



*Planting Churches Worldwide*

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Dear Faithful Supporter of the BWM Home Office,

Sometimes, it is easy for us to minimize or even forget the impact of faithful missionaries in the great cause of declaring the glory of Christ. As a reminder of the importance of such servants of the Savior, please consider the example of George Stott, missionary to India during the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, into the farming family of John and Jane Stott, George was a common laborer in agriculture until God called him to the mission field. In early 1865, Stott learned that Hudson Taylor was looking to recruit pioneer missionaries for the China Inland Mission. Following an interview, he was appointed and set sail for China on October 4, 1865. Arriving in Shanghai on February 6, 1866, Stott quickly relocated to the port city of Wenzhou in the Zhejiang province, where Christian teaching had been previously unknown. There, he labored for Christ in evangelism, discipleship, and church planting. The oldest church in the city still stands today as a testimony to his work. As a result of the ongoing influence of the message of Christ first brought there by Stott, Wenzhou is known today as the "Jerusalem of China" because there are a reported 600,000 evangelical Christians among the 6 million inhabitants (ten percent of the population).

Not every missionary will have immediate, dramatic results in their ministry. Often, the true impact of a life given to missions is not seen until generations have passed. We go forward with the Gospel by faith, trusting the Lord to use His dedicated servants with eternal results in view.

Thank you for your faithful support of the home office of Baptist World Mission as we serve those on the front lines of the Gospel. Your prayers and financial giving are an investment for today, but also for the future through lives changed to the glory of Christ. May the Lord keep His hand of blessing upon you and give you a joyful holiday season in Christ.

For the Sake of His Name,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Bud Steadman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Bud Steadman  
Executive Director