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Issue 12: Lott Cary—What Missionaries Do

What Does A Missionary Do?

Do missionaries go around preaching all day? Or at least preach sometime every day? Or do they do all sorts of things?

Lott Cary thought that when he was a missionary he would get to mostly preach. That is what he wanted to do, but that wasn't how things worked out, Read his story to find out all the things Lott Cary did as a missionary.

In John 20:21, Jesus said, "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." He also said that He "...did not come to be served, but to serve ..." (Mark 10:45)

Think about ways a missionary can serve Jesus by serving people.



Born 1780, died 1828

Lott Cary First African-American Missionary

Before Lott Cary sailed for Africa in 1821, he said, "I am an African...I feel bound to labor for my suffering race. I am prepared to meet imprisonment or even death in carrying out the purpose of my heart." He longed to preach the gospel to his people.

RISING ABOVE LIMITATIONS

Lott Cary's life did not begin well. He was born a slave in America , over 200 years ago, in 1780. As a boy in Richmond,

Virginia, Cary had a reputation for cussing, drinking beer and fighting. But one day when he was 27 years old, he heard a preacher talk about John 3 where Jesus told Nicodemus, "You must be born again." Lott became a Christian that day.

Cary, who couldn't read, wanted so much to study John Chapter 3 that he bought a Bible and using that chapter, taught himself to read.

After Cary accepted Jesus as Lord, people noticed a big change in his actions. He worked harder and more wisely at any job he was assigned.

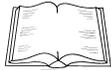
His hard work earned things other slaves couldn't have. Learning to read was one. Earning money at his job was another. In 1813, when Lott Cary was 33, he saved \$850, a lot of money then, and bought freedom for himself and his family. He also became a skilled preacher.

To his great joy, the First African Baptist Church of Richmond, Virginia, trusted him to be an assistant pastor. At last, he got to preach about Jesus.

During the next few years, interest grew in sending missionaries to Africa. Cary and William Crane, his teacher, formed the Richmond African

Baptist Missionary Society, with that purpose in mind.

In 1817 the American Colonization Society (ACS) chose Lott Cary and another Richmond free black as missionaries to Liberia. This was a new colony on the west coast of Africa for American slaves who had bought their freedom or had been freed another way. Cary could hardly wait to preach to the people in Liberia about Jesus, their hope. But he did not know how easily Africa would sidetrack his plan to preach.



"Lott Cary used John chapter three to teach himself to read."

IMMEDIATE AID

When Cary went to Liberia, he found many things that needed to be done right away. New settlers were often ill from their long journey on a ship. No doctor lived in the new colony. For several years, Cary used what little he knew about medicine to treat the sick.

SETTLING IN

Another job that kept Cary from preaching was helping the new settlers learn how to make a living there. He helped them get off the ships and onto their lands, and to build a house for their families before the rains

The Great Commission

Jesus told us to "M_____d _____ of all nations..."
MATTHEW 28:19



Some nations won't let us in their country if we don't help them with things like medicine, small business training, education, agriculture or other services they need. As missionaries do these jobs, they tell people about Jesus, start churches and train disciples of the Lord.

The Bible tells us what our attitude should be as we do these or any other job. Look up Colossians 3:23-24 and fill in the blanks:



"W_____ you do, work at it with a _____ your h_____, as working for the L_____, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the L_____ as a reward. It is the L_____ C_____ you are serving."

That sounds a lot like Ecclesiastes 9:10, "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might..."

Think About It

Sometimes, for a little while, a missionary has to do something that isn't very fun. It helps to remember it is really Jesus they are serving. Do you need some practice doing that when you are asked

to do something you don't want to do? Remember Who you are really doing it for! Write a prayer about that here.



Missionary Jobs

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THOSE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE JOBS MISSIONARIES CAN DO.
 CAN YOU THINK OF MORE? WRITE YOUR TOP 2 OR 3
 CHOICES OF WHAT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO DO.



came. He made sure they had food and tools to become self-supporting.

Cary also built the colony's first church and several schools.

DANGER FROM OUTSIDE

It was also Cary's job to protect the new colony from danger. People born in Liberia did not want the settlers to cross into their territory, and many bloody fights resulted. The settlers also faced risk of attack from slave-traders, who would gladly re-steal a freed slave.

