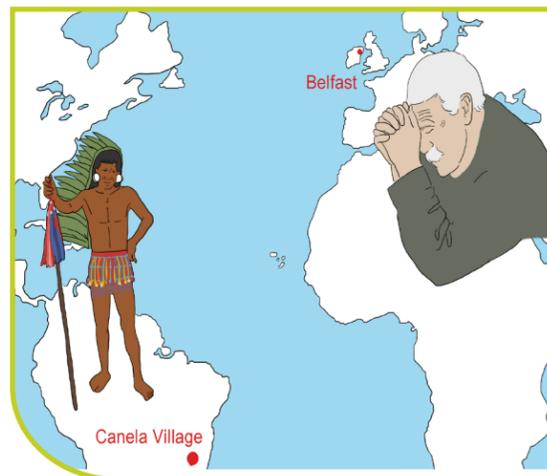
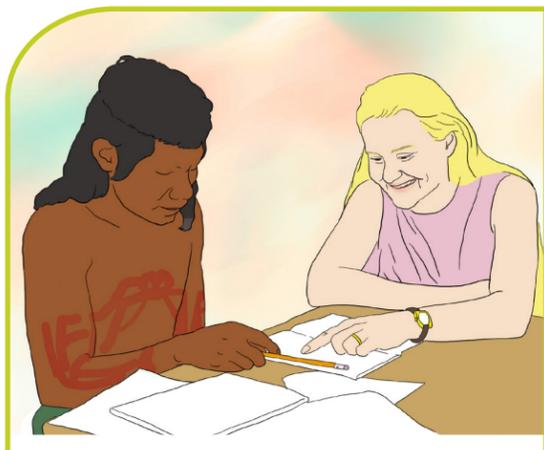


Preparing for the *Path of a King*



Let's read the Bible

Psalm 6:1-11
Isaiah 6:1-13
40:1-11

We consider together

Papa God, thank you for listen to the heart and prayer of such a little child like me. Please let the children of the Bibleless people groups how good Abba, Father You are.



"Move out of the way~ The King is coming!!"

A king does not move alone. When a king is travelling to another city, there is always a messenger who goes ahead of the king and tells the people that the king is coming. The messenger tells the people to prepare for the king's arrival, and the people then busy themselves in readying the way for the king. Paths are made for the king to walk on, and the people bow their heads in respect to the king as he arrives.

Israel's prophet, Isaiah, has told us that the true King of kings we need to welcome is God (Isaiah 40:3-5), and in the New Testament it is written that Baptist John is the messenger sent ahead of the Lord to prepare the way of His coming. John preached to the people that the Lord was coming, and to prepare for him with a clean heart. And soon after, Jesus arrived on this earth. He then died on the cross for our sins, and was resurrected from death. Like the Baptist John, there are many others who proclaim the coming of Christ. These are the missionaries who go to Bibleless places to spread the Word of God. Missionaries experience many difficulties, because the people they go to have neverprepared the pathway for the arrival of a king. They have never even heard of the coming of a king.

Jack and Jo Popjes were missionaries who helped translate the Bible for the Canela tribe. Strangely enough, they had no difficulties during the translations. Becoming friends with the tribe and translating the Bible were like driving on a well-paved highway. The Popjes were curious as to why their ministry was working out so well. But one day, they received a letter from a faraway place. It was from Belfast,

Ireland.

The writer of the letter had come to Brazil as a missionary a long time ago. He had, by chance, come upon the Canela village and its people, but could not find the courage to come close after seeing their frightening weapons, and ended up hiding from the tribe. The missionary was very upset about his own actions, and began to pray for the Canela tribe. He kept praying even after returning to Ireland, and this had continued for sixty-two years. The Popjes couple counted the years, and found that the missionary had started praying ten years before they were even born! After forty years of prayer, Jack and Jo Popjes had arrived at the Canela village when they were thirty. The missionary then prayed for twenty-two years after this, and that was when the Bible translation of the Canela language had been finished. After sixty-two years of praying, the Lord took him Home, and what great riches must have awaited him!

"Jo and I spent twenty-two years of our lives talking to the Canela about God. The Irishman from Belfast spent sixty-two years of his life talking to God about the Canela. Both activities were needed for the Canela to receive God's Word in their language. Now God can speak to the Canela about Himself directly from His Word."

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God is the King of the heavens and earth, but He listens to His children pray, and He responds appropriately to their prayers with a great joy in his heart. Let us prepare the way for God, and pray for language groups who are still without the Bible.

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