

Gladys Aylward

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Part 6



Gladys was traveling across the mountains of China with 100 children to escape the fighting of the war. But they were now stuck. They had to cross a river, but there wasn't a bridge or boats. Suddenly, one of the children shouted, "Soldiers!" Gladys froze in fear. Around a bend came 50 soldiers.

But these soldiers were friendly! They were surprised to see so many children. Wanting to help, they opened their knapsacks and handed out food. They radioed more soldiers on the other side of the river to get boats to help all the children cross!

After traveling for about a month, Gladys and the children finally arrived at Sian (*shee-AHN*) where they would be safe from the war.

But Gladys was so weak that she collapsed as soon as the children were safe. She was sick for many months. The children were placed in a good orphanage and with families who could help them. After Gladys got better, she continued to share God's love as she worked to help other refugees, orphans, and sick people in Sian.

While in Sian, Gladys met a man from England who was excited to hear her story. He helped her raise enough money to travel back to England to see her parents and tell people about the work God was doing in China. After almost 20 years, Gladys took the long trip back to England. She stayed there for a few years, but her heart was still for the Chinese people.

After World War II was over, China was ruled by communist leadership and would not let Gladys come back. So she got as close as she could and ended up in Taiwan. She continued to work with orphans and share the amazing truth of Jesus and His love with everyone she met. Gladys Aylward continued to live for God until her death in 1970. Through her willingness to follow God, she helped many people learn about God's love.

How about you? Do you know about God's amazing love for you? Do you let that knowledge change how you live? Are you making choices that help you show God's love to others? Let's pray and ask God to help us follow Him in every part of our lives and to give us His strength and love to love others too.

