

The introduction of *The Greatest Century of Missions* was written by Dr. George Grant, and he said this book "... is a treasure trove of incredible adventures, inspiring exploits and unbelievable achievements of some of the most extraordinary people in the most momentous era of Christian advance."

This remark is spot-on and I could not have put it better myself! In this easy-reading book, Dr. Peter Hammond tells us about the lives, passions and hardships of missionaries who were called in the 19th century. Against all odds and amidst countless hardships, people like Henry Martyn, Robert Morrison, John Williams, Robert Moffat, Mary Slessor and many more, obediently followed their calling to spread the Word and win souls for His kingdom. They used different platforms, but because they were passionate about what they were doing, they succeeded, despite the challenges... or perhaps because of the challenges?

The true stories in this book inspired me to stay devoted to my personal calling and to use my talent as a writer to "*Declare His glory among the heathen, His wonders among people.*" (Psalm 96:3). Having founded *Devoted* a few years back, I have learnt that the moment you start doing God's work, the challenges will come. But, I have also learnt that God will never give you a task that you are not capable of handling.

I got two confirmations from the stories in this inspiring book: There are no promises that it will be plain sailing when you are obedient to God's calling; but if you are obedient, the blessings will be great.

On the back page it says: "This book will be a valuable resource for pastors and missionaries and a textbook for senior home schoolers, Christian schools and Bible colleges." I don't fall into any of those categories, as I am only a passionate writer called because of my love for the Lord, to use my talents to glorify God through this magazine, founded for His glory. However, the book inspired me to keep on keeping on despite challenges. Secondly, it also confirmed my belief that people from all walks of life can be inspired by the book and I have been inspired to start a regular series in *Devoted* about the missionaries and how they succeeded in advancing the kingdom, against all odds.

The *Greatest Century of Missionaries* is a must-read if you are passionate about Jesus. It reminds us how the Lord uses ordinary people like you and I to do extraordinary things. It is available for only R98 (plus postage) and I would recommend that churches, schools and Christian-based organisations order as many copies as soon as they have read this review. The contact details are:

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