



Hello boys and girls!

This is just for you. Your own magazine.

We want to take you with us on great journeys to different countries around the world and see what amazing things our big God is doing through people who decided to do great things for Him.

On the following pages you will find exciting stories, riddles, quizzes, craft ideas and many more things.

We hope you will enjoy it!

MISSIONARY STORY

Angel of the Amazon - Part 5

The story of Dr. Bill Woods, OBE

Do you remember how God had given Bill a great concern to help the leprosy patients of Brazil?

Do you remember how he had taken short courses in London to help him understand more about leprosy?

When he returned to Brazil, he put the things he had learned into practice by helping leprosy patients in the town of Canutama and in the villages along the river.

One day a 10-year-old boy was brought to Bill's house. He had been bitten by a snake, was very ill and was in a lot of pain. Bill helped him as best as he could, but he had only limited medicines and knowledge. Then a wonderful thing happened.



A plane landed on the river nearby. It was heading for Manaus, a large city, three hours flying time away. Bill ran quickly down to the river and asked the pilot if he could take the boy and his father with him to the hospital in Manaus.

That very day the boy was able to get surgery that saved his life. But his leg was so badly injured that the doctors decided to take it off. Life with just one leg is very difficult for anybody, but living in the jungle, it would be impossible to get around and to work.

Bill decided to take care of the young boy. He gave him an education and later took him to the city of Rio de Janeiro and have him fitted with an artificial leg.

During this time, Bill still felt that there was more that he could do. Maybe even more medical training? Even becoming a doctor? But wouldn't it be too hard for him to study medicine in university? God worked on Bill's heart. In the Bible we read "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God." (Luke 18:27) God has a plan for you and your life and He will not only lead you and guide you, but He will also help you to do things that you might think are impossible to do. God promises to never leave us. He will help us through many hard times, even through challenges that seem impossible.

God had helped Bill all this way and do you think He would now leave him alone?

No, God was there with him every step of the way.

So at last Bill decided to apply for a place at university in Brazil.

This was not an easy decision. He would have to study very, very hard and all that even in a different language. However God made it all possible for him and soon he got a place at the university in Manaus, where he studied and worked for the next seven years. These years were difficult years but God was faithful and never left his side and helped him to make the impossible possible.

One day, Bill heard of special shoes which were being made for patients with leprosy. Remember from the last time, that leprosy is an illness that takes away feeling from hands and feet. Of course this can be very dangerous. Patients can injure themselves very badly and not feel any pain. Now these special shoes would protect damaged feet and help patients to walk easier.

So Bill and his friend Francisco went to find out more about these shoes from American nurses. Francisco was even able to travel to America and learn how to make and fit these special shoes.



When he returned, Bill was able to set up a little workshop and consulting room where leprosy patients could be fitted with these shoes.

He was even able to open up more workshops in several other cities and train people to make these shoes.

But Bill did not only fit these shoes, he also used the time to talk to the patients about his wonderful God and his Saviour Jesus, who can not only heal them from leprosy but can save their souls.

Then in 1974 he graduated as a doctor and would you believe it, he was top of his class!



All the students stood up to cheer him! Can you imagine how thrilled he must have been and how he thanked God for making the impossible possible.

Bill left the same day of his graduation and started another two years of training in a hospital. He wanted to learn more about eye surgery, so that he would be able to help blind leprosy patients to see again. But he didn't stop there. After this he went back to Northern Ireland to receive further training in the Royal Victoria Hospital, followed by a month studying in Dublin and more courses in New York. He even went as far as India to learn more about surgery to help leprosy patients.

Bill had to trust God just as much in these travels and studies, as he did in the jungle. God was with him. God helped him. God cannot fail.

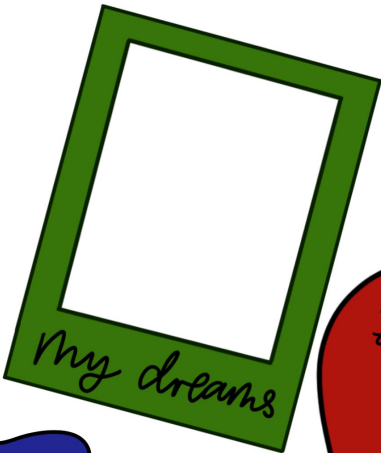
And so back in Brazil, the big question now for Bill was: Where and how could he serve God best with his medical and specialist training? So many people needed help, but where should he start? How could he possibly decide where to go? Bill's priority was always to know and to do what God wanted. That was really the most important thing in his life. God promises that if we trust Him, He will show us what to do. Even if the situation and decision seems impossible. With God it is possible. So Bill prayed and God guided him and gave him a very important job.

