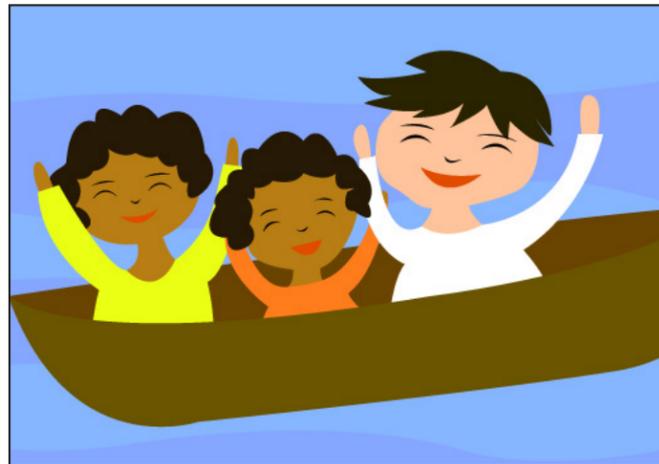


The Big Father Creator and the Word of God



In the village of Hauna in Papua New Guinea, there lives a tribe called the Sepik Iwam. Since a long, long time ago, they had believed that there was a creator of the heavens and earth, the stars and the sun; but they did not know who this creator really was. The Sepik Iwam also believed their creator had a great 'super power.'

Unfortunately, the Sepik Iwam had no written language, and they were not able to know and learn about God because they had no Bible in their own language. A missionary by the name of Marilyn Laszlo found out about the Sepik Iwam, and was determined to bring the Word of God to them. Marilyn went to the village of the Sepik Iwam and

decided to live amongst them.

Marilyn learned the language of the Sepik Iwam, and became close friends with the villagers. She told the children exciting stories from the Bible, and every day the children listened to the story of the Big Father Creator who had created the heavens and earth, the stars and the sun, and learned more about Him. The children came to believe in God.

The children cried, "We wish to hear more amazing stories of the Bible." As they clung to her in anticipation, Marilyn replied, "There are many more stories about the

Big Father Creator in the Bible. I will do my best to help you read the Bible." Marilyn taught the people of Hauna how to write, and began to translate the Bible into the language of the Sepik Iwam. (To translate, or translation, is to change other languages into your own, and can also be changing your own words and writings into other languages.) When a Bible is made for the Sepik Iwam, the people who cannot come to meet Marilyn from far away can also know and read about the awesome powers of God.

One day, Marilyn rode a motor boat with some of the children to bring back some supplies to the village; the main base had sent her a plane full of supplies and she needed to go to where the plane had landed to fetch it. The place where the plane had landed was very far, and needed a total of nine tanks of oil for the motor boat. Going down the river needed four tanks, and when coming back up the river they were to go against the water flow, and so they needed one more, five tanks of oil. The children only packed eight tanks of oil, and 40 miles (64 kilometers) away from the village, in the middle of the river, the boat came to a stop. All of the oil in the tank was used up! Marilyn became very angry and could not think of what to do. She asked the children why they had not done as she had told them.

As they were being scolded, the children told Marilyn not to be angered and to instead, pray to the Big Father Creator. "God knows everything. He will know that because our motor has stopped in the middle of the river that we

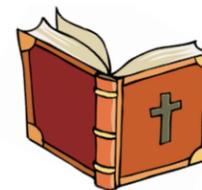
are in trouble. God is the Creator of everything. He made the sky's sun, moon, and stars, yet not one of them has fallen from the sky. That is an awesome super power, so all we need is God, because God listens if we pray." They children said this and placed their hands on the motor and began to pray.

The prayer was finished and the children pulled on the rope for the motor. Miraculously, the motor started again! There was not a single drop of oil inside. The boat went the rest of the 40 miles with no trouble whatsoever, and Marilyn and the children arrived safely at the village. God had indeed heard the prayers of the Sepik Iwam children of the Hauna village, who truly believed that God was the Creator of all, and all that they ever needed. Marilyn and the children were tremendously happy to be back home. They were also very thankful to have a Bible telling them all about the Big Father Creator.

Like the people of Hauna, there are many others in this world who do not know about God and His super powers, because they have no Bible in their own language. If all of those people had a Bible written in their language, many more people would know about the God's awesome powers and be very happy!

God hears all prayers of those who truly believe and pray. Let us pray together for the tribes who do not have the Word of God, and for many more Bibles to be translated. Let us also pray for many more missionaries to be sent to translate the Bible and to spread the story of God, so that like the Hauna people, others can also become

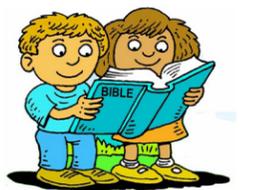
Let's read the Bible



Genesis 1:24-31
2:15-25
3:8-19

We consider together

By what did God create the world?



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