his desire to promote Christianity and Christian ethics in both his private and public life, Wilberforce was now armed and ready for battle, in a new found confidence.

Wilberforce Vs Slave Trade

In total 11 million Africans were transported into slavery, and about 1.4 million human souls died during the voyages. Wilberforce and the other Evangelicals were horrified by what they perceived was a depraved, unchristian trade and were appalled at the greed and desire of the owners and traders. Wilberforce sensed a call from God, writing in a journal entry in 1787 that:

"God Almighty has set before me two great objects, the suppression of the Slave Trade and the Reformation of Manners [moral values]".

In April 1791 Wilberforce introduced the first parliamentary bill to abolish the slave trade. However, the bill was easily defeated by 163 votes to 88. On 2 April 1792, Wilberforce again brought a bill calling for abolition. Henry Dundas, as Home Secretary, proposed a compromise solution of so-called "Gradual Abolition" over a number of years, this was passed by 230 votes to 85. This compromise only frustrated Wilberforce and so signalled the beginning of a prolonged parliamentary campaign and the total abolition of the slave industry. During this campaign Wilberforce's commitment never wavered, despite the frustration and hostility he experienced. He was supported in this campaign by fellow members of the so-called Clapham Sect, among them was his best friend and cousin Henry Thornton; the group held Evangelical Christian beliefs, and consequently they were dubbed "The Saints".

Many years later after numerous attempts and a stint of wealth problems Wilberforce and his friend Thomas Clarkson who was pivotal in the campaign, had another idea to collect a large volume of evidence against the slave trade over the previous two decades. Slavery then became an election issue, bringing more abolitionist MPs into the House of Commons, including former military men who had personally experienced the horrors of slavery. Wilberforce was re-elected as an MP for Yorkshire, after which he returned to finishing and publishing his Letter in 1807 on the Abolition of the Slave Trade Addressed to the Freeholders of Yorkshire. In reality it was a 400-page book which formed the basis for the final phase of the campaign.

William Wilberforce Journal Entry 1787

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Lord Grenville, the new Prime Minister, was determined to introduce an Abolition Bill in the House of Lords rather than in the House of Commons, taking it through its greatest challenge first. When a final vote was taken, the bill was passed in the House of Lords by a large margin.

As tributes were made to Wilberforce, whose face streamed with tears, the bill was carried by 283 votes to 16. The Slave Trade Act received the Royal Assent on 25 March 1807 and the Slave Trade was officially abolished in 1833.

Scriptures that I feel describe the life of William Wilberforce:-

'Do not love the world nor the things that are in the world for if you love the world then the love of the Father is not in you' John 1-2-15



William Wilberforce

'These things I have spoken unto you, that in me you might have peace. In the world you shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world'. John 16-33

More Facts

- Following the abolition of Slavery as a result almost 800,000 slaves were freed mainly in the Caribbean.
- William Wilberforce is buried in Westminster Abbey next to his friend Prime Minister William Pitt in 1833.
- While tributes were paid and Wilberforce was laid to rest, both Houses of Parliament suspended their business as a mark of respect.

Recommended:

'Amazing Grace' 2006 film directed by Michael Apted available on DVD starring Ioan Gruffudd, Albert Finney and Sir Michael John Gambon. Amazing Grace was named "Best Spiritual Film of 2008" in the third annual "Beliefnet Film Awards".

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Next Issue – George Frederick Handel



The Northern Ireland International Children's Charity Appeal (NIICCA) is a small locally based body making a significant impact in a remote corner of Europe, namely the Crimea, Ukraine. Read Ruth's amazing story serialised in 'The Voice' starting today! And how an entire body of work she began in her home has evolved and which now stretches from Northern Ireland to the Crimea and USA!

Part 1

'From Carrickfergus to Crimea'

By Ruth Bell

Formerly and formally I trained as a Primary School teacher, taught fulltime after I got married up until my first son was born and part-time for many years after that until I eventually traded in my chosen profession to dedicate my time and energies to try and transform the lives of Crimea's children.



