



MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM

Declaring God's Glory by connecting the Crossroads Family with lost and hurting people.



...I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count from every nation, tribe, people and language standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. Revelation 7:9

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THE CONNECTION

Lottie Moon: A Passionate Servant

Today, China is a nation of rapid change. It's home to 1.3 billion individuals, which is one-fifth of the world's current population. Did you know that there are 223 cities in China that contain over 1 million people? There are only 9 cities in the United States with populations over 1 million. Many village dwellers flock to trendy megacities with exploding populations. China is very different from the vast farmland Lottie Moon entered in the 1800s. But one

thing hasn't changed: China's need for a Savior.

Lottie Moon, often synonymous with international missions, is commonly viewed by many as a legend of international missions. However, in her time, she was anything but an untouchable heroine. Rather, she was a hard working, deep loving Christ follower who labored tirelessly so her people group could know Jesus.

When Lottie set sail for China she was 32 years old. She has turned down a marriage proposal and left her job, home and family to follow God's lead. Her path was not typical for an educated woman from a wealthy Southern family. Lottie, of course, did not serve a God of the typical. He had gripped her heart with the Chinese people's need for a Savior.

For 39 years Lottie Moon labored chiefly in Tengchow and P'ingtu. People feared and rejected her but she refused to leave. The aroma of fresh baked cookies drew people to her house. She adopted tradi-



A Passion for the Eternal

What are you passionate about that will make a difference in eternity? Anything? When you stand before Jesus to give an account of your life what will He say to you (II Corinthians 5:10)?

Lottie Moon was extremely passionate about the eternal destinies of the souls around her. In her letters she wrote, "How many million more souls are to pass into eternity without having heard the name of Jesus?" This question seared her heart as she planted her life

in China a century ago. It compelled her to risk her life so those "souls" could, at least once, hear about the love of Jesus. In middle age her passion and faith gave her the boldness to place her 4 foot, 3 inch body in the path of an anti-Christian mob intent on harming believers and saying, "You will have to kill me first". As an older woman, it compelled her to give away her food so others might live and have one more opportunity to find Jesus. Each stage of her life was characterized by a passion for Christ.

Why should anyone hear the Gospel twice until everyone hears it once?



That all peoples may know Him

tional Chinese dress and she learned China's language and customs. Lottie not only just served the Chinese people; she identified with them. Many of them eventually accepted her. Some accepted her Savior.

Lottie's vision wasn't just for the people of China. It reached her fellow Southern Baptists in the United States. Like today's missionaries, she wrote letters home detailing China's hunger for truth and the struggle of so few Christ followers sharing the Gospel with so many people (472 million Chinese in her day). She shared another timely message as well: the urgent need for more workers and "senders"

who would passionately support them both financially and in prayer.

In 1912, during a time of war and famine, Lottie silently starved knowing that the Chinese people she loved didn't have enough food. Her fellow co-workers saw the ultimate sign of love by giving her life for others. On Christmas Eve, Lottie died on a ship bound for the United States.

However, Lottie Moon's legacy lives on today. And today, when financial gifts aren't growing as quickly as the number of workers God is calling to the mission field, her call for sacrificial giving rings with more urgency than ever. Please prayerfully consider what you might give this year.

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. Matthew 24:14

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. Psalm 96:3

TELL ME!
the story of Jesus

National Goal: \$165 million
2007 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING*

How many more souls? What did she think? One million? Five million? How about fifty million? One hundred years later we have the answer: 1.6 billion people (*more people than populated the earth when Lottie Moon lived*) have never heard the gospel according to missions researchers. Today, 5,200 Southern Baptist missionaries serve all over the planet. Is that enough? Please seek God's guidance as to what you should give for the 2007 Lottie Moon offering. Like Lottie Moon you can help spread the Gospel to millions needing to hear!