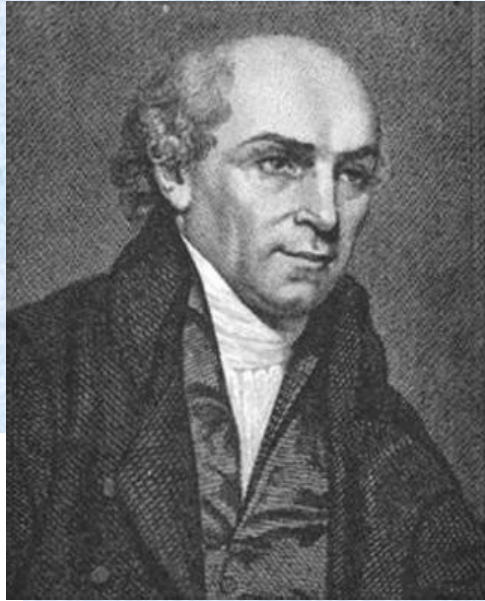


# Consecrated Voices from the Past



***Full Consecration:***

***“None of these things move me”***



# Full Consecration Stated

*“But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.” -- Acts 20:24*

# Full Consecration Explained

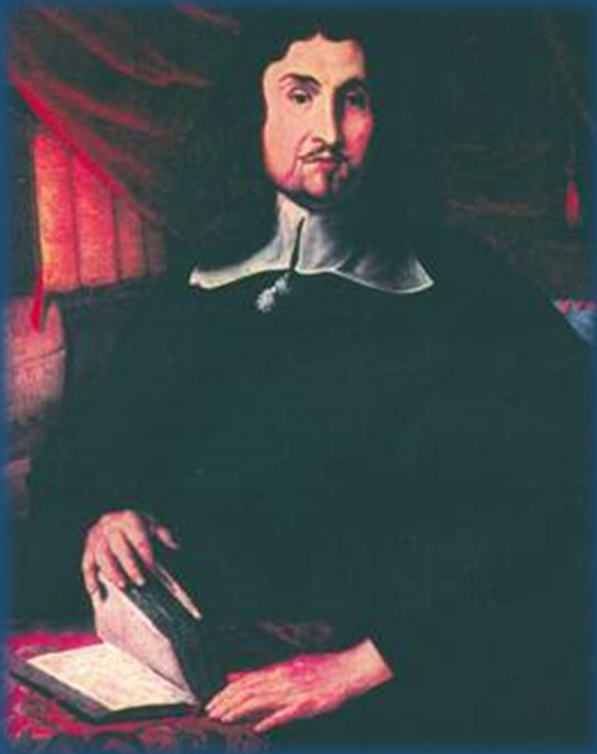
- **Extent** of consecration – everything
- **Test** of consecration – not moved even by prospect of death  
**What affected Paul the most?**
- **Emotion** of consecration – joy (not resignation)
- **Goal** of consecration – finish one's personal course
- **Realm** of consecration – ministry given by the Lord (not just any activity, however good)
- **Ministry** of consecration – testifying the gospel of God's grace (active testifying)

# What caused Paul's conflicts, fears and depression?

- The issue was not his danger but THEIR RESPONSE.
- This is often our biggest test of consecration.

*For even when we came into Macedonia our flesh had no rest, but we were afflicted on every side: **conflicts** without, **fears** within. But God, who comforts the **depressed**, comforted us by the coming of Titus; and not only by his coming, but also by the comfort with which he was comforted in you, as he reported to us your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me; so that I rejoiced even more. -- 2 Cor. 7:5-7*

**Consecration  
impacts other  
believers**



**John Eliot**

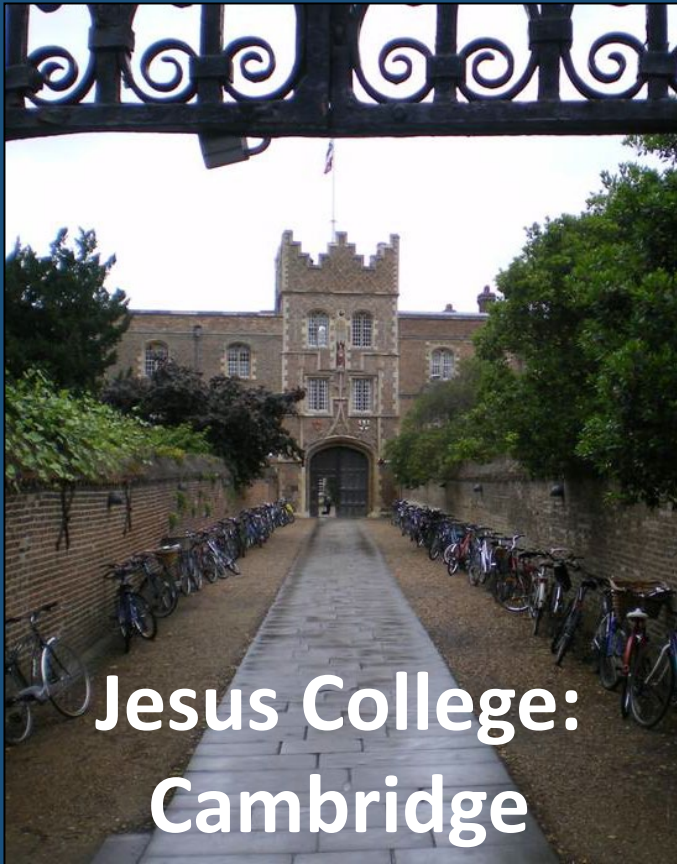
**“There was no  
man on earth  
whom I honored  
above him.”**

**Richard Baxter about Eliot**

15 Kah wunnushoh, kah Moses nemunum  
wufqueheonk, kah upponemun wutaskonit  
Altar waéénu, nashpe wuttinnuhwhunitch,  
kah pakheau Altar, kah wufqueheonk, wuf-  
fokanumun ohkéiyen Altarut, kah wnetup-  
anatanwáhtin, wuttawadthuónat ut.  
16 Kah nemunum wame wees, ne ohtag-  
nish anomut ohtagish, kah wáwhunnefog  
wufqunit, kah nesuog wuttoounssog, kah  
wees: kah Moses wutchikkossumunah at  
Altarut.  
17 Kah k wáshenem, kah ashkon, kah w-  
wénu, kah ummooe wutchikkossumunah at