Ruth pictured at The McIntyre Poetry Awards Parliament Buildings, Stormont.

Photo courtesy of Graham Bell

I founded the charity in 2000 after a missionary friend there found thirty abandoned babies in a derelict hospital. The babies were being cared for by a skeleton staff of unpaid nurses, fed up to seven times daily on greatly diluted baby low grade formula and had only scraps of old sheeting for nappies. I was

so moved in the spirit by their plight, I launched a project at that time called the *Crisis in Crimea Appeal*, in October 2000, as a

direct response to the abandoned babies. Through this 'campaign' I raised and transferred essential funds as well as gathering as many items of baby clothes and blankets as I could which I then sent by Royal Mail.

The various charity shops were glad to see me coming because I cleaned them out of unsold baby stock. I started off buying Barnardo's "decodes" from them at recycler prices but eventually they gave me the clothes for nothing. They

still keep baby shoes over for me. Nowadays I pack everything into 40' containers instead of black plastic bags and use a local shipping agent instead of Royal Mail.

But it really wasn't until I travelled to the Crimea for the first time in 2001 that I could see how the needs of the children could be met first hand. In fact since 2001 I have been out to Crimea every six months and my passion for this part of the world and my heart for its children grew even more on each visit. Their plight is truly pitiful, but their story is not newsworthy – or so I've been told...



Pictured right - Lunchtime at Aromatnoe's refurbished Kindergarten

To date NIICCA has raised in excess of £200,000 and sent 22 x 40 foot containers of aid since 2001 into a variety of care programmes we engage in with our team on the ground there. Supplies include hospital furniture and equipment; maternity beds, Care for the Elderly walking and lifting aids; medical supplies; school furniture and equipment from pens to desks and computers to cupboards. Household furniture and linens; kitchenware as well as clothes, bedding and footwear, toys and toiletries the list is endless. But people are so good in donating and helping us gather things in and I would like to thank all our volunteers over the years who have helped us to continue this life-saving work...without them and the dedicated team of International believers the work would be meaningless.

We already work in partnership with two organisations in Crimea that we were involved in setting up: the Light of Crimea Foundation in the capital city of Simferopol and the River of Joy Organisation in the villages of the Belogorsk region of central Crimea.

The work is never ending but with God's will and strength and willing souls, we are determined to overcome evil with good.

To be continued...

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The Promise

We Know The Destination— But What About The Route?

By Lorraine Wylie

I've no idea where we'll be spending next summer's holiday. But I do know that the Pyrenees Mountain won't be on the list. This year, I allowed my husband to persuade me that driving across the impressive range would give our annual trip to Spain an additional wow factor. Considering that anything higher than three inch heels makes my head spin, I should have known it was a mistake. Although, I have to confess that after looking at pictures of lush green valleys, tumbling waterfalls and forests of elegant pines that stretched toward snow capped peaks my resistance began to melt.

Initially, the journey went well. Driving through the foothills, we inhaled the scented air, feasted on the display of God's amazing handiwork and giggled at my childish fears. Then things went alarmingly wrong. Engrossed in the views, Mike inadvertently missed the signpost and before we knew what was happening we were, inching along a narrow trek, hugging the side of the mountain and trying to navigate the boulders of ice that tumbled into our path. Suddenly the snow peaked caps were more up close and personal than even Mike expected. We did eventually emerge onto the main road but not before Mike stalled the car, giving me a heart stopping view of the ravine below. It was the closest I ever came to a coronary.

Of course, the rest of the journey passed without incident. Although there was one scary moment when, with no safety barrier, I happened to notice that the only thing between us and the town below were a few wispy clouds! At some time or other, we will all encounter things we hadn't planned or expected. However, it occurred to me that, while the scenery on our spiritual journey is equally prone to change, our companion remains the same.