Where and What?
Well, you will have to wait for that until the next time...

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HOW TO PRAY

Bill always prayed that God would guide him and show him what he should do. You too can pray to God and always tell Him what is on your mind. But sometimes it is hard to sort all the thoughts in our head. Maybe this little page can help you to know what to pray. You can pray for the people in your life, your friends and your family. Tell God your worries and dreams for the future and also what you are thankful for.



Did you know?

All about the Amazon River "Rio Amazonas"



Just outside the city of Manaus the Amazon meets the River Negro (Black River). This is called "O encontro das águas" - The meeting of the waters. It seems that they don't mix and flow side by side for more than 30 miles. The Amazon carries a lot of sand and mud which gives it this orange, brown colour.



Along the river you can find many small communities that are only possible to access via boat. There is not one single bridge that crosses the river. Most of the river runs through the remote Amazon Rainforest and there are not a lot of roads in the forest but the river is almost like a motorway for the people who live there. Even large ocean boats are able to travel on the river as far as the important port city of Manaus, which is 900 miles upriver from the Atlantic.

The Amazon River is full of life. Over 2,000 species of fish but also some dangerous snakes live in there. A very special inhabitant is the Pink River Dolphin. It gets its name from, you will not believe it, their pink skin. These dolphins are known as the most intelligent of all the freshwater dolphin species. They are very friendly and like to swim with humans.



There are many indigenous people that live along the Amazon River, even deep into the Rainforest. There are about 400 tribes of people that live around the Amazon River. Some of them, like the Yanomamo and Kayapo tribe, do not have any contact to the outside world and many of them never heard about God.

Most of the Amazon River flows through Peru and Brazil but it also forms part of the border between Colombia and Peru. You can find many smaller towns and villages along the Amazon River. The city of Manaus in Brazil is one of the biggest port cities along the river. This is where Dr. Bill Woods went to university.





Please let an adult help you with this

Brazilian Rabanadas



Recipe from <https://www.shadesofblueinteriors.com>

You need

- 1 loaf of french bread - Baguette
- 2 cups milk
- 1 can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 tbsp. vanilla extract
- 5 eggs
- 1 tbsp. vegetable or canola oil
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 1/2 tbsp. cinnamon

1. Place medium-sized frying pan on stove and heat to medium-low heat and add the tablespoon of oil. While it is warming up, cut the bread into thick slices and set aside.
 2. In a medium bowl mix the milk, sweetened condensed milk, and vanilla with a whisk until combined.
 3. In small bowl, whisk the eggs together with the teaspoon of cinnamon.
 4. In another medium bowl, mix the sugar with the cinnamon until cinnamon is evenly distributed.
 5. Push a slice of bread into the milk mixture so that it is completely submerged for 10-15 seconds. Lift it out of the milk mixture and gently shake it so the majority of the milk drips off. Turn the slice over in the egg mixture a couple times so it is completely coated and immediately place it in the frying pan.
 6. Let both sides brown for a few minutes. After both sides are cooked on the slices, remove and place them on a plate with a paper towel on top. This will absorb any oil residue. After a few minutes to cool, place each slice in the cinnamon sugar mix and flip so both sides are generously coated.
- Serve immediately.

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The Amazon green anaconda

You need

- A4 Paper: 2 yellow, 2 green, and 1 red (for the tongue)
- Scissors
- Glue Stick
- Googly Eyes (but you can also just draw them on)

◆ Hold the A4 Papers (yellow and green) landscape-oriented and fold them into four parts. If you now cut along the folds you will get 4 even strips.

◆ Now make a paper chain by first making one complete circle. Use the glue to hold the ends together.

◆ Next, thread another strip of paper through the first circle, and glue the ends shut. Repeat until finished.

◆ Try to use the yellow and green strips to create a pattern.

◆ Glue on the googly eyes - or just draw them on

◆ Cut out a tongue from the red paper and glue it down.

... and you are done! Your own amazon green anaconda!



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