

## book of the month

Most people know William Carey as 'the father of modern missions'; a man from England who carried the gospel of Jesus Christ to India at a time when 'missions' as we know it today didn't exist. But few know of the tremendous obstacles Carey faced while accomplishing this task.

Throughout his time in India, Carey encountered heartrending personal tragedies and mountainous ministry setbacks, one after the other after the other. But he kept going. As he once said, "I can plod. I can persevere in any pursuit. To this I owe everything." As demonstrated again and again in this biography written by Carey's grandson, God can use 'a nobody from nowhere with no influence' to accomplish unimaginably great things for the sake of His gospel (p.83).

Carey was indeed a nobody from nowhere with no influence. But while he started out as a plain shoe cobbler with a knack for languages in England, he went on to personally translate God's Word or portions thereof into thirty-five languages in India, with his team as a whole translating over 200,000 resources into a total of forty different languages.

Carey plodded for forty years in India; he never returned to his homeland. And God used his faithful plodding to spread the light of the gospel across this very dark corner of the globe.

As with any good Christian biography, the hero of this account is not William Carey. God in all His glory is the One who is on full display here, as He employs the plodding of William Carey so that countless unreached language groups across India could have the Bible in their own language.

Read this biography and be encouraged by what God is capable of accomplishing through simple but faithful servants of His Son!

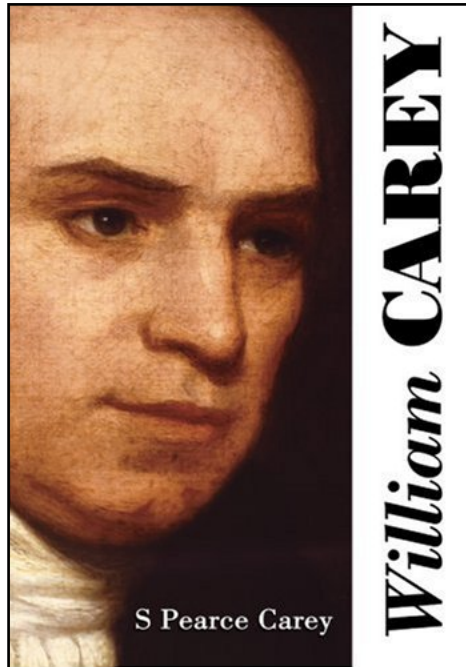
If you would like a companion resource to go along with your reading of this biography, there is a three-part Equipping Hour series on the life of William Carey.

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— Scott Maxwell, **President, FinisTerre**



## William Carey – A Pearce Carey

### Suggested One-Month Reading Plan

(11 pages per day)

#### Week 1: Monday July 31st - Sunday August 6th

- Forward, 4 pages
- Preface, 5 pages
- Part I - Carey's Thirty-Two English Years
  - 1. The Times, 10 pages
  - 2. The Boy, 8 pages
  - 3. The Beginnings, 16 pages
  - 4. The Village Pastorate, 12 pages
  - 5. The Town Pastorate, 9 pages
  - 6. The Enquiry, 10 pages
  - 7. The Deathless Sermon, 8 pages

#### Week 2: Monday August 7th - Sunday August 13th

- 8. The Society's Birth, 8 pages
- 9. The Volunteer, 10 pages
- 10. The Missionary Elect, 24 pages
- Part II - Carey's Forty Indian Years
  - 11. The Five Month's Voyage, 5 pages
  - 12. The First Ventures, 8 pages
  - 13. The Sundarbans Settler, 7 pages
  - 14. The Planter-Missionary, 26 pages

#### Week 3: Monday August 14th - Sunday August 20th

- 15. The Serampore Beginning, 24 pages
- 16. The Fort William Professor, 13 pages
- 17. The Astounding Advance, 11 pages
- 18. The Increasing Purpose, 19 pages
- 19. The Foiled Opposition, 18 pages

#### Week 4: Monday August 21st - Sunday August 27th

- 20. The Home Circle, 16 pages
- 21. The Fire, 12 pages
- 22. The Routed Foe, 15 pages
- 23. The Threatened Woe, 11 pages
- 24. The Master-Builders, 13 pages
- 25. The Schism, 8 pages

#### Week 5: Monday August 28th - Sunday September 3rd

- 26. The Woe, 6 pages
- 27. The Comforted Mourners, 13 pages
- 28. The Calcutta Crashes, 9 pages
- 29. The Satisfied Years, 10 pages
- 30. The Translation Achievement, 14 pages
- Appendix - The Garden Grower, 16 pages