When the Lord told his disciples they were going to the other side of the lake, there was no mention of a storm along the way. No doubt, as they clambered aboard the boat and pushed into the sun dappled waters, morale was high. Everything appeared to promise an uneventful and enjoyable trip. If asked

about the journey ahead, the group would probably have given their optimistic expectations of a smooth and pleasant crossing. Perhaps, if questioned about the Master who accompanied them, the fishermen would have enthusiastically endorsed His divine power and authority. After all, according to immediate circumstances, there was no need to fear. Neither was there any trial of trust. It is easy to talk of reliance upon God when the forecast is trouble free.

However, regardless of blue skies or calm surroundings; a storm is usually lurking just over the horizon. When it hits, most of us are left reeling from the impact.

Sometimes, it's a deluge of financial worries that rocks the boat. Very often health problems undermine our stability and leave us groping for a sense of security. At the end of the day, the reason isn't important. If it's enough to upset the equilibrium of life it's probably sufficient to sway our faith.



Yet, as the passage reveals, the Lord never promised a crossing without storms. He merely stated the fact of their destination. *They were going to the other side of the lake.* Windy weather, stormy seas and even a deluge of water did not detract from His Word. No doubt, when the squall hit, it was a cold and frightening experience. It

always is. But Jesus had promised they would reach their goal without tragedy. He did not say, some of us will reach dry land. Neither did He warn them of the perils or discomforts they would endure. His promise was of a safe arrival to each individual passenger on board the boat.

The reason that each of His followers could depend on reaching their destination was grounded, not on superficial circumstances or their ability to deal with them. Perhaps one or two of the more experienced fishermen understood the violent but brief nature of the area's weather fronts. Maybe they knew that the worst of the storm would soon pass and normal conditions resume. Whatever the individual opinion, Scripture records the simplicity of faith. Regardless of how high the waves, unstable the vessel, or drenched the occupants, they had an anchor in the storm. Christ was in the boat. There was no need for panic or distress. He had not only given them His promise, He was travelling the same route;

Throughout Scripture, there are many examples of God's people who have wavered in the storms. For some it was hunger that drove them out of the Promised Land and into Egypt. Others cried out in dismay when enemies threatened to overtake. One, when confronted with the fear of man, denied the Lord he had sworn to follow even unto death. Yet, there are also many others who, when the Lord spoke, believed and were blessed. The centurion whose servant was healed is but one who took Jesus at His Word.

It is with a great sense of shame that the author confesses to being tossed about on life's ocean. However, it is always the goal to imitate those who have had the courage and faith to sail with immunity to fear. There is no guarantee that we won't encounter a few squalls along the way but if Christ is in the boat, we may get wet but we'll never drown.

The Gate

Melanie Henderson

3-in-1 Publishing welcomes regular columnist Melanie Henderson to The Voice. Melanie will explore the Holy Land in this series. She will explore the different biblical sites throughout Israel.



Click on image to see more detail

According to the Bible, before King David's conquest of Jerusalem in the 11th century BC, the city was home to the Jebusites. The Jebusites were a Canaanite people, descended from Ham (Sons Of Noah) through Canaan. They are mentioned only in the Old Testament era of Bible History.

4 And David and all Israel went to Jerusalem, which is Jebus, where the Jebusites were, the inhabitants of the land. 5 But the inhabitants of Jebus said to David, "You shall not come in here!" Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion (that is, the City of David). 1 Chronicles 11:4-5 (NKJV)

The Dung Gate

Biblical History



The Dung Gate is one of the gates in the walls of the Old City of Jerusalem. The city, which was ruled by King David at the time, known as Ir David, or the City of David, is now believed to be southwest of the Old City walls, outside the Dung Gate.

In the Persian period Nehemiah returned from Babylon and rebuilt them

after they had been destroyed.

13 By night I went out through the Valley Gate toward the Jackal Well and the Dung Gate, examining the walls of Jerusalem, which had been broken down, and its gates, which had been destroyed by fire. Nehemiah 2:13 (NIV)

Location

The Dung Gate is situated near the southeast corner of the old city, and that is southwest of the Temple Mount. This gate is the closest gate to the Western Wall and it is a main passage for vehicles. It was originally much smaller, but it was enlarged in 1952, after the Old City came under Jordanian control in 1948.

