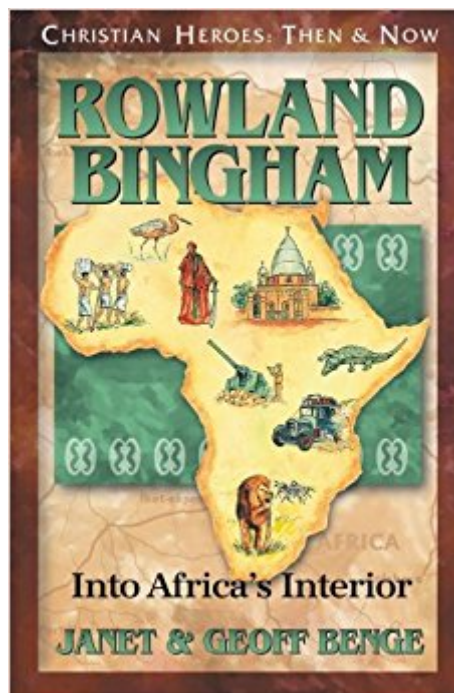




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Rowland Bingham: Into Africa's Interior (Christian Heroes: Then & Now)



Synopsis

The thought of a land with not one Christian and not one missionary haunted Rowland. Images of cannibals and slaves pushed away sleep, and the stranger's words "Are you prepared to go if God calls you?" echoed over and over as he turned in his bed. Was he, Rowland Bingham, willing to go to the Sudan, where white men nearly always died? At age twenty Rowland Bingham committed himself to serving not only in Africa, known as the white man's grave, but in Africa's Sudan interior, where few missionaries had ventured and those who did soon died of disease or retreated in defeat. Experience missionaries told Rowland that his dream was impossible. But when he found himself the sole surviving member of the fledgling Sudan Interior Mission, he didn't give up - neither did God. In an amazing story of vision and faith, God used this willing servant to open a way for the gospel's light to shine on millions of people once thought beyond reach.

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Customer Reviews

Janet and Geoff Benge are a husband-and-wife writing team with more than twenty years of writing experience. Janet is a former elementary-school teacher. Geoff holds a degree in history. Originally from New Zealand, the Benges spent ten years serving with Youth With A Mission.

All the books in this series are wonderful biographies of Christian heroes written for younger

readers.

I ordered two of the "Christian Heroes" books and my daughter loves both of them. They are very inspiring and educational. Also fun to read for adults and children. We will definately order more titles from this series!

"I promise I will meet you in heaven when I die." With the unexpected and untimely death of his father, Rowland (13) makes this promise, as requested by his father, before he dies. With the way his father set up his will, there was going to be no money available to the family for the next twenty-one years meaning that Rowland had to go get a job! Rowland finds a student teaching job just nine miles from his home of Tonbridge (United Kingdom) paying eighteen pounds a year. Problems arise when Rowland chooses to worship at the "unauthorized" Methodist church rather than at the Church of England. Listening to his mother's advice to "be true to his principles" Rowland quickly finds himself facing unemployment. Whilst looking for work, Rowland helps his mother in her store but begins to feel very uncomfortable selling tobacco. At the age of 16, we read of him emigrating to Canada! Meeting up with a Mrs. Gowens later on, she challenges Rowland about going with her son, Walter, to Africa as a missionary. (Africa, at that time, was known as the 'WHITE MAN'S GRAVE' mainly due to the high number of European deaths from all the tropical diseases.) Setting sail, from England, in 1893 with Walter and Tom, a college friend of Walter's, little does Rowland know that within a year both Walter and Tom will be dead! Having not yet made it into the Sudan interior, Rowland returns home to Canada discouraged. Will the Sudan Inland Mission ever succeed? More importantly will missionaries ever volunteer to go there? Who is Andrew Stirrett? At the age of 37 is he really too old to be going out on the mission field? Read the incredible story of the man behind the Sudan Interior Mission (SIM), an organization that is still in operation today. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED for the entire family. Rowland Bingham 1872-1942

This is the story of the founder of Sudan Interior Missions (SIM). Bingham grew up in England and became a teacher at age 15 in the late 1800s before moving to Canada. He watched as friends went into the mission field and were murdered by the muslims or died from tropical diseases. He went anyway and managed to acquire malaria on two separate visits seven years apart before finally becoming the leader/sender of missionaries rather than the missionary "in-residence." He build a global organization and died in 1942.

I was so inspired to read this biography! This man was the founder of the Sudan Interior Mission, and countless other projects. His life was devoted to serving the Lord and the Lord's people, and reaching the lost for Christ. When he was burdened with a need, he didn't bewail the fact that there was no group anywhere paying attention that he could associate with. He was a man of action, and when faced with a need, he found something to do about it. Living in comfort was not a priority to him, and change did not terrify him. His life was also characterized by determination, daring, sacrifice, and love for and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. I think his life can be summarized in a paragraph from this biography. He was concerned for the countless men heading into World War II, and wanted a way to reach the unsaved soldiers and encourage the believing ones. The authors state: "The fact that it was yet another ministry that had no ongoing financial backing did not worry either of them [Rowland or his wife]. Rowland often told people that he did not have a great deal of faith, but that he had a little faith in a great God, and that great God would not let His causes fail." "God is still the same God today. If He has placed a burden on us in a particular area, and there is no existing solution visible, He can work through us to accomplish His purposes. I was so inspired by the life of Rowland Bingham to look around, and put my life to work where the Lord shows me I should, doubting nothing. I encourage you to read this biography, and see the power of God in a man's life.

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