

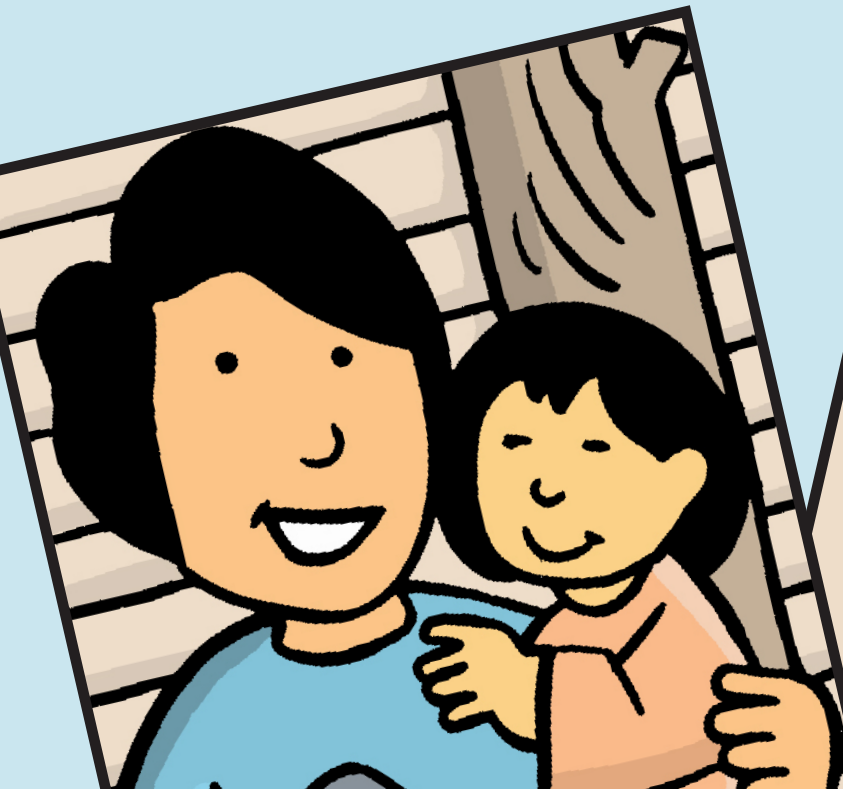
Missionaries to Children

There have been many great missionaries over the centuries, starting with Jesus' original apostles, who have spread the gospel all over the world.

Some of these missionaries focused their work on reaching out to help children in difficult situations. They taught the children about Jesus and His great love for them.

As Jesus told His disciples, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14 ESV).

Let's look at four of God's missionary heroes from the past who cared for and reached out to children.





George Mueller

George Mueller was a pastor in England, originally from Germany. Seeing the difficulties of poor orphans, in 1836 he and his wife, Mary, opened an orphanage to care for and school these children.

In his lifetime, George Mueller provided care for over 10,000 orphans. The orphans were not only well educated in Mueller's orphanage, but also taught God's Word with daily times of prayer and Bible studies.

When an orphan was old enough to leave the orphanage, George Mueller helped each one secure either a good job or a position to advance his or her schooling.

Mary Slessor

Mary Slessor was a Scottish missionary who in 1877, at the age of 28, went to remote parts of Nigeria, where she adopted many children who had no parents to care for them.

She also cared for many sick children brought to her by their mothers, bringing them back to full health and then returning them to their parents.

As she moved through the remote regions of Nigeria, she set up schools to be run by the people of Nigeria. And everywhere she went, she was a witness for Jesus.

Mary Slessor was a missionary in Nigeria for nearly 66 years, and is still honored today by many in Nigeria for her great work there.





Amy Carmichael

Amy Carmichael, a missionary woman from Ireland, arrived in India in 1895 at the age of 28, and lived there until she died over 55 years later in 1951.