Algonquin Bible by John Eliot

# Consecration maximizes one's education



Jesus College:  
Cambridge



Eliot's Bible presented to  
King Charles the Second



# Consecration endures hardness as a good soldier



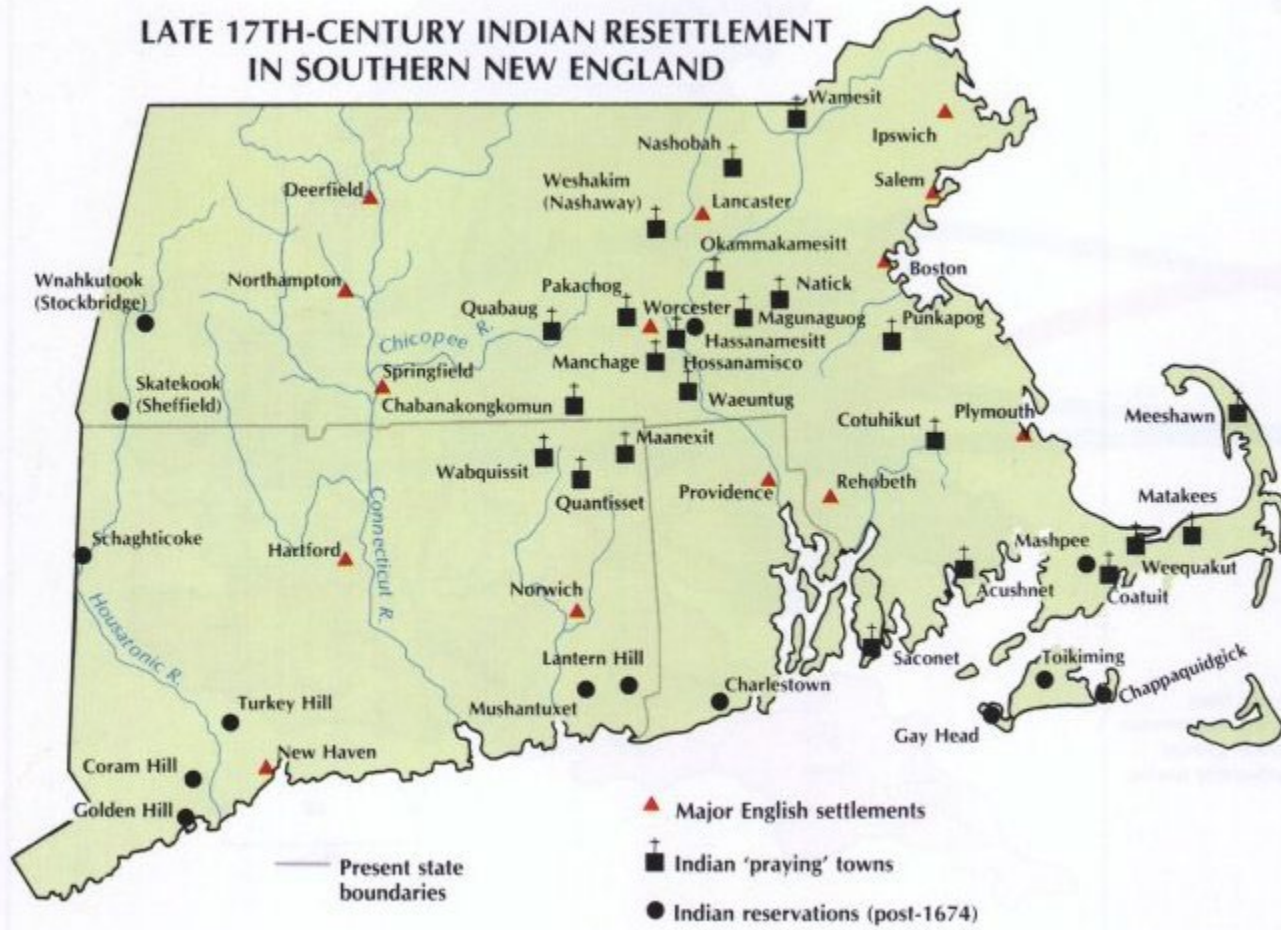
John Eliot

Apostle to the Indians

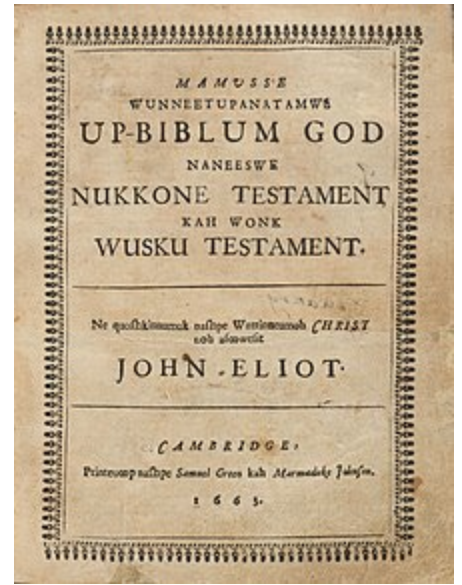
“ I have not been dry night nor day from the third day of the week to the sixth ... and at night I pull off my boots, wring my stockings, and on with them again, and so continue. The rivers also were raised so as that we were wet in riding through. But

God steps in and helps me. I have considered the exhortation of Paul to his son Timothy, *Endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ*, with many other such like meditations.”

“Come over  
and help us”



Seal of Massachusetts Bay Colony, in use 1629–1684



[hist mass p15-2.jpg](http://hist.mass.p15-2.jpg) (900x500) (umass.edu)



First Bryan Baptist Church in Savannah



Note the memorial behind the fence



Content on the memorial

Consecration wants  
something, anything,  
to do for the Lord  
and to do it well



George Liele

Liele was attending the church in Burke County, Georgia which his owner attended. While listening to the sermon, he came under great condemnation of heart and found that the only way to escape the damnation of hell was through the merits of the dying Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He said, *“This caused me to make intercession with Christ for the salvation of my poor, immortal soul, and I full well recollect I requested of my Lord and Master **to give me a work.** I did not care how mean it was, only to try and see how good I **would do it.**”*



George Liele

**Consecration  
gains friends  
from the godly  
around the world.**

Godly parents are  
willing to  
consecrate their  
children to  
missionary service



John Paton's Father

*God bless you,  
my son! Your  
father's God  
prosper you,  
and keep you  
from all evil.*



