

Insights

God's Vision for World Missions

**Explore Europe
and West Africa!**

**Learn About Kids in
Latin America and
the Muslim World**

**Take the Gospel to
Cindy Lin in Taiwan**



Welcome!

At Vision, we desire to see the world reached with the good news that Jesus commanded to preach in this generation. But in doing that we also want to prepare the next generation to be ready to take up the torch or pick up where the older generation left off. That is why we have created Insights magazine.

Are authors or contributors are spread around the globe. In this magazine, you will find activities stories, jokes, and games from missionaries around the world. Are authors are missionaries from China, India, South East Asia, Africa, Europe, Latin America, and North America.

What an exciting time we are going to have sat back and energy as we travel around the world and learn in a fun way.

To Dad
and Mom

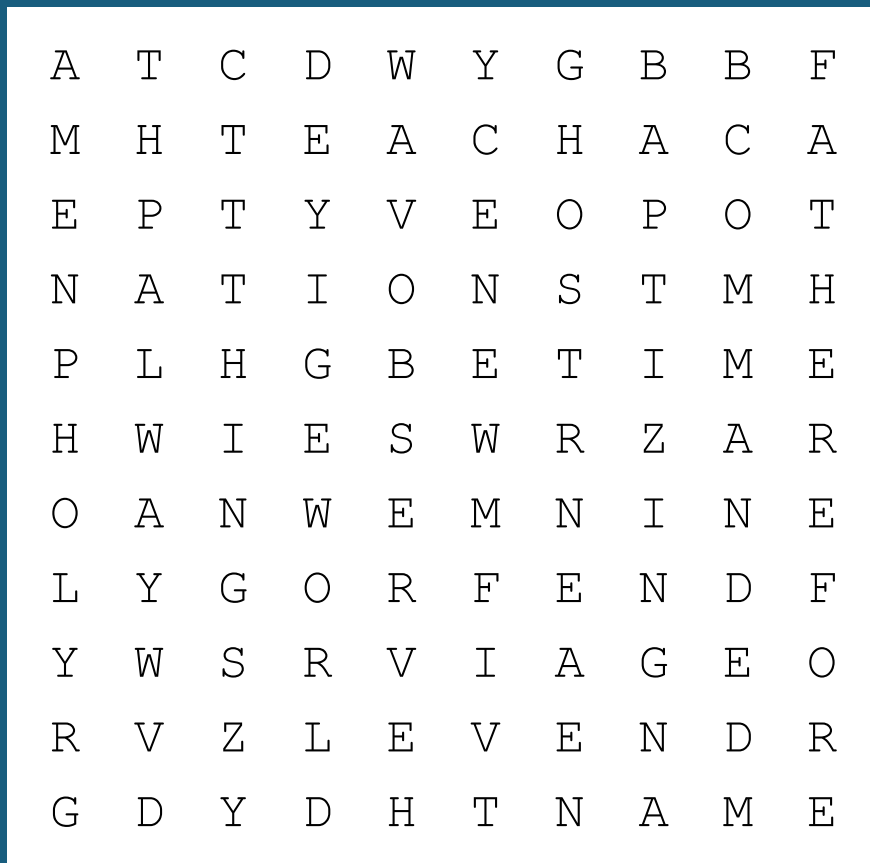
You know before you realize it your child will be a teenager. Then after you blink that teenager will be out of your house. Don't let it sink in too much. You still have today. We here at Vision want to help you as you train your child. We want to give you biblical truth that can be taught to your child. We want you and your kids to be World conscience. We want you to see what is going to go on all around the world.

I genuinely believe that you have the most critical job in all the world. Outside of being a husband or being a parent. You might be looking for suitable, sound biblical materials for the families God has given you to watch out. In these magazines you will find bits of help for the families of your church.