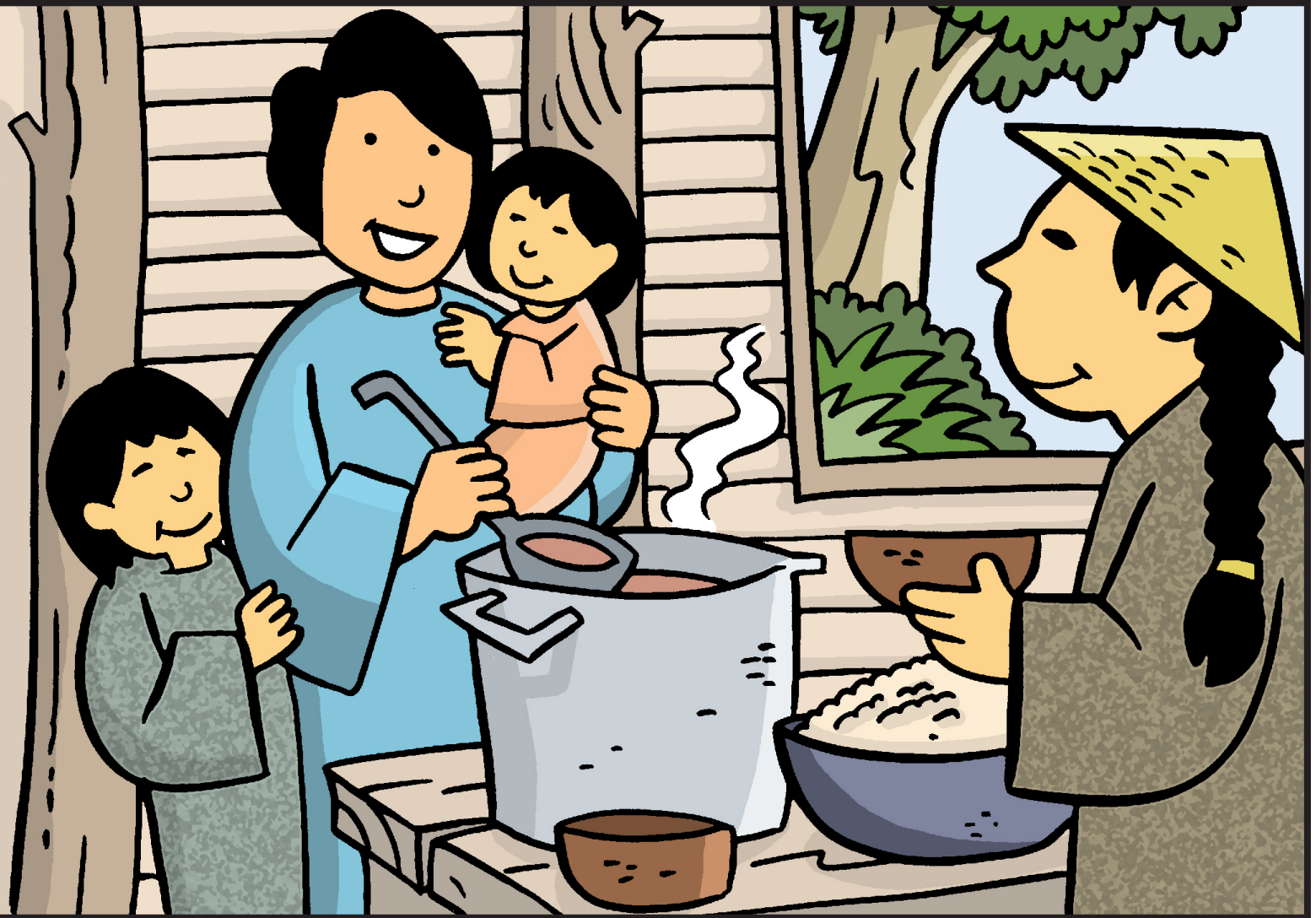
As part of her missionary work, Amy rescued little children who had been sold or born into slavery. Amy, along with the other missionary women she worked with, took loving care of the children in her orphanage. The children were mostly girls, but there were boys too.

Amy and her fellow missionaries made sure that the children were well fed, clothed, housed, and schooled. They also gave the children personal attention, and taught them about Jesus and the Bible. (You can read more about her life's work in the article "Famous Missionaries: Amy Carmichael.")

Gladys Aylward

Gladys Aylward traveled from Britain to China as a missionary in 1932. She adopted many orphaned children in China, as well as founded orphanages, first in China and later in Taiwan, always teaching the children about Jesus and the Bible.

At one time in China, when a war threatened her orphanage, she led a group of over 100 orphans by foot over a long mountain path to safety.



Today many missionaries also have works of reaching and helping children around the world. Have you heard of any of today's missionaries who are doing so? You can help these missionaries and the children they reach through your prayers! You can even adapt some of the "Pray a Way" prayers to pray for them.