**Consecration  
can face the  
possibility of  
death with  
peace**



**John Paton**

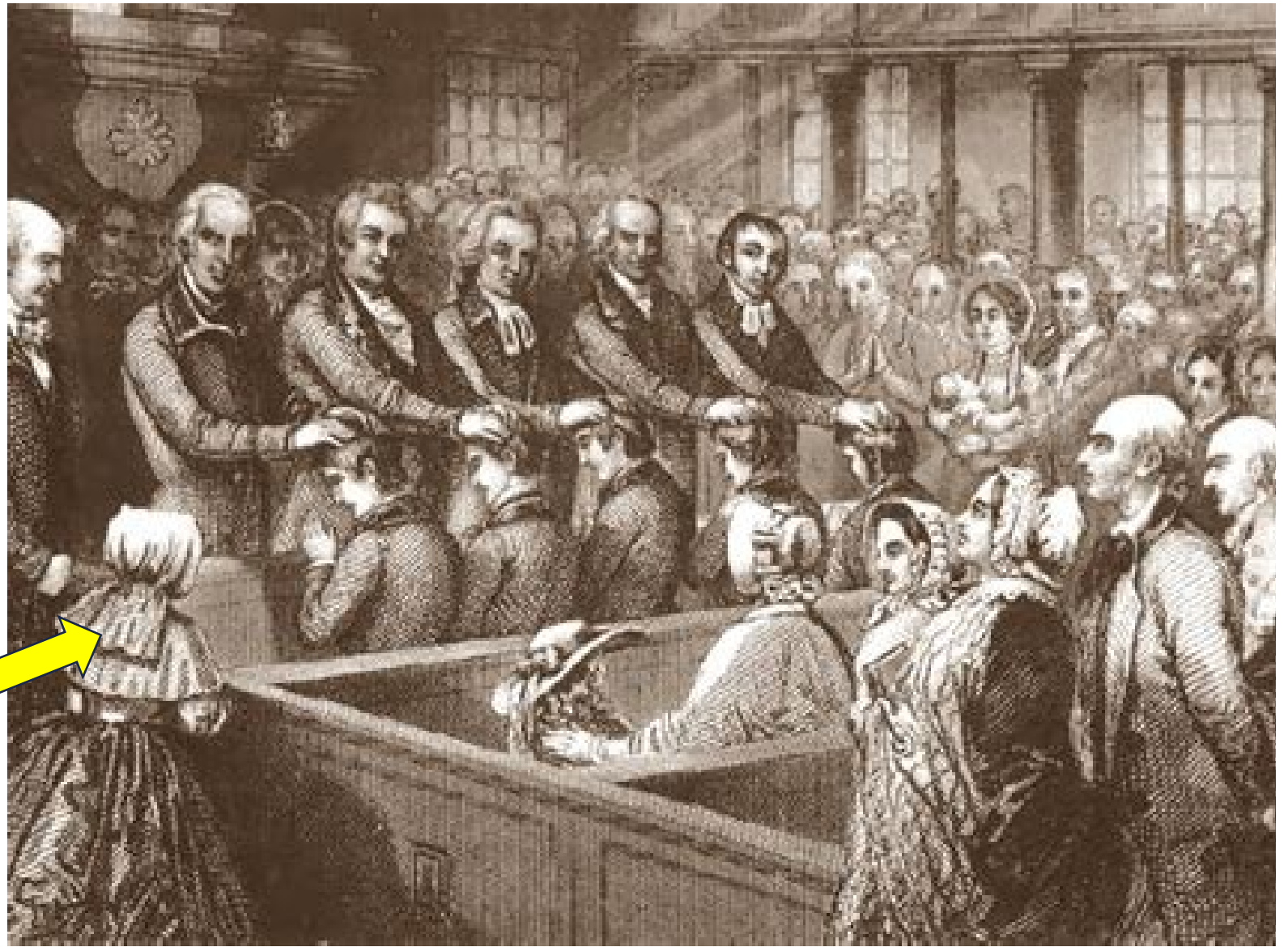
Looking up in  
unceasing prayer  
to our dear Lord  
Jesus, I left all in  
His hands, and  
felt immortal till  
my work was  
done.



**A missionary wife must also consecrate herself to this calling**



**Ann Judson**



<https://goldenlandbaptistmissions.com/about-gblm/vision/>



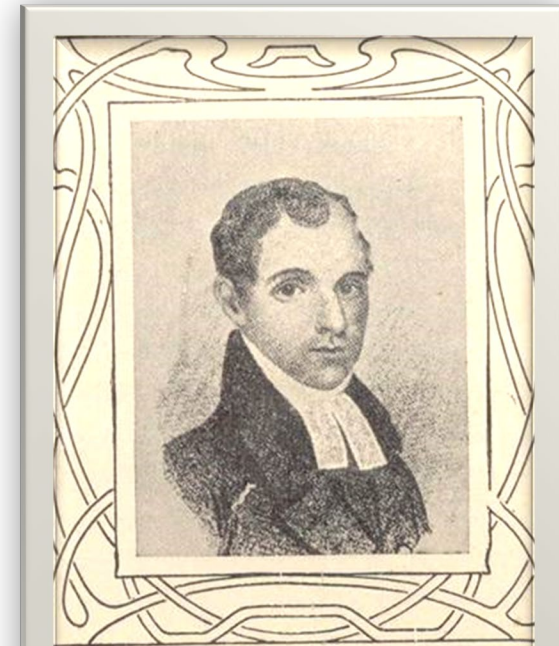
**Consecration  
will be tested  
but it ultimately  
comforts the  
heart**



**Harriet Newell**

Newells sailed with Judsons to Calcutta. She died at 19 after giving birth and having never begun missionary work. Did she regret her consecration to missions?

*Tell her that her dear Harriet never repented of any sacrifice she had made for Christ; that on her dying bed 'she was comforted with the thought of having had it in her heart to do something for the heathen, though God had seen fit to take her away before we entered on our work.'* -- Samuel to mother



**Samuel Newell**

# Consecration has normal feelings but no regrets

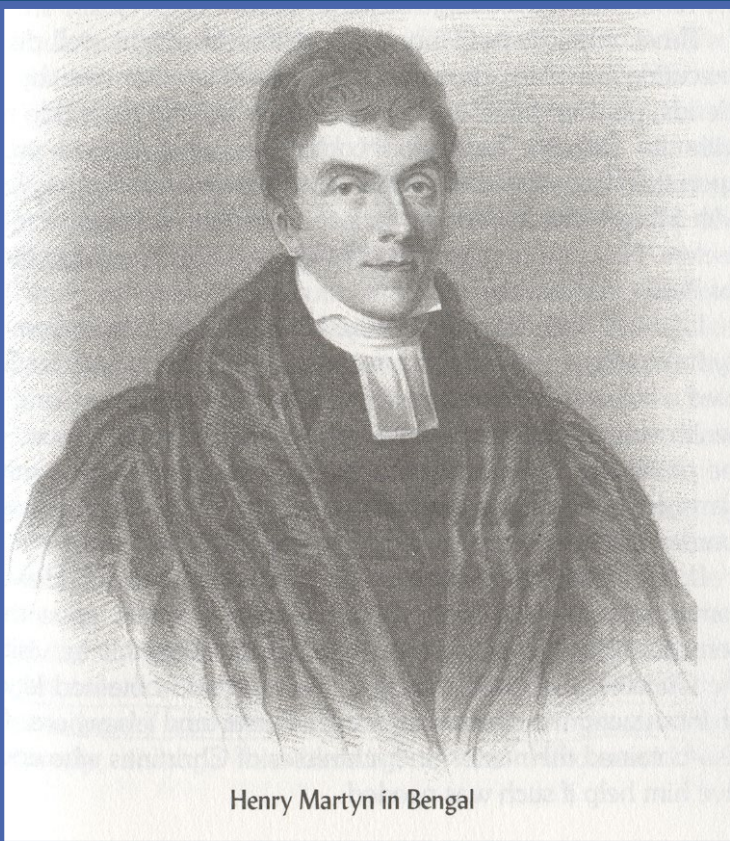


John & Mary Paton

Just before John Paton's first wife, Mary, died she told a co-worker:

*You must not think that I regret coming here... If I had the same thing to do over again, I would do it with far more pleasure, yes, with all my heart. Oh, no! I do not regret leaving home and friends, though at the time I felt it keenly.*

# Consecration commits marriage to God's will



Henry Martyn in Bengal

*I read your letter incessantly, and try to find out something new, as I usually do, but look with pain at the distant date of the last. I cannot tell what to think, but I cast all my care upon Him who hath already done wonders for me, and am sure that, come what will, it shall be good, it shall be best.*

-- Letter to Lydia Grenfell



# KURUMAN MOFFAT MISSION WELCOMES YOU

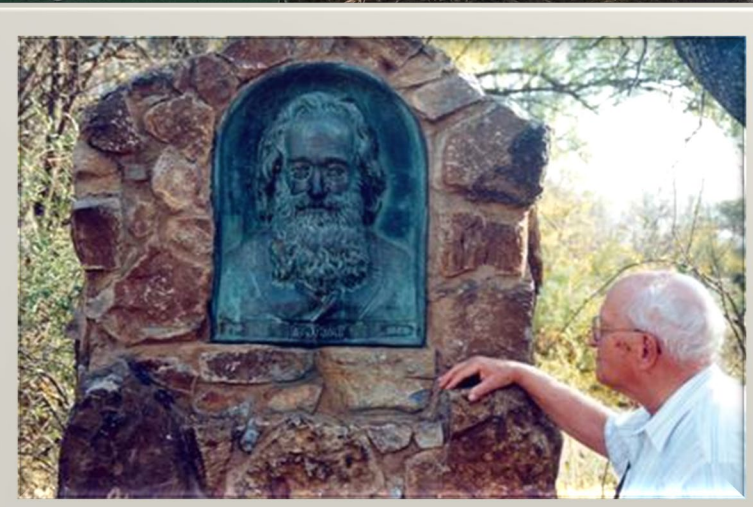
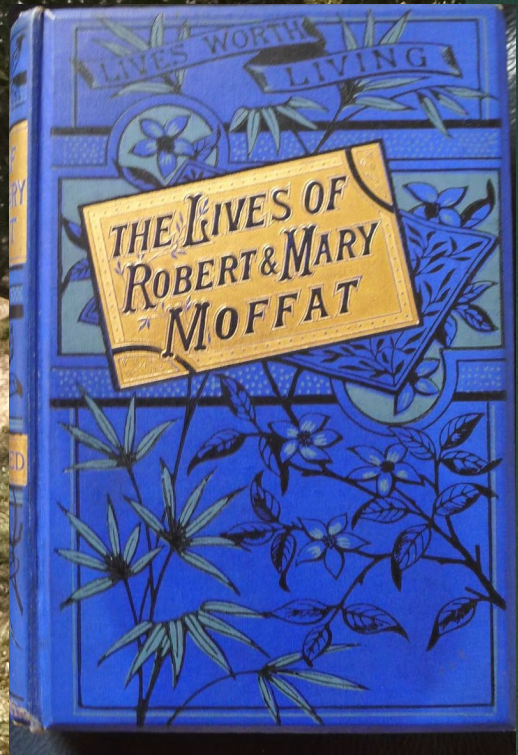
ON THIS 14 HECTARES ON THE EDGE OF THE KALAHARI

The first Batswana were baptised. Setswana was written down, the Bible translated and then printed. David Livingstone first made his name in Africa. The earliest school room and houses north of the Orange River were built. The Moffat Church has stood for over 150 years. Robert and Mary Moffat laboured for 50 years. Maphakela Lekalake was the first Motswana to be ordained.

~~Apartheid~~ almost destroyed the work of the Gospel here but in our generation, God's Spirit is breathing new life  
" This almost holy place "