Dear
Pastor

The Great Commission Word Search

Find the **YELLOW** words from Matthew 28:19-20 in the puzzle below



Go ye **THEREFORE**, and **TEACH** all **NATIONS**, **BAPTIZING** them in the **NAME** of the **FATHER**, and of the Son, and of the **HOLY GHOST**: **TEACHING** them to **OBSERVE** all **THINGS** whatsoever I have **COMMANDED** you: and, lo, I am with you **ALWAY**, **EVEN** unto the end of the world. **AMEN**. (KJV)





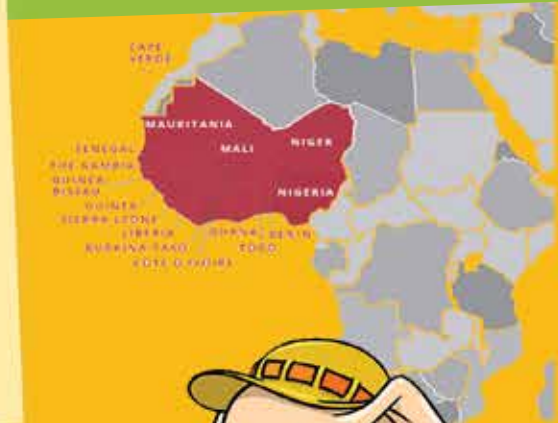
Explore West Africa

with Livingston the Elephant

Livingston the Elephant is about to take a trip to West Africa and he wants you to go with him! His goal is to learn as much as he can about these sixteen countries, so he can share it with future missionaries (like you!) as they prepare to preach the Gospel to the 380 million people that live there! He especially wants to learn about the children in West Africa. In fact, they are nearly as numerous as the adults! So let's look at the life of these children and see how we can make a difference in their lives through the power of the Gospel!

How do children in West Africa live?

They are just like you are, but the way they live is very different! Many of them live in villages, where they sleep in huts made out of mud and straw. They have to be careful during the rainy season, because many times the rain causes these mud houses to fall down! Most of them have a lot of brothers and sisters, so they have a lot of company when they are out in the fields working for most of the day. Few children are able to go to school. Those that are able to go to school often just have a notebook and copy everything from the blackboard.



What do children in West Africa eat?

Most of their meals consist of a base covered in a delicious sauce! The base usually consists of rice, noodles, potatoes, or a local specialty (such as tô or fufu). The sauce can be made out of anything, such as peanuts, onions, leaves, or tomatoes. Then they throw a little meat into the sauce, like beef, lamb, pork (for the non-muslims!), or fish. Sometimes, they get to eat special things, like grasshoppers, termites or even caterpillar sandwiches! They like their food extra spicy!



Fun with C.T. the Monkey!

Q: What snake is good at math?

A: The adder

Q: Why can you not play games in the Jungle?

A: It is full of cheetahs



Country Spotlight: Burkina Faso

Capital city: Ouagadougou

Population: 19,751,651

Population under the age of 15: 48%

Main religions: Islam and Animism (what is this? Wait until next time to find out!)



As you explore West Africa, you need to learn as much about the people living there as you can! Help Livingston collect the information you need:



Across:

1. The large desert that lies in the northern part of West Africa
4. The number of countries that form the area known as West Africa
8. The predominate religion in West Africa
9. The capital of Ghana

Down:

2. The ocean that borders West Africa
3. The official language of Benin
5. The most populous country in Africa
6. The capital of Burkina Faso
7. The longest river in West Africa



What do children in West Africa do for fun?

Just because the children have to work hard does not mean they don't like to have fun! Their favorite game to play is soccer (or football as they would call it). They sometimes have to improvise for the ball, using plastic bottles or rocks instead. Those that live near lakes love to swim, as long as they watch out for the crocodiles and hippopotamuses that live there. Because most children cannot afford to buy nice toys, they often make their own out of whatever old pieces of garbage they can find.



How do children in West Africa learn about Jesus?

Romans 10:17 says «So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.» These children learn about Jesus the same way you do: by hearing the word of God. But sadly, most children do not have the opportunity to hear God's word because there are few people there who know the truth and can share it with them. Many of these children do not even know who Jesus is! When they do hear the Gospel, God can do a great work in their lives. That is why it is so important that some of you go to West Africa to tell them about Jesus! Children that do go to Sunday school don't do it like you. They often just sit underneath a tree on large straw mats, listening with great attention to Bible stories they have never heard before. Sometimes, there will be special camps or VBS at the church and they can hear about God for several days in a row! Who will go to tell these children about Jesus Christ?



Japan Has 4 Major Islands



“Declare his praise in the islands.”
- Isaiah 42:12b

There is presently a land in great danger. The people there worship in shrines and pray to wood and stone idols for many occasions. The people do not go to church, and most of them have never been to church before.

With these few facts, you might imagine a country with straw huts - a place that is hard to get to. But this is not the case. Japan is a very advanced country and easy to get into. You can freely tell people about Jesus.

