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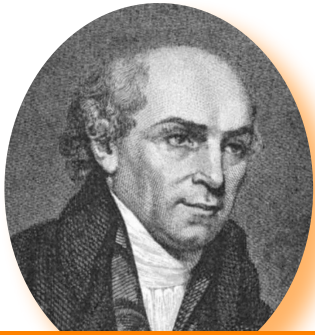
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Even as William Carey spent much of his life translating Scriptures for peoples in India, men and women are doing the same today. As the Bible is translated into the mother tongue of people there and they read and comprehend it, it is still changing lives. Without God's Word in their heart language, people may come to know the Lord, but they struggle to grow without reading it in a language that is easily understandable to them.

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Carey often spoke against Christians who appeared to have no concern for those lost without Christ. He found it difficult to understand how some were unconcerned about fulfilling the Great Commission. In 1792, he was one of the founders of a mission organization. Carey famously declared, "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God." He went on to do exactly that.

Within a year, Carey, his wife and young children were joined by John Thomas on a ship bound for India. Although the Carey family's early days in India were miserable due to Carey's having grossly miscalculated the cost of living there, William quickly began studying Bengali, while preaching to small groups of people. Within a short time, William contracted malaria, his five-year-old, Peter, died of dysentery, and his wife became mentally ill. Carey spoke of this time as being "in the valley of the shadow of death."

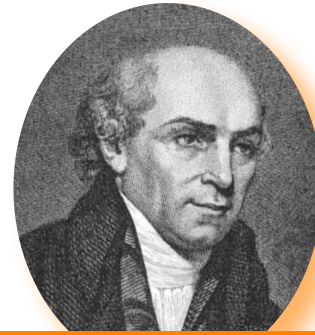
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