



## **LEARNING FROM THE PAST: Women in Modern Mission Work**

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### **Beginnings of the Modern Missionary Movement (1792 – today)**

- 1792 William Carey founds the Particular Baptist Society for the Propagation of the Gospel Among the Heathen
- 1795 London Missionary Society is formed
- 1799 Church Missionary Society is formed
- 1812: The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Mission is launched from the well-known “Haystack Prayer Meeting”
- 1800: Mary Webb founded the Boston Female Society for Missionary Purposes

### **Three Eras for Women: Missionary Wives, Women’s Sending Boards, Faith Missions**

#### **Missionary Wives**

- The commitment to mission preceded the commitment to marriage
- Dockside weddings with pastors as matchmakers
- Charlotte Fowler Baldwin
- Matilda Minthorn
- Anne Grenfell & *Le Petit Nord*
- Bessie Osborne at a leper colony in India
- Isabel Burris in West Africa
- Sarah Sleeper in Bangkok

#### **Women’s Sending Boards**

- 1861 Sarah Doremus founds the Woman’s Union Missionary Society
- 1869 Women’s Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal church founded
- “Woman’s Work for Woman” propels women to mission work as educators, doctors, evangelists, and more
- Helen Barrett Montgomery, 1861-1934
- Miss Hartwell in the Foochow Mission, China
- Unnamed woman in India
- Dr. Ida Scudder in India
- Mary Porter and Maria Brown in China
- The Women’s Jubilee of 1910

## **Faith Missions Recruit Women**

- 1865 China Inland Mission under Hudson Taylor (now OMF)
- 1867 The Evangelical Missionary Alliance under AB Simpson (now CMA)
- 1890 The Evangelical Alliance Mission under Frederick Franson. (TEAM)
- 1892 Gospel Missionary Union (Avant Ministries)
- 1893 Sudan Interior Mission (SIM)
- 1895 Africa Inland Mission (AIM)
- 1913 Worldwide Evangelization Crusade under CT Studd (now WEC)

## **Women's Dedication**

- Hulda Jane Stumpf, AIM, murdered or martyred?
- Elizabeth Reno, founder of Give Her Life, [www.giveherlife.org](http://www.giveherlife.org)

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