Most people in Japan live like people in America. Since they drive cars and ride trains, things might look like America. But there is a BIG difference. Most Japanese people will never hear about how they can be saved.



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Can you find these words?

HOKKAIDO

HONSHU

KYUSHU

SHIKOKU

SKYTREE

TOKYO

JAPAN

We see how modern Japan is when we look at the Tokyo Skytree. The Tokyo Skytree is a large communication tower that is one and a half times the size of the Empire State Building! You can even ride an elevator up to the top and see how far the city surrounds it. However, even though everyone in Japan knows about this big

tower, most people have never heard about the big God who created them and died for them. God wants people all over the world to declare His praise.

Even in the islands of Japan, God wants to be praised. Will you stop and think about what God might do through you to bring people in Japan to Jesus?

***“think about
what God
might do
through you”***

Explore Europe

WITH FLORENCE THE FOX

The United Kingdom

Divided by Language?

It has been said that America and Britain are two nations divided by a common language which means they each speak a different variety of English.

Can you match the words below?

| British WORD | American WORD |
|--------------|---------------|
| Pudding | Semi-truck |
| Trolley | Candy |
| Holiday | Soda Pop |
| Toilet | Cell phone |
| Sweeties | Shopping Cart |
| Crisps | Vacation |
| Fizzy drinks | Purse |
| Lorry | Chips |
| Mobile | Dessert |
| Handbag | Rest room |



My name is Florence the Fox and I love exploring Europe. My favourite place so far has been the UK because it has loads of interesting facts - you can read them in the 'Did you know?' boxes. I am one of the 683,000 foxes in the UK - that is one for every 300 people!



Children Walking to School



There are over 65 million people living in the UK and it is likely only 3% know Jesus as their Saviour! Please pray!

Did you know?

The United Kingdom is made up of 4 separate countries: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Did you know?

The national animal of Scotland is the mythical unicorn.

Did you know?

The United Kingdom is slightly smaller than the US State of Michigan.

COLOR IT IN



- LONDON -

Scotland

Northern
Ireland

Wales

England

Did you know?

In British money, there are 8 coins - 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p, 50p, £1.00 and £2.00.

Did you know?

In the UK, many grocery stores provide online shopping and will deliver groceries to your house.

Did you know?

Many old church buildings have been turned into other uses- apartments, night clubs, cafés, mosques!

KIDS OF LATIN AMERICA



ECUADOR

Ecuador is a heart shaped country that is located in the northern part of South America. There are about 16 million people that live there. Many of the people there do not know Jesus. The favorite sport is soccer and most kids love kicking around a soccer ball in their free time. The food in Ecuador is very good and they like eating chicken and seafood. They also eat a lot of plantains and bananas. Ecuador is one of the largest grower of bananas in the world. Please pray for the country of Ecuador because there are many boys and girls there that need to hear about the Gospel!



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that llamas are related to camels and that they live high in the Andes Mountains? Be careful when you get close to a llama because when they get mad they will spit in your face!

WORD SEARCH

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LLAMA
ECUADOR
WOOL
HERD
MOUNTAINS

SPIT
ALPACA
TRUST
KIDS
BANANAS

LLAMA

One of the animals that lives in the country of Ecuador is the llama. Llamas have long legs and necks. They live in the mountainous regions around Latin America. They will travel in groups for protection. Many people will raise llamas for their wool which they will use to make coats and scarves. Llamas will protect themselves by spitting and kicking to get rid of their attackers.



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that Ecuador is one of the largest producers of bananas in the world? The next time you go to the grocery store look at the tag on the bananas. There is a good chance it will say Ecuador on there!

MEET JAXON!



Hello my name is Jaxon and I am a missionary kid to Ecuador. I am traveling with my parents as they raise support to go to the country of Ecuador. I like traveling and meeting new people. I like to eat bananas but only mashed up ones because I don't have any teeth. I am excited about going to Ecuador to tell the others kids about Jesus. Would you pray for me and pray that there would be more kids like me willing to go be missionaries to Ecuador?



