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## The Story Behind: "Mary, Did You Know?"

Lyrics by Mark Lowry (1984) Music by Buddy Greene (1991)

*Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
will one day walk on water?*

*Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
will save our sons and daughters?*

*Did you know that your baby boy  
has come to make you new?*

*This child that you've delivered  
will soon deliver you?*

The words to this popular, well-loved Christmas classic were written by **Mark Lowry** almost 38 years ago. Many people know Lowry as a former vocalist for the Gaither Vocal Band and a popular Christian comedian, but he is also a minister and songwriter. In 1984 Lowry's pastor in Lynchburg, VA, asked him to write a Christmas musical for their church. He came up with a series of monologues based on Christmas carols which included a conversation with Mary about the birth and life of her son, Jesus. When the holidays were over, Lowry continued to work on developing the "Mary" lyrics. Several years later he asked **Buddy Greene**, a southern gospel singer, songwriter, and harmonica player, for help in coming up with music for the lyrics he had written. The result is this **beautiful Christmas melody!** As Lowry puts it, "All I did was write a poem. Buddy turned it into a song."

With the song complete, the question remained of who would record it? By now the year was 1991 and Lowry was touring with the Gaither Vocal Band full time, but he felt the song was beyond his personal abilities. He had another singer in mind who would be perfect for it, **Michael English**, a fellow member of the Gaither band. English featured the song in his self-titled debut album and it was an instant hit! Since then it has been recorded by over 500 artists.

I'll end with a quote I found by Tyler Scarlett in his December 2013 article on the website of Forest Baptist Church, Forest, VA, where Scarlett is a pastor and teacher. He says, "While so many modern Christmas songs focus on the "season", Lowry's timeless work is a refreshing reminder of its "**reason.**" Surely there are many things Mary did not know. Yet in her own song, Mary did at least know this: "*My soul exalts the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior...for the Mighty One has done great things for me...The Lord has given help to Israel so that we may remember His mercy.*" (Luke 1:46ff)"



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<https://www.songfacts.com/facts/pentatonix/mary-did-you-know>  
[forestbaptistchurch.org/the-story-behind-the-carol-mary-did-you-know/](http://forestbaptistchurch.org/the-story-behind-the-carol-mary-did-you-know/)



As 2022 comes to a close,  
we extend a warm **THANK YOU**  
for your faithful partnership this year  
and the support you've shown our ministry!

**CHRISTIAN MISSION FOR THE DEAF** [ Past Project #689 for Nigeria ]  
**One Step Closer to Opening New School Campus!**

Christian Mission for the Deaf (CMD) is grateful to the donors of MPF for helping complete a project for them last summer which provided **timber framework** and **new red roofing sheets** to cover the girls' dorm and two bathrooms at their school's new 39-acre construction site in **Ibadan, Nigeria**.

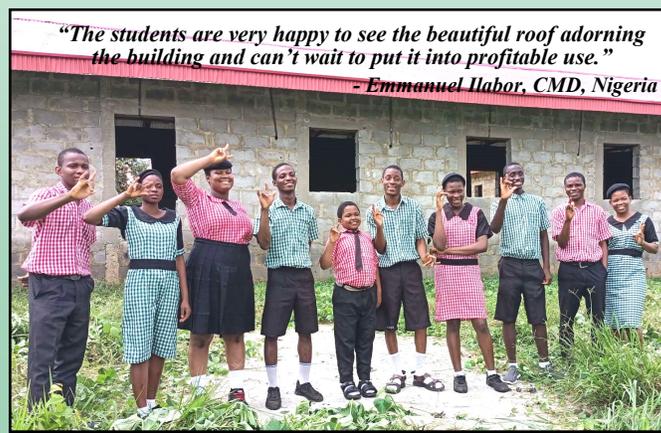
Deaf students from all over Nigeria come to attend this Christian school where they receive a formal education and vocational skills, all with a foundation in the Bible. Along with regular classes, the new location will also be used for summer camps, training programs, and agricultural projects for the deaf.

At their current school facility, conditions are no longer suitable for the students; the girls' dorm, in particular, is overcrowded and they've had to turn away potential students who wish to enroll. The dormitory at the new site consists of four square halls with bathroom facilities and enough room to house **300+ students!** Although construction is still on-going, this new roof will hasten their move to the new school campus.