DETOUR TO REVOLUTION

In 1823-24 Cary sided with the governor of Liberia who lead a revolt of settlers against Cary's boss, the American Colonization Society, about the way it gave settlers the land. The ACS punished Lott Cary by not letting him preach until he could convince them that he was sorry.

In August 1828, as the governor was dying, he asked the ACS to let Cary take his place as governor of Liberia. They agreed.

On November 8, 1828,

governor Cary was warned that slave-traders planned to attack. To get ready to defend the colony, Cary and a crew made ammunition. As they loaded gunpowder into cartridges, a candle tipped over. The flame set off an explosion that killed Cary and seven of his friends.

THE END?

In Liberia, Cary had been a counselor, doctor, church and school planter, pastor, protector, governor and many other things. Most of Cary's jobs were not preaching. Does that mean he did not accomplish his purpose? Was there some mistake about his mission?

No. His real job, and ours, is to show the truth about Jesus in all he did. In John 15:16 Jesus said, "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last."

Lott Cary's desire to preach was God's call to do God's work. The results of what Cary did, the fruits, still go on. ■

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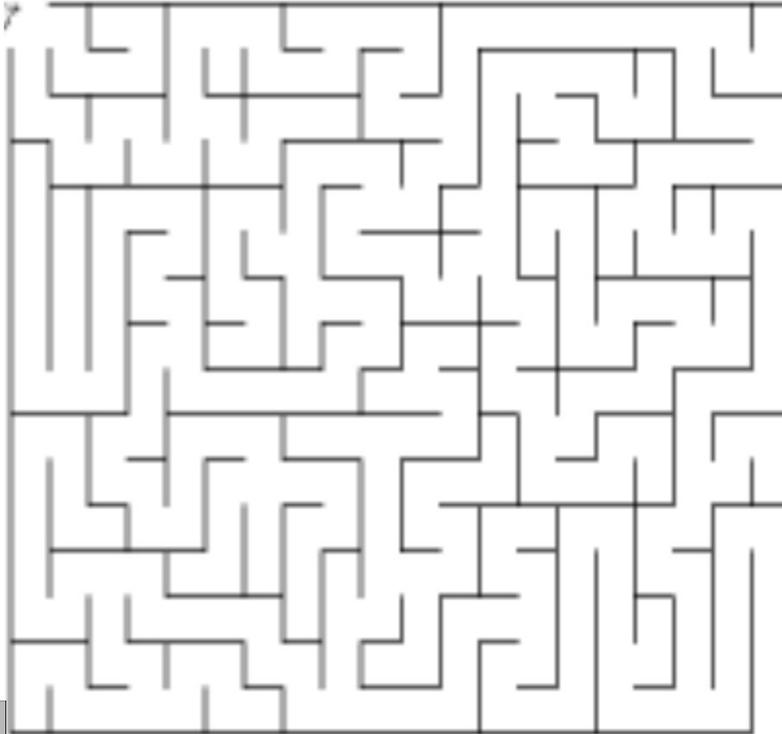
LOTT CARY'S
 BIRTH-PLACE
 IN CHARLES
 CITY COUNTY,
 VIRGINIA



Liberia's languages are English (official language) and some 20 tribal languages.



Help Lott Cary Get To Africa



It was Captain Isaac Ross, whose plantation was in Lorman, Mississippi, who first freed his slaves and arranged for them to be sent to Africa, where they established the country of Liberia. Not long ago, representatives of Liberia visited Lorman, MS, and placed a stone at the Captain's gravesite in honor of his kindness.



The Pygmy Hippopotamus

Range: Small: Liberia and Ivory Coast, with a few found in Sierra Leone and Guinea
Length: 4.9 to 5.7 feet (1.5 to 1.75 meters)
Height: 30 to 39 inches (75 to 100 centimeters)
Weight: 350 to 600 pounds (160 to 270 kilograms)
Life span: 35 years



In 1817, Lott Cary went to Liberia, Africa, to tell the colonists, who were freed American slaves, about Jesus.



Liberia is about the same size as the state of Tennessee.