LEVI THE LLAMA

Levi looked up from the tall wispy grass. He stretched his long neck as far as possible to see over the llamas around him. Unfortunately, he was not tall enough. "Bummer," thought Levi as he put his head back down. "There might be a mountain lion or a cougar out there waiting to attack, but I would have no idea. Why did God make me so small? Not only am I small, but I am shy and scared to talk to anybody." Most of the grass had been eaten by now, and the herd began to head back to shelter for the night. Levi trotted along, trying to strain his neck to see over his friends, but they were all too tall. "What are you looking at?" demanded Lance. "Your mama's tail?" Lance then burst into an obnoxious laugh as only Lance could. Levi began to get upset, but decided that arguing about it would make it worse. Levi did not hate Lance, but it always annoyed him that Lance could do everything better than he. Levi knew that he would never measure up to Lance.

- To be continued.



STORIES OF THE IMPOSSIBLE

Nils Saw the Need!

Nils Fredrik Höijer was traveling through China looking to minister to Chinese people. As he ventured through an area of Western China, he found a group of people that he did not know about. These people were a Turkic people that worshiped the god of Allah. Nils saw the need for these western Chinese and sounded the word to the Sweds for the need of missions. He translated the Bible into their native tongue (Uyghur) and saw 200 muslims from western china



come to know and trust in Jesus. Nils saw the need and did something about it! This month, we are looking at Indonesia and it's 225 million muslims. You may think, "How can my little life make an impact on all those people?" If, like Nils, you see the need, God can use you in a BIG WAY! Will you see the need of Indonesia and pray for missionary Jesse Turpin as he boldly proclaims the Gospel? Would you be willing to pray, "God, would you have me grow up and go to Indonesia and be like Nils, reaching muslims for Jesus?"

GROWING UP MUSLIM

Babies in Indonesia...

In Indonesia, they have a tradition when a baby is born. Their father is the first person to hold them and the first sound that they hear outside of their mom is their father singing the call to prayer to them. When children grow up muslim, the call to prayer becomes a very familiar but important sound! It tells them that it is time to pray to the god of Allah! Isn't this sad that these little children grow up believing a lie their entire life?! The only hope these little Indonesian kids have as they grow up muslim is for someone to tell them and their families about Jesus! That's why we need missionaries to Indonesia! Would you consider growing up to go to Indonesia? Would you consider using your little life to take the Gospel to these lost Indonesian families?





KIDS DOING THE IMPOSSIBLE

INDONESIA

Population: 268,316,136 – If everyone held hands, they would stretch across the world over 11 times around!

Percentage Muslim: 87% – It has the largest Muslim population in the world!

Popular Food: Soto, Rendang, Satay, Nasi Goreng, and Gado-Gado; rice is used in many dishes and most foods are very spicy

Things Kids Here Love: Playing Kelereng (marbles), Lompat Tali (like jumping rope), and Layang-layang (kite flying)



Komodo Dragon on Komodo Island



Traditional Indonesian Dress



Jakarta, Indonesia



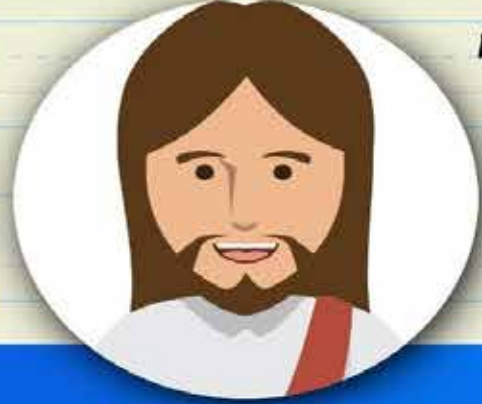
Sambal (spicy chili sauce)



Bali, Indonesia



Indonesian children receiving Bibles



"As my father has sent me,
even so send I you."

TAIWAN

臺灣



Ni Hao! I'm Cindy Lin!
I live in a big city in
Taiwan called
Kaohsiung! (Cow-shee-ong)

