

William Carey (1761–1834)

English Baptist

Father of Modern Missions

Carey spent 40+ years in India

Converted working as a blacksmith apprentice and baptized by Baptist pastor John Ryland in 1783

Carey pastored tiny church in Moulton
‡ NO PAY

- ✓ Taught school & worked as shoe cobbler
- ✓ Uneducated yet wild reader & foreign lands
- ✓ Captain James Cook's journals led to more

More & more concerned for

Lost Souls of Foreign Lands

OTHER great missionaries include

- ✓ Adoniram Judson (1788–1850) 1st to Burma
- ✓ Lottie Moon (1840–1912) 40 yrs in China

Carey *believed* the Great Commission of Matthew 28:18-20 binding on all generations

“All authority is given to me. Therefore go & make disciples in baptizing & teaching. I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

1785 association meeting he proposed a topic

IS 28:18-20 binding to ALL Christians?

One rebuked him as a “miserable enthusiast”

May 1792, Carey published his now famous:

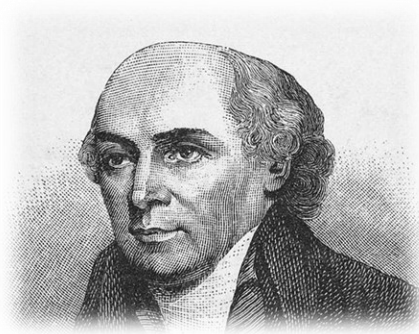
An Enquiry into the Obligations of Christians to use Means for the Conversion of the Heathens

In spring, he preached on Isaiah 54:2-3

“Enlarge the place of your tent &”

Carey urged association to form a mission society

“Expect great things, attempt great things.”



12 pastors formed the **Particular Baptist Society for Propagating the Gospel among the Heathen**

later & **Baptist Missionary Society (BMS).**

All were poor & raised \$23 today's US currency
Carey too poor to contribute.

1793, Carey, wife Dorothy, son Felix & **to INDIA**

- ✓ Physician John Thomas already there for the East India Company
- ✓ East India Company opposed to mission work
- ✓ They secretly sail to India on a Dutch ship

THERE Carey & Thomas managed indigo factories

- ✓ Within a few years, Carey's son, Peter, died
- ✓ Daughter, Kitty, left to marry a British soldier
- ✓ Wife Dorothy's mental illness killed her

1800, Carey relocated to Danish Serampore where he remained until his death in 1834

- ✓ Two new missionaries joined Carey
- ✓ one a great preacher ‡ Joshua Marshman

1800 ‡ Carey baptized his FIRST convert

by 1821, Carey & crew baptized 1,407 converts

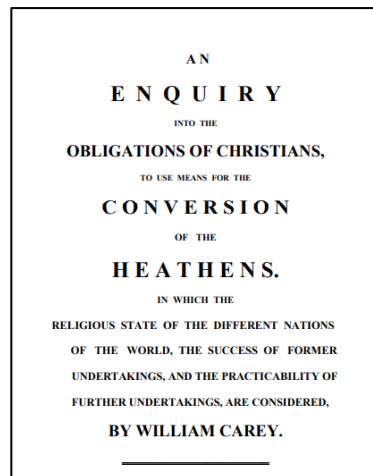
Carey translated Bible & other works into Bengali & then into several dialects

Carey's Bible translation his most important legacy

His Bengali Bible became the basis for many other translations

1792 Enquiry:

www.WMCarey.edu/carey/enquiry/anenquiry.pdf



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