



Winter 2022 Newsletter



Here at the Elisabeth Elliot Foundation, we wish you a New Year filled with hope in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Elisabeth's passion for missions and her skills in linguistics led her to the work of Bible translation. Through adventure and hardship, she pursued the unreached indigenous of South America that they might know Jesus Christ. She is well known for her time in Ecuador, where she served alongside her husband Jim Elliot before his tragic death.

This month, we remember the anniversary of the passing of Jim Elliot and his four fellow missionaries through heaven's "gates of splendor." Jim, Pete Fleming, Nate Saint, Roger Youderian, and Ed McCully left a legacy of faith, courage, and love. Their sacrifice for the gospel's sake has touched millions.

January 8th, 1956 left an indelible mark on Elisabeth's life and ministry. God used Elisabeth to tell both the missionaries' story, and her own story of grief, servanthood, and hope. As she faithfully sought God in her trial, she shepherded other Christians through grief, and she fervently continued to direct others to the mission field so that more would know of the refuge they have in Jesus. This motivated an entire generation to walk the paths of Jim, Pete, Roger, Nate, and Ed.

We thank God for Elisabeth's obedience and the hope of the gospel that she faithfully proclaimed. Whatever you face this year, may God grant you a confidence and a comfort in all things through Jesus Christ. Through Him, God is "making all things new... (Revelation 21:5) and is preparing us for a day that we might stand alongside people of every nation, tribe, people, and tongue to praise the name of Jesus Christ.

"My times are in Thy hands." (Psalm 31:15) That is where I want them to be, Father. May I rest in the sure knowledge that my hours and days are safely kept.

~ Excerpt from EE Newsletter, Sept/Oct 1995 ~

News & Updates

2022 brings lots of excitement for the publishers of Elisabeth's materials! We are thrilled to share a glimpse into these new year endeavors!

Many of Elisabeth's titles are in the works to be published in other languages: **Dutch, Romanian, Indonesian, Polish, Korean, Chinese and Spanish.** And the last

Baker/Revell is refreshing, repackaging, and republishing Elisabeth's *Keep a Quiet Heart* in April and *On Asking God Why* in September.

Contracts with Dayspring have just been signed to launch Elisabeth's perpetual calendar, *A Heart for God*, a boxed set of cards with quotes, and a never before published 31-day devotional *Heart of God*. Stay tuned for more details on their release!

We are praying with Tyndale publishers about new prospects for *Through Gates of Splendor*.

chapter of *Through Gates of Splendor* is to be included in a UK published anthology within the year!

This summer, Jim & Elisabeth's daughter, Valerie Elliot Shepard, will be republishing a new edition of her 2012 *Pilipinto* with P&R Publishing.

We have grateful hearts as we reflect on 2021. God has blessed us immensely with our Board & Staff here at the Elisabeth Elliot Foundation. These team members serve in countless ways to prayerfully preserve, protect, and share this incredible legacy that God has called us to steward. It has been a joy and privilege for us all! Many heartfelt thanks to the entire team.

Teachings of the Season

A Heart for the Nations

"... Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." ~ Matthew 28:19-20

- *Through Gates of Splendor*- The true story of the five young missionaries who were killed while trying to establish communication with the Waodani Indians of Ecuador. The story is told through the eyes of Elisabeth.
- *Q&A: Missions Books and Background*- A "Gateway to Joy" talk in which

Elisabeth speaks about making decisions to go to the mission field.

- *Amy Carmichael, God's Missionary*- A newsletter from May 2002 in which Elisabeth shares lessons from the life of her own missionary hero, Amy Carmichael.



The Book



Gateway to Joy



Newsletter

Word from the Board

Dear Friends of the EEF,

January marks a sobering and bittersweet month here at the Foundation. Loss is palpable as we reflect on the memory of these five husbands, sons, fathers, brothers, and friends. The families of these five men would never be the same after their deaths, nor would the lives of the countless men, women, and children who heard their story. As they served to reach a people who had never before been told of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, they declared with their lives, like the prophet Isaiah, “Here am I, send me.” (Isaiah 6:8). They left the comforts of the Western world and poured their hearts into selflessly serving. Many who learned of their fearless example received a call from God to go and serve on the foreign mission field.

In the midst of the sorrow of grief, there is comfort and joy as time passes. A New Year begins again with generations who follow through the decades with hope, as more people are shown “the Way the Truth and the Life” through Jesus.

Across the globe, we now have the most incredible ability to communicate in so many ways as opposed to the sparse telephones, recordings, and radio waves of 1956. Today, the internet, social media, texting, Zoom, podcasts, FaceTime, speedy transportation, and instantaneous communication have given us the ability to reach millions with the stroke of a single key. And though we personally may not find ourselves on foreign soil or in a jungle setting as these missionary families did, God has uniquely placed each of us on a mission field of opportunity to share the good news of Jesus.

Will you join us this month by honoring the memory of these beloved men and women who have gone before us - and prayerfully seek opportunities to share the love of Jesus with someone in your mission field?

Happy New Year, Happy 2022, and Happy New Life in the Lord!
Grace & Peace

Kathy Reeg, President
The Elisabeth Elliot Foundation

Elisabeth quoted this hymn as she shared of Christ's heart for the nations in her book, "Secure in the Everlasting Arms," (pg 231).

I Cannot Tell

A Hymn by William Young Fullerton

I cannot tell why He, whom angels worship,
Should set His love upon the sons of men,
Or why, as Shepherd, He should seek the wand'ers,
To bring them back, they know not how or when.
But this I know, that He was born of Mary,
When Bethl'hem's manger was His only home,
And that He lived at Nazareth and labored,
And so the Savior, Savior of the world, is come.

I cannot tell how silently He suffered,
As with His peace He graced this place of tears,
Or how His heart upon the Cross was broken,
The crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, He heals the broken-hearted,

And stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
And lifts the burden from the heavy laden,
For yet the Savior, Savior of the world, is here.

I cannot tell how He will win the nations,
How He will claim His earthly heritage,
How satisfy the needs and aspirations
Of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see His glory,
And He shall reap the harvest He has sown,
And some glad day His sun shall shine in splendor
When He the Savior, Savior of the world, is known

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
When, at His bidding, every storm is stilled,
Or who can say how great the jubilation
When all the hearts of men with love are filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
And myriad, myriad human voices sing,
And earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer:
At last the Savior, Savior of the world, is King.

From the Scrapbook

The Call to the Waodani People

Photos by Elisabeth Elliot





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