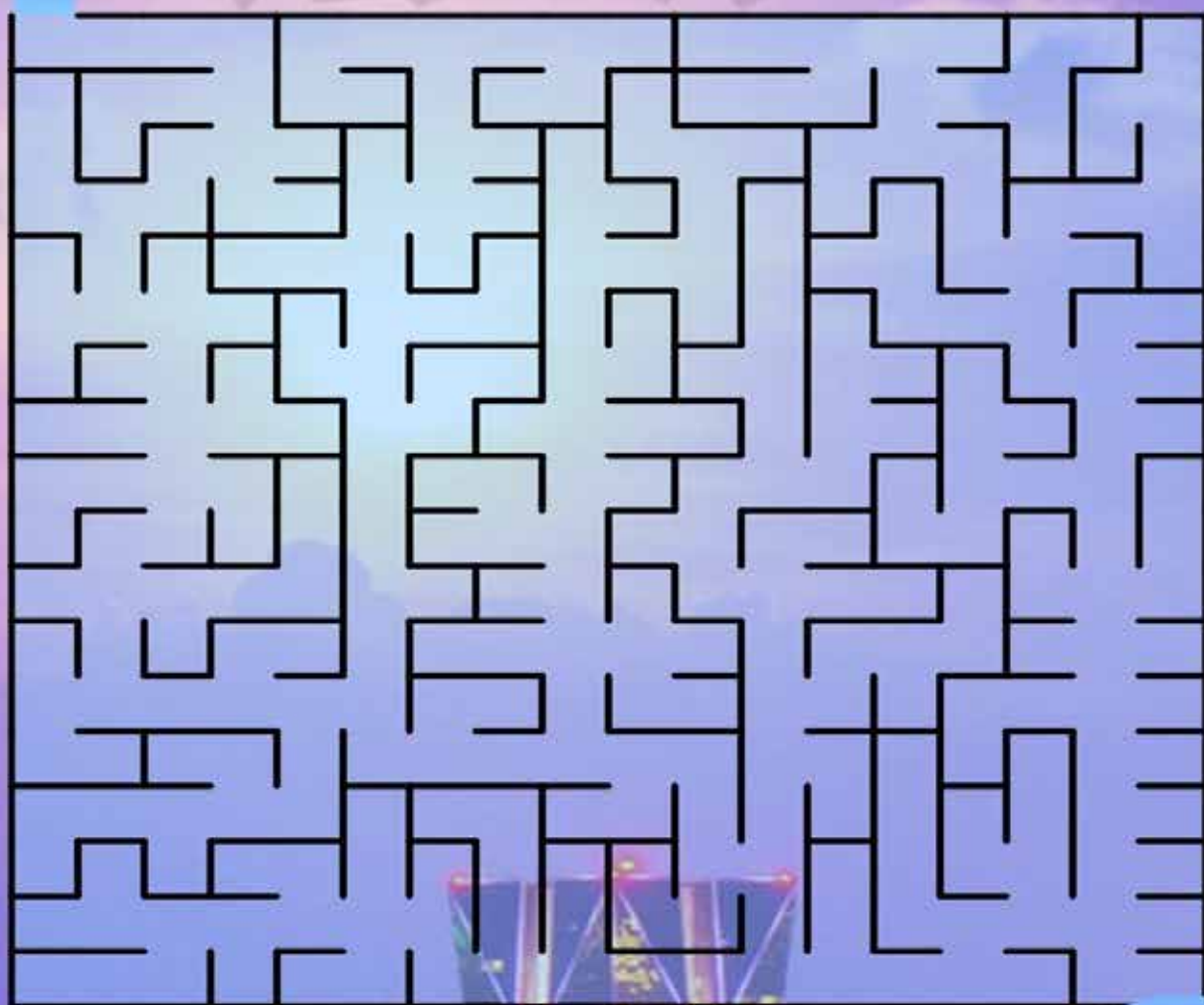


How far is your house
from my house?



When you come, you can
try my favorite food!
Beef Noodles!

Find a way to take the
Gospel to Cindy Lin!



"xie xie ni!"



Thank you!

We need to pray for our missionaries in Thailand.
Right now we have two families going there and we
need to pray for them.

Ben, Caroline & Alodie Thomas



Philip & Lori Bassham
Claire, Grace, Emma

Thailand Word Search

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Salvation
Gospel
Bible

Thailand
Idols
Asia

Buddhist
King
Monk

Bangkok
Jesus
God

Thailand



- Thailand is a country in Southeast Asia.
- There are 70 million people that live there.
- The people that live in Thailand are called Thai's.
- Most Thai people worship Idols.
- Thailand is close to the equator so it is very hot all year round.

Thailand is a country that doesn't have Jesus. Many people that live here have never even heard of Jesus or the Bible. The people in Thailand are not saved and need someone to tell them about Jesus so that they can hear and be saved. There are not many people going to Thailand to tell the about Jesus right now. We all need to pray and do what we can to tell the Thai people about Jesus.