*This is a conservation area. Please do not litter*

PLEASE ENTER AND PAY AT THE HOME  
ADULTS R10.00      SCHOLARS R





**Kuruman – Watered by a 3-mile irrigation ditch**





Robert and Mary Moffat -- Kuruman



**Consecration  
sticks with the  
ministry by  
faith when no  
fruit is visible**

Communion set  
ordered by Mary  
Moffat when no  
conversions



**Consecration  
believes fruit  
will come  
when none is  
evident**

**Robert and  
Mary Moffat**



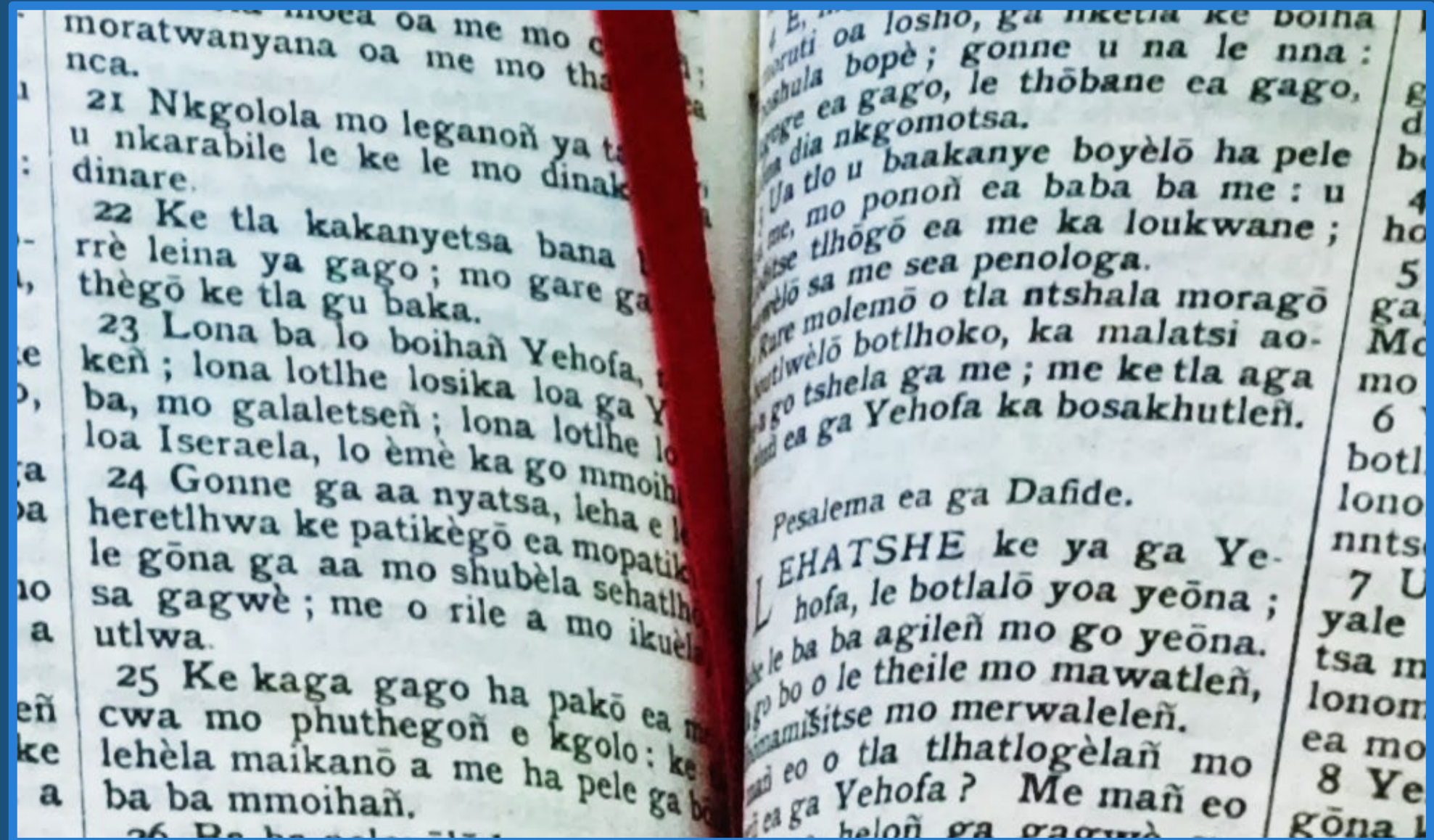
# Kuruman: Moffat's Printing Press



# The “chief glory” of Moffat’s printing press

*"With the printing of the two parts of the Old Testament at Kuruman in 1853 and 1857, and the trial edition of the New Testament in 1867, the Kuruman Press had reached the zenith of its usefulness and fame as a printing house. It continued to produce Spelling Books and Hymn-Books but its chief glory was the Bible, home-made from the start, created out of a language which had no grammar or dictionary, and printed and published on the veld."*

Northcott, C.; ROBERT MOFFAT: PIONEER IN AFRICA; p. 318.

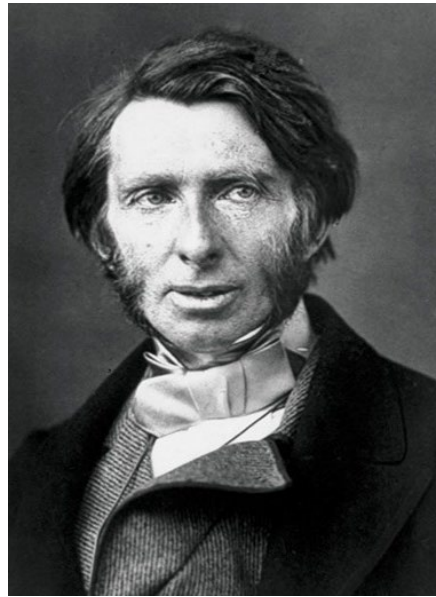


The “chief glory” of Moffat’s printing press

**Consecration  
often leads to the  
discovery of  
gifts/abilities  
previously  
unknown or  
unused**

- **Robert Moffat – “mechanic arts” (gardener) to church planter and Bible translator**
- **Amy Carmichael – “Japanese head” to leader of children’s rescue ministry and prolific writer**
- **Hudson Taylor – zealous single missionary to administrator of CIM**
- **Gladys Aylward – failure on language test to worker for Chinese government**