*See our new project for this ministry on Page 3!*



The roofing sheets arrive!  
(Photo taken at their current school facility)



*"The students are very happy to see the beautiful roof adorning the building and can't wait to put it into profitable use."*

- Emmanuel Ilabor, CMD, Nigeria

**HORIZONS INTERNATIONAL** [ Past Project #699 for Lebanon ]  
**New Sound System for Kurdish Church**

**Horizons International** demonstrates the love of Jesus by proclaiming the gospel, discipling nations, and equipping the church in the Muslim world.

A **Kurdish Church** planted by Horizons in Beirut, Lebanon, several years ago, continued to grow even during pandemic restrictions. This was due in large part to their FaceBook page which had over 15,000 followers and between 2,000-5,000 views each week.

In 2020, their congregation moved to a larger location for church services, but they weren't able to purchase a proper sound system of their own. Horizons reached out to MPF with this need in June of 2021 because the borrowed system they were using needed to be returned soon. They were thrilled to learn that the funds would be available to them by Christmas!

the gospel through worship and music. Along with benefiting in-person services, it also enables high-quality, online broadcasts of the services to Kurdish people **around the world** through social media. Since the new system has been in place, their Facebook following has increased to 17,660 and special videos have been viewed up to 88,000 times! As the church continues to grow, it is once again beginning to run out of room. They are considering starting a second service to accommodate the growing numbers...now that's a good problem to have!

**Thank you** for playing a role in the growth of this amazing fellowship of Christian believers from Muslim backgrounds.



The **new sound system** is now up and running, providing their meeting place with high quality equipment and helping them clearly proclaim



# PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

~ The projects below are dependent on the financial support of God's people ~

# 718 **LIVE EAR MINISTRIES** (Benin, West Africa) <https://www.live-ear.org/ceef>

Project Cost: **\$9,800**

Live Ear Ministries operates a **residential school** for rural deaf children in Benin and also conducts annual Bible camps for the deaf in Benin, Togo, and Niger.

They need a **ministry vehicle** that will help them with daily tasks such as transporting children to and from school or taking them to medical care, bringing in food and supplies from the market, and picking up deaf people from the villages for weekly church services. It will also be a big help when volunteers come during summer Bible camps!



# 719 **MARINE REACH-FAMILY CARE CENTRE** (Vanuatu, South Pacific)

Project Cost: **\$8,333**

Marine Reach-Family Care Centre (FCC) <https://familycarecentre.org/> has a **medical and dental training facility** focused on discipling the nation of Vanuatu, a series of islands located 1,100 miles off the east coast of Australia.

About 50 percent of the Ni-Van population is afflicted by oral disease, yet there is only **one dentist** for every 35,000 people! FCC provides free health care for dental patients and they would like to open a second dental office to perform root canals but will need an **x-ray scanner and laptop**. Would you consider giving toward this urgent need?



# 720 **MIDDLE EAST MEDIA** (Egypt) <https://www.memusa.org/>

Project Cost: **\$4,058**

With studios in North Africa and the Gulf Region, Middle East Media (MEM) is a Christian broadcasting leader producing a wide range of Christian media. Several years ago they launched their **animation department** which creates evangelistic programs for children. One of these studios has outdated and damaged equipment and will need an upgrade in order to become usable once again. They need funding to purchase a **professional audio monitor speaker, two TVs, and a pre-amplifier**.



# 721 **INDOPARTNERS AGENCY** (Southeast Asia) <https://www.indopartners.com/>

Project Cost: **\$2,220**

**Guide Online**, the digital arm of IndoPartners, creates evangelistic articles and videos in the heart languages of people groups in South Asia, posting them on the internet and social media outlets. They've created over 1,300 articles and 350 videos and train national staff to evangelize and disciple people who reach out to their ministry.

Due to the sensitive nature of Christianity in these regions, the ministry is entirely digital. A **Lenovo Yoga Slim 7 Pro Laptop** (\$1,020) and **two full-screen HD laptops** (\$600 each) is needed for the ongoing work of the National Director and two new staff members.



# 722 **CHRISTIAN MISSION FOR THE DEAF** (Nigeria) <https://www.cmdeaf.org/>

Project Cost: **\$6,870**

Christian Mission for the Deaf established a school for boys and girls in Nigeria that has become overcrowded. They are currently building on a new 39-acre site which will give them much more space. Last year you helped us complete a project to put a roof over the girls' dorm (see page 2 of this newsletter). Now this ministry needs to put a **roof over 12 classrooms**. Here's an opportunity to help with this need also!