Definitions:

Idols: An object that people worship

Equator: An invisible line around the middle of the earth

SOUTH AFRICA

FACING FEAR

FACING FEARS FROM SOUTH AFRICA



Since living in South Africa, I've seen people face some pretty incredible challenges despite the fear they had. Extreme activities are easy to find. Have you every been on an airplane? If so, where you nervous when you were first taking off? Let me ask you this? How would you feel about jumping out of that airplane at 10,000 feet. My son and I had that opportunity to sky dive. It was scary but also incredible. How do you feel about bungee jumping? Did that too:). But there is a catch. I didn't just bungee jump, I bungee jumped off the tallest bungee bridge in the world. It was over 700 feet high. That's more than two football fields long. Let me tell

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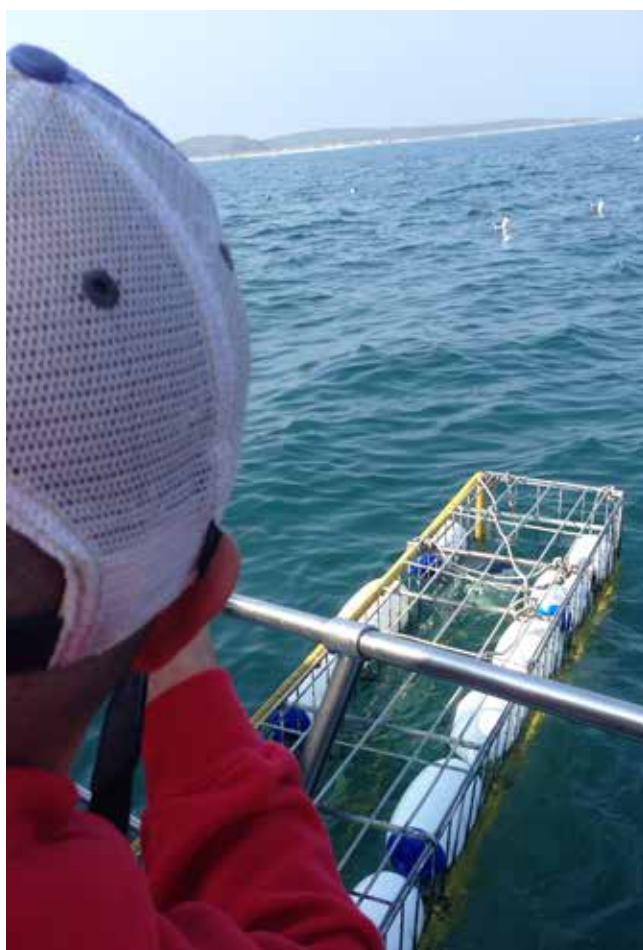
you....pretty scary. People from all over the world come to South Africa for a one of the most thrilling and scariest things you could ever do.....cage diving with Great White sharks. I took two of our college interns to dive with the scary beast and it was something I'll never forget. Those sharks were so close and so very big.

While I've been in South Africa I have faced some pretty scary things. Bungee jumping, sky diving, cage diving with Great White sharks, you would think those have to be three of the scariest things you've ever done. To tell you the truth, those things were pretty scary, but you know what's scarier sometimes? Standing up for Jesus Christ. I regularly knock on people's doors to invite them to our church, but also to tell them about Jesus. Asking someone these questions is many times scarier than jumping off the world's highest bungee bridge: If you died today, do you know where you would go? Have you trusted Jesus as your personal Savior? Talk about scary. Swimming with sharks is scary, but trying to share the Gospel many times is even more scary. The Bible says in Isaiah 41:10 Fear thou not; for I am with thee: Be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; Yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. God doesn't want us to live a life of fear. He wants us to trust Him. How are we supposed to conquer our fears? It's pretty

simple, although sometimes hard. It's just like the time I bungee jumped. You just have to take the first step and the rest is taken care of. Our fear may not go away totally, but the hard part is over. Take the first step to knock on someone's door. Take the first step and hand someone a Gospel tract. Don't be controlled by your fears. Trust in God.

**START SAVING
NOW FOR YOUR
FIRST MISSIONS
TRIP TO SOUTH
AFRICA. YOU
DON'T HAVE TO
JUMP OUT OF AN
AIR PLANE, BUT
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-DIAM NOBIS





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