After its capture by Israel in 1967, architect Shlomo Aronson was commissioned to renovate this gate. Behind the gate lies the entrance to the Western Wall compound. At night, the City buses pass through the gate to the Western Wall bus stop which lies just behind the gate. During the day, the buses stop on the road outside of the gate, this is because the increased number of buses cluttered up the bus stop inside the Old City walls.

A Short Introduction

Welcome to 'The Gate'. In this series about The Holy Land I will endeavour to take you on a journey through this wonderful place. I aim to transport you to each site and give you a biblical insight into it. In the first series we will explore the gates of Jerusalem. I will uncover the mysteries of each Gate as well as give you a history behind them!! As you can see from the map above the Gates of Jerusalem surround the city, (just click on the map to get a more detailed view). Today we will look at the Dung Gate....

History behind the walls

During the era of the Crusader Kingdom of Israel, there were four gates that led you to the Old City, which had one on each side. The current walls that we have today, built by Suleiman the Magnificent, have a total of eleven gates, but only seven are open. Until 1887, each gate was closed before sunset and opened at sunrise. These gates have been known by a variety of names used in different historic periods and by different community groups. Until the 1860s this area constituted the entire city of Jerusalem.

The Old City is home to several sites of key religious importance for example - the Temple Mount and its Western Wall for Jews; the Church of the Holy Sepulchre for Christians; and the Dome of the Rock and the al-Aqsa Mosque for Muslims. Traditionally, the Old City has been divided into four quarters, although the current designations were introduced only in the 19th century. Today, the Old City is roughly divided into the Muslim Quarter, the Christian Quarter, the Jewish Quarter and the Armenian Quarter so that people from different religions can attend.

Next time The Zion Gate....

The Word of God

Inspirational verses to meditate on...

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01 'For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.' Psalm 91:11

02 'Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!' Psalm 46:10

03 'And the LORD, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed.' Deuteronomy 31:8

04 'Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,' Hebrews 10: 19 & 20

05 'Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?' 1 Corinthians 3:16

06 'and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.' Philippians 4:7

07 'So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.'" Matthew 17:20

08 'Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?"' John 11:40

09 'A man's spirit sustains him in sickness, but a crushed spirit who can bear?' Proverbs 18:14

10 'So you shall serve the LORD your God, and He will bless your bread and your water. And I will take sickness away from the midst of you'. Exodus 23:25

11 'When Jesus heard that, He said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it.'" John 11:4

13 'He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease'. Matthew 10:1

14 'But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.' Hebrews 13:16

15 'With all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.' Ephesians 4:2-6

16 'Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him.' Proverbs 30:5

17 'The fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe.' Proverbs 29:25

18 'In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, ¹² that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.' Ephesians 1:11

19 'The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those who are planted in the house of the LORD Shall flourish in the courts of our God.' Psalm 92: 12&13

20 'No weapon formed against you shall prosper' Isaiah 54:17

21 'The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all He has made' Psalm 145:13

22 'Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.' Psalm 37:4

23 'Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, and He who formed you from the womb: " I am the LORD, who makes all things, who stretches out the heavens all alone, who spreads abroad the earth by Myself;" Isaiah 44:24

24 'You have granted me life and favor, and Your care has preserved my spirit.' Job 10:12

25 'For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; with favor You will surround him as with a shield.' Psalm 5:12

26 'For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning.' Psalm 30: 5

27 'And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: " Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever' Revelation 5:13

28 'Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His mercy' Psalm 33:18

29 'Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.' Hebrews 11:1

30 'Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.' Psalm 47:1

31 'but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.' Isaiah 40:31



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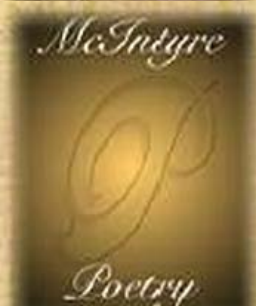
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