



My Testimony:

I was born in Kansas into a loving family of ten children of which I am number five. I was a very shy, timid person. My mother sent us to Sunday school when there was one near our home. In 1941 our family moved to Washington State.

The first Sunday we were here a family stopped by where we were staying and invited us to go to Sunday school with them which I did. The mother in this family became the instrument God used in my life to bring me to Himself at Bible Camp when I was 15 years old. I continued to attend a rural Sunday school with the Hockett family and eventually we began to attend the youth and evening services at the Community Bible Church in Concrete, WA. God used the messages at the church to help me grow spiritually and to understand His world-wide plan for spreading the Gospel message as stated in Matthew 28:18-20. I memorized these verses as well as those in Matthew 9:37& 38. My heart was burdened for the need of more workers to take the Good News from God to those who did not know Christ as their Savior.

Each summer I went to Bible Camp and it was there that I made a decision to live for Christ. Also my third time at camp I gave a testimony at the campfire service concerning the prayer burden I had for spiritual harvesters to work in God's harvest field. The leader of the camp said: "June perhaps God wants you to answer your own prayers." God used his statement to start me thinking about being a missionary. My call to be a missionary was confirmed and my place of service made clear to me through a missionary presentation of the work in French Equatorial Africa. In my inner being I knew God wanted me to go there to teach His Word..

God led me to go to the Practical Bible Training School in Binghamton, New York where I received excellent Bible training. It also taught me to get along without my family and depend on God. Then God directed me to take nurse's training here in Everett and brought me to Calvary Baptist Church

I Thessalonians 5:24 became a foundational verse for me as I apprehensively went through the changes God was making in my life. It was not easy to step out by faith and do what God was directing me to do But His promises became my support as I learned to do new things and go to new places. Saying good-bye and getting on the train here in Everett to begin my journey to Africa was one of the hardest times but God was there for me.

I am able to stand here today because of what God has done in my life. He took a shy, timid unsaved teenager and changed her into someone who can serve Him wherever He directs. I still have problems in meeting new people and going to new places but I know God is there to help me if I let Him do so. When I fail to do what I know I should do, He forgives me when I confess my sin and gets me back on track to obey His will. What a wonderful life it is to walk with God and let Him carry out His will through us! These verses in Ephesians say it all: "For by grace are you saved through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:8-10

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