**Consecration  
dedicates all  
gifts to the  
Lord's use and  
their proper  
proportion**

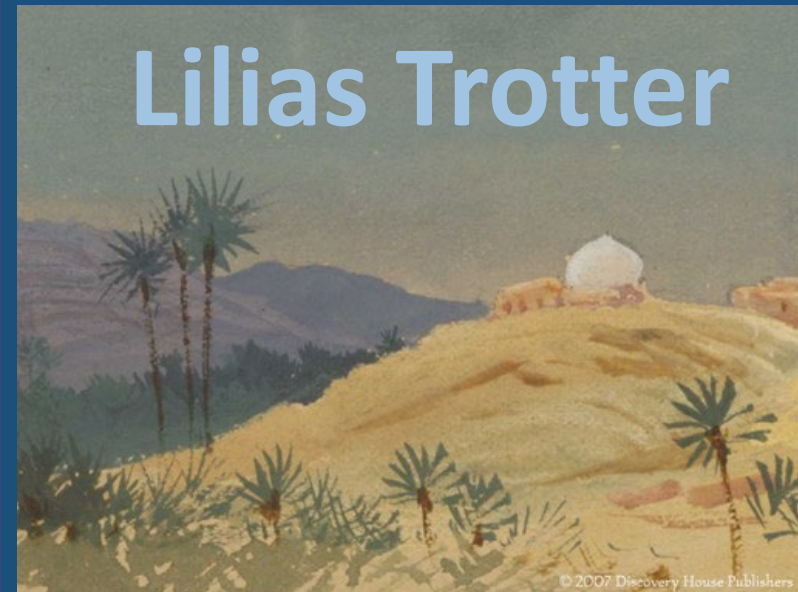


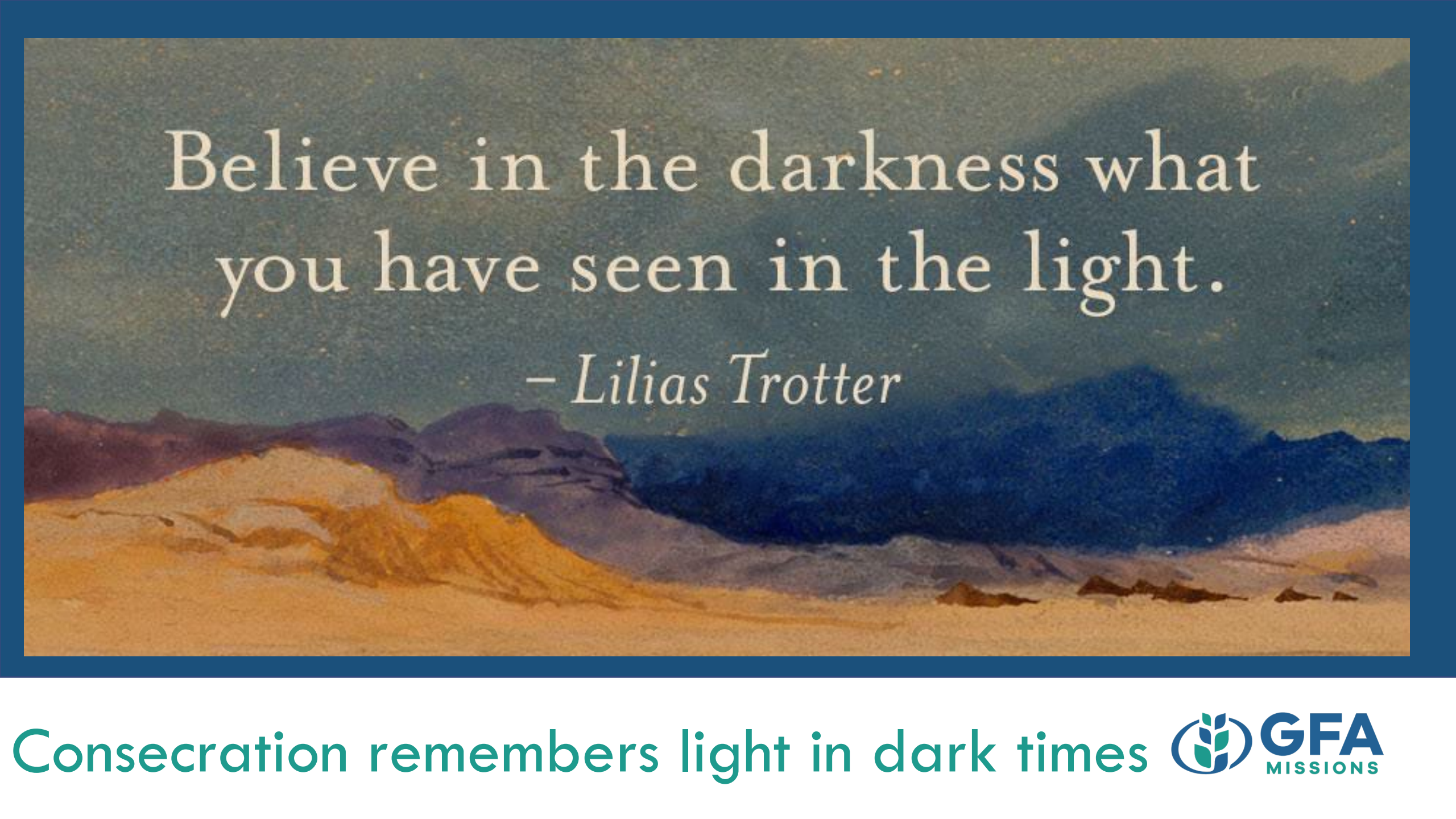
## **Art or Africa?**

**John Ruskin could have made her a great artist. Though tempted, she knew God had something else for her.**

**She felt God calling her to Africa.**

**Lilius Trotter**



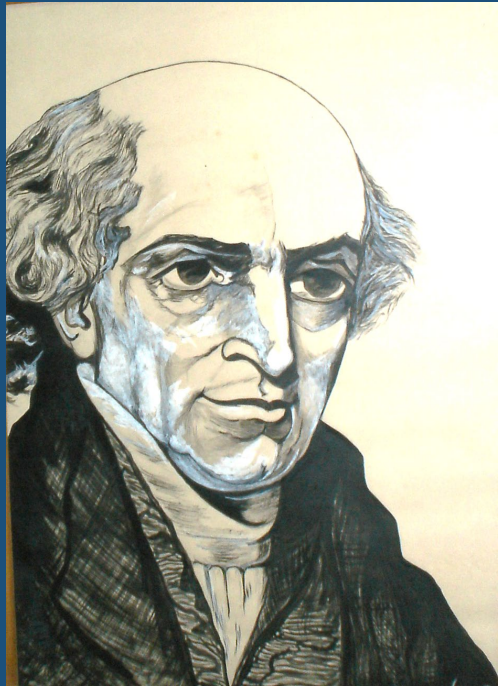
A painting of a desert landscape. The foreground is a vast, golden-yellow sand dune. In the middle ground, there are several mountain ranges with varying colors: purple, blue, and dark blue. The sky is a deep, dark blue-green, filled with numerous small white stars, suggesting a night sky. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

Believe in the darkness what  
you have seen in the light.

– *Lilias Trotter*

Consecration remembers light in dark times 

**Consecration  
doesn't quit  
but keeps on  
task**



**William Carey**

**“I can plod.”**

# How does consecration deal with seeming defeat?



Amy Carmichael

When visiting Hindu temples looking for children to rescue from the perversities associated with the Hindu idol worship she would often have to withdraw with a sense of defeat, ‘a haunting sense of impotence’. Her efforts seemed like ‘a snowflake falling on the Great Pyramid, melting and vanishing as it touched the hot stone’.

**Consecration  
gets victory by  
standing steady  
in defeat**

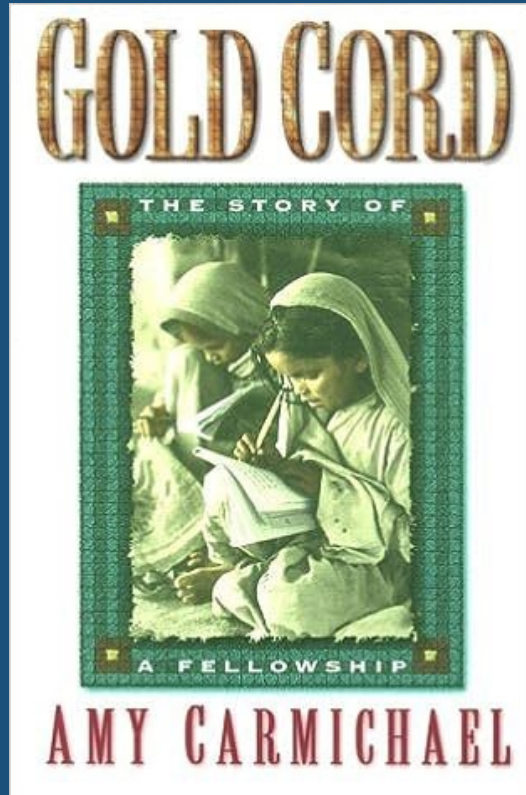


**Amy Carmichael**

**She would then preach to herself:**

***Not to yield is all that matters.  
Failure or success as the world  
understands these words is of  
no eternal account. **To be able  
to stand steady in defeat is in  
itself a victory.*****

# Consecration accepts the unexplainable



Amy Carmichael

One evening around twilight she was examining building work being done and fell into a pit dug for a toilet in the wrong place. She broke her leg, dislocated an ankle and twisted her spine. She was never restored to full health after this accident, but it led to her ministry of writing. That morning she had prayed, **“Do with me as Thou wilt. Do anything that will fit me to serve Thee and help my beloveds.”**

From this accident she developed a deeper fellowship with God and **“learned to accept the unexplainable ... the delays, the disappointments and reverses.”**

# Consecration is consistent with its convictions

Liddell had trained for the 100 meters race but refused to run when it was held on Sunday.