*The cinder walls are now up and waiting for a roof!*

**Red roofing sheets: \$3,770** **Wooden roofing structure: \$3,100**

# 723 **EL ALFARERO** (La Paz, Bolivia) <https://www.alfarero.org/la-paz>

Project Cost: **\$8,800**

El Alfarero operates **Student Centers** in three of Bolivia's largest cities where they provide counselling, training courses, and mentoring to struggling students and young people. An effective way to reach this age group is through food services...that's why they run a café at all of their centers. Because rent for their La Paz café is very high, they are hoping to purchase a **food truck** and take this ministry on the road! Would you help these students to have victory over their problems and to learn about their loving Savior?



# 725 **AIM - TIRIM CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS** (Northern Kenya) <https://eu.aimint.org/rendillejan2018/>

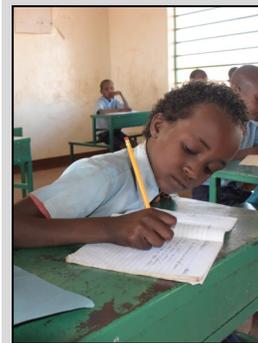
Project Cost: \$8,550

Tirim Christian Schools offer Christian education to the **Rendille Community**, a nomadic people living in a region of Northern Kenya cut off from development and the gospel.

MPF completed another project for them this past summer which provided solar batteries and security lights. Now that they have a reliable power source, they wish to establish a **computer lab** for their students and staff as most students don't have access to smart phones or computers at home. Over 90 percent of the parents are illiterate and depend on the school for their children's educational materials, but with no internet access, teachers must hand-write each student's exam!

Giving Idea: If you know of a special teacher in your life, give to this project in their honor!

**Equipment Needs:** 3 Desktop computers; 8 laptops; 3 printers; and 3 tubular batteries



# 726 **BOLD HOPE** (Home Office/Worldwide) <https://boldhope.org/our-story>

Project Cost: \$1,959

When MPF first collaborated on a project with Bold Hope five years ago, they were working only in Haiti. Since then, they've expanded their ministry into other countries as well, with teams in the Dominican Republic and Belize and ministry partners in eight other countries around the world.

To properly manage these teams and relay information back and forth, it is important to have adequate equipment as they connect with them from their headquarters in Pennsylvania. Those who telecommunicate with the office often have a hard time seeing and hearing what is being said at meetings. For that reason, they need a teleconference system like a **Google Meet Starter Kit** that can be added to as their ministry grows.



# 727 **CLC MINISTRIES INT'L** (Sierra Leone) <https://clcusa.org/missions/>

Project Cost: \$6,685

CLC Ministries makes evangelical Christian literature available to all the nations. Their team in Sierra Leone works through three Christian bookshops, two in the capital city of Freetown and the other in the remote town of Bo. The Bo staff feels burdened to take Bibles and books into surrounding rural areas where many people have no means of traveling to visit their shop.

Matthew, a CLC staff member in Bo, has a motorbike which can carry only two boxes of books at a time. MPF is raising funds to purchase and modify a **Keke tricycle** which will enable Matthew to cover a wider area around Bo and will keep dust and rain from ruining the books.

If you love to read and especially value Christian literature, please consider donating!



- CHARIOTS FOR HOPE - Staff Housing Renovations
- CLC MINISTRIES - Bookmobile
- AIM TIRIM SCHOOLS - Solar batteries & security lights
- CEF MINISTRIES - Vehicle for CEF workers
- CHRISTIAN WORLD OUTREACH - Three motorcycles
- THE MAILBOX CLUB - Five motorcycles with helmets
- REFUGE FOR THE POOR - Equipment for Refuge Center
- ACTS BEYOND - 13-inch Apple MacBook Pro
- HOPE'S PROMISE - Cell phones, laptops, and whiteboard
- GLOBAL COMMISSION MINISTRIES - Toyota Hilux Truck
- MISSION EURASIA - \$20,000 for ONE BOX TRUCK plus another \$10,103 was raised towards a second truck!
- INNER-CITY MOVEMENT - Portable sound system

- THUNDERZOLL, INC. - Sewing machines & motorcycles
- LIVE EAR MINISTRIES - One motorcycle
- ONEWAY MINISTRIES - The Philip Center East
- RISHAMA INTERNATIONAL - Solar-powered pump station
- UIM-AVIATION - Two Garmin G-5 flight instruments
- CHRISTIAN AID MISSION - 4-wheel-drive vehicle
- FIELDS OF ABUNDANCE MISSION - 16-passenger van  
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