

KidsPrint



Mary Mitchell Slessor

A long time ago

(more than 150 years), Mary Mitchell Slessor was born in Scotland. She had a good mom who taught her a lot about the Bible. Her father, however, had some problems and he didn't care very much about his family. So Mary's mother didn't have enough money to feed and take care of her seven children.

That meant that when Mary was just a young girl (some people think she was only 11), she had to start working in the town factory. She worked 10 hours a day so the family had enough to eat. Can you imagine still being a kid and having to go to work everyday?

Mary trusted Christ as Savior when she was young and she loved going to church. That was the one time during the week when life didn't seem so hard.

Mary worked in the factory until she was 28 years old and her brothers and sisters were old enough to care for themselves. Then she followed her dream and joined a mission and headed for Calabar, which is in western Africa. At first she taught

school, but the more she heard about little babies that weren't treated right, the more she wanted to care for them.

Because of witchcraft and other bad beliefs, people would sometimes kill the babies and stop talking to the babies' mothers because they thought the babies brought them bad luck. Sometimes the people would throw the babies into the forest. This was very sad and shows

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what sin can do to people. Mary cared about these babies and their mothers. She wanted them to know about God’s love and how much He cared for the mothers and for the little babies.

Mary prayed and asked God to help her rescue the babies. The people didn’t like that Mary was rescuing the babies that they wanted to kill. But God helped her and she was able to save many of the babies. She helped their mothers learn what they needed to know to care for their children.

After awhile, Mary did something that showed even more courage. She went to another area called Okoyong. It was further inland, far from any town. Many missionaries had tried to go there and tell the people about God, but the Okoyong people told them to get out. But God helped Mary, and for 15 years she lived with the Okoyong people. She taught them about God, nursed them when they were sick and helped them when they had fights with each other. Even though Okoyong had no pastor, more and more people came to know Christ as Savior. Mary spent 40 years working in Africa.

Mary cared about the babies and the grown-ups too. She had known from the time she was a little girl that she wanted to tell people in Africa about Jesus – and that’s just what she did.



The Scottish people respected her so much that they put her picture on a ten pound note – like the pictures of famous people we have on our paper money.



INTERESTING FACTS

- Cairo, Egypt is the largest city in Africa.
- Cheetahs (an African animal) can run up to 70 mph (113 kph)! That’s faster than speed limits on some highways!
- Half of the people in Africa are under the age of 15.
- The Sahara desert is bigger than the continental United States!

Ha! Ha! Ha!

Why did the spider buy a car?
So he could take it out for a spin!

Where do ants go for their holidays?
Frants!

What do you get if you cross a crocodile with a flower?
I don't know, but I'm not going to smell it!

What do you call an elephant at the North Pole?
Lost!

What is a mosquito's favorite sport?
Skin-diving!

Who doesn't love a good word search? Look out though – the words can be forwards, backwards or diagonal and some of the letters of the words might be shared with other words! Have fun!

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 Y B W Y U O A I H X U C R U W V
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 P O D O I Z O T B N Y O N Y S D
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Africa

Brain Drain

Gospel

Missionary

Slessor

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Babies

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March

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CELEBRATE UNIQUE MARCH HOLIDAYS

National Craft Month

National Nutrition Month

- 2nd — Old Stuff Day
- 3rd — National Anthem Day
- 6th — Dentist's Day
- 10th — Middle Name Pride Day
- 12th — Plant a Flower Day
- 13th — Popcorn Lovers Day
- 19th — Poultry Day
- 25th — Pecan Day

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