Eric Liddell



# Consecration “surrenders” life even at a young age

Still in a Chinese concentration camp but dying with a brain tumor at age 43, when seized with pain, choking and coughing Liddell said to a friend cradling his head:

“Annie, It’s complete  
surrender.”



Eric Liddell



David  
Livingstone

People talk of the sacrifice I have made  
in spending so much of my life in  
Africa... Is that a sacrifice which brings  
its own blest reward in healthful  
activity, the consciousness of doing  
good, peace of mind, and a bright  
hope of a glorious destiny hereafter?  
Away with the word in such a view,  
and with such a thought!

Consecration  
considers  
missionary life  
a privilege

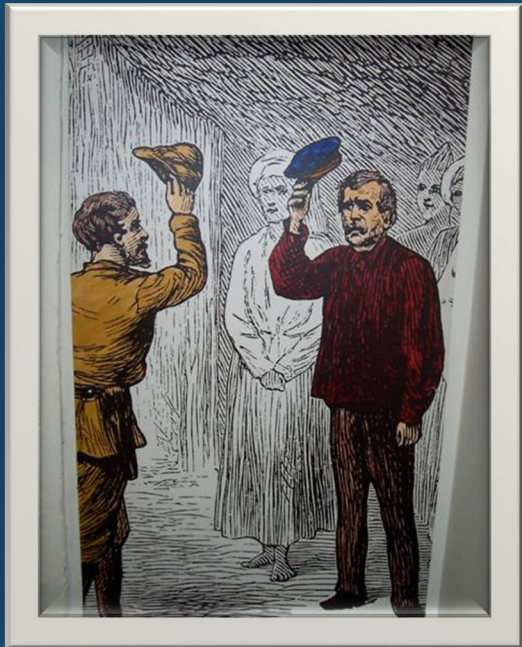


David  
Livingstone

**It is emphatically  
no sacrifice.**

**Say rather  
it is a privilege.**

**Consecration  
is observable  
up close**



**Journalist Henry Stanley  
found Livingstone and  
then traveled and lived  
with him for 5 months,  
seeing him daily for what  
he was really like.**

**“Dr. Livingstone  
I presume.”**

**Consecration  
does not make  
one a gifted  
speaker**



**David Livingstone**

“I am a very poor preacher, having a bad delivery, and some of them said if I was to preach again they would not enter the chapel.”

Consecration is  
impatient with  
wasted spiritual  
privilege



Mary Slessor

*Oh Britain, surfeited with  
privilege! Tired of Sabbath and  
Church, would that you could  
send over to us what you are  
throwing away!  
If we had a praying people we  
would have a missionary Church  
and a victorious Church.*

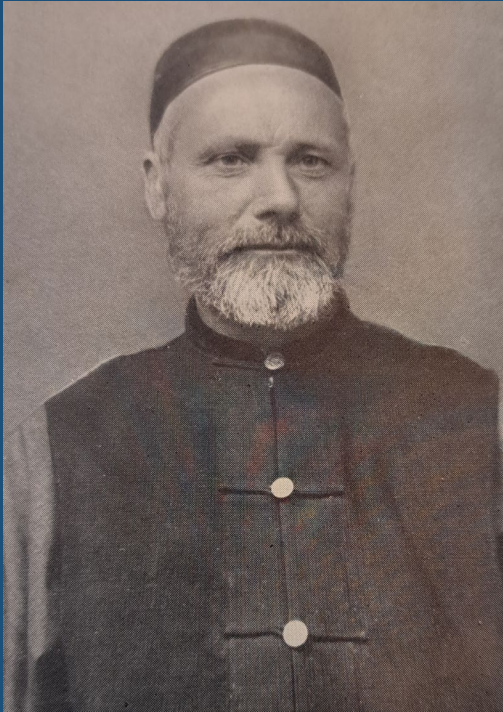
Consecration  
learns trust from  
passing through  
dark valleys and  
deep waters



Mary Slessor

I have passed through deeper waters and darker valleys than you are aware of. **But down there I learned to *trust him*.** I feel humbled at your opinion of me, for before God I feel that it is so different from true.

**Consecration  
deals prayerfully  
with the painful  
question of slow  
results**



**James Gilmour**

“Then (when he would go back to China from Mongolia) the Chinese would ask, ‘How many people have believed and entered the religion since you left Peking?’ and such questions kept before my mind painfully how slowly things move, and drew out my soul in more painful longing for God's blessing in the conversion of men.”

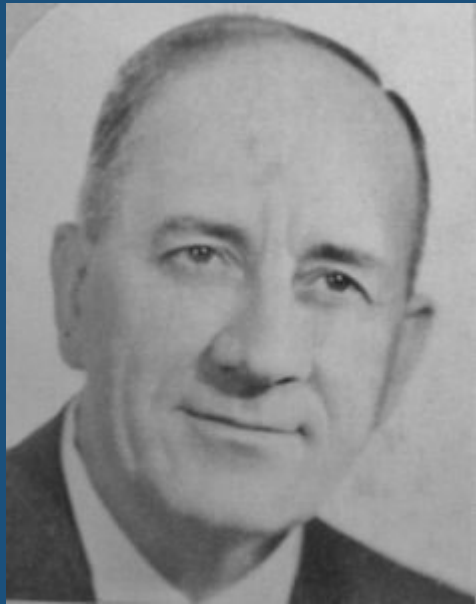


**Consecration  
sees gospel  
responsibility  
in relation to  
gospel  
opportunity  
and need**

How he longed, too, for more workers in the Mission field! Many a time he would say, after a walk through Hamilton on a Saturday evening: 'Just think! In a little town like this there are men preaching at every other street corner, and I am alone in all of those hundreds of square miles in Mongolia! What you people are thinking of I cannot imagine!'

**James Gilmour**

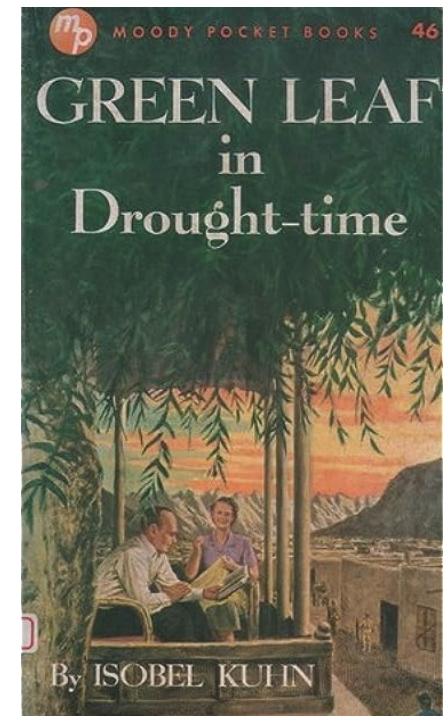
Consecration enables  
the missionary to go  
beyond submission  
to  
embracing the trial



Arthur (& Wilda)  
Matthews

“The Lord shall satisfy thy  
soul in drought” Is. 58:11

*We came to see that God  
wanted us to will with Him  
to stay put; not to desire to  
run away as quickly as we  
could persuade Him to let  
us.*

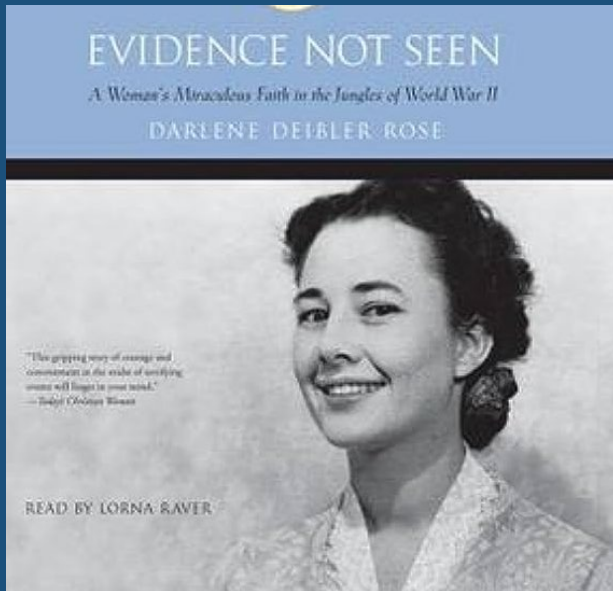


**The yoke is** light (easy)  
**only as it is taken,**  
**and not as it is suffered.**

Arthur Kuhn in *Green Leaf in Drought*



**Consecration leads to  
a love for the people  
and burden for their  
spiritual needs that  
overcomes  
homesickness**



**Darlene Deibler Rose**

I never walk alone for He is with me. I have spent months alone up in the jungle of New Guinea with my people. I've never in 42 years known what it was to be homesick. I love those people. So when you go home, would you remember that out there there are still areas where nobody has ever gone with the gospel message of Jesus Christ.



Consecration  
requires “being  
all there” in  
every situation



Jim Elliot

*“Wherever you are, be all there. Live to the hilt every situation you believe to be the will of God.”*

Consecration  
knows well its  
limitations but  
does not give up



Elisabeth Elliot

*“How well I know my  
limitations, but let it not  
be an excuse for throwing  
in the sponge.”*

Consecration  
 prospers  
 among those  
 zealous for  
 the Lamb



ZINZENDORF EXPLAINS TO THE YOUNG  
GEORG HIS MISSION TO THE CAPE

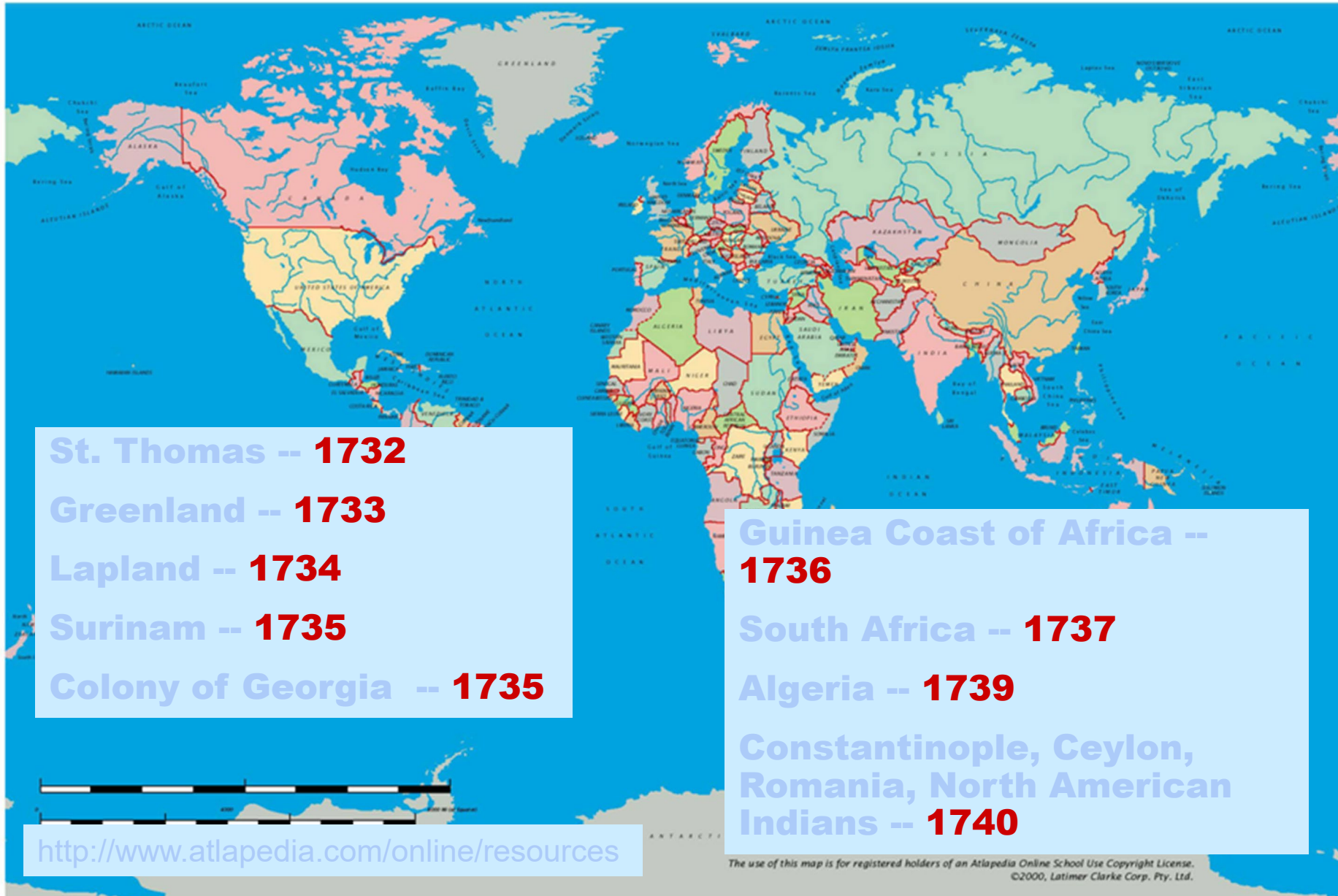
“Our Lamb has conquered; let us follow Him.”



Moravians' Slogan



# Early Moravian Mission Fields



O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of thy name.

*-- Charles Wesley*

Consecration of the poetic gift

