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A PARABLE OF POTATOES

Those of us accustomed to reading the Bible in the KJV often develop an appetite for reading deep things written in classic English. This style begs for fuller attention and stirs that portion of the soul given to contemplation.

This newsletter introduces Parables from Peru, a collection of meditations about everyday events in a style resembling the English of old. To give you a taste, we offer an excerpt, A Parable of Potatoes.

Now it came to pass that in the course of time that it became evident unto my good wife and I that our Sovereign God had placed a weighty decision before us. And we understood not which road to take, for the implications of either road were many and the effects far-reaching, and both roads appeared to be wrong. Indeed there seemed to be no good options.

And as we searched for a way forward, behold, we floundered in the flood of ramifications until we most nigh fainted in our minds. For these our minds housed many trains of thought and their tracks crisscrossed and looped so that the surging, swirling thoughts began to clash and to crash. And by reason of the impact of their collisions did the thoughts begin to fall apart, and, if I may say so myself, the mind began to do the same.

Then did we reach out unto our brethren to ask of them counsel, and also did we cry out unto our God for direction, for our souls knew well that it is not within man to direct his steps. But even as our brethren helped us by defining the choices and by establishing a timeframe, yet did the decision remain squarely upon us. And its weight pressed sore upon me.

Now it came to pass that one day I came in from the fields, and behold, my good wife sod pottage. And I stretched forth mine hand and took a ladle, and with it did I absentmindedly stir the savory stew. And as I stirred did the many and varied ingredients swirl

around in the pot, just as the many and varied thoughts swirled around in my mind. And the peas bumped into the potatoes, and the potatoes bumped into the carrots. And the whole thing did simmer and cook.

And as I stirred, then did my good wife approach me and stand silently by my side, for her keen insights perceived that I was in deep thought, and she is not one to interrupt. Yet for the sake of her savory stew did she finally speak. And she said, "My lord."

And I said, "Speak, my good wife."

And she said, "My lord, hear my words, and hearken unto my voice, for as for this my savory stew, if thou continue to cook it and to stir it, this night shall we not sup savory stew, but muddled mush instead."

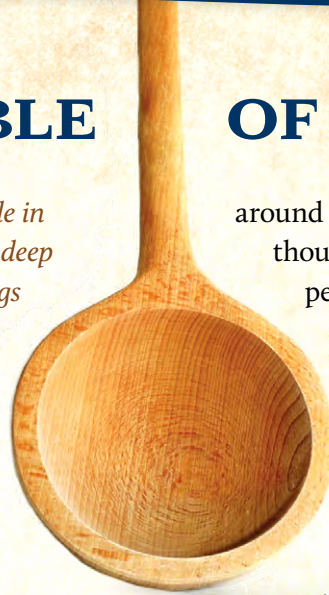
So I stayed mine hand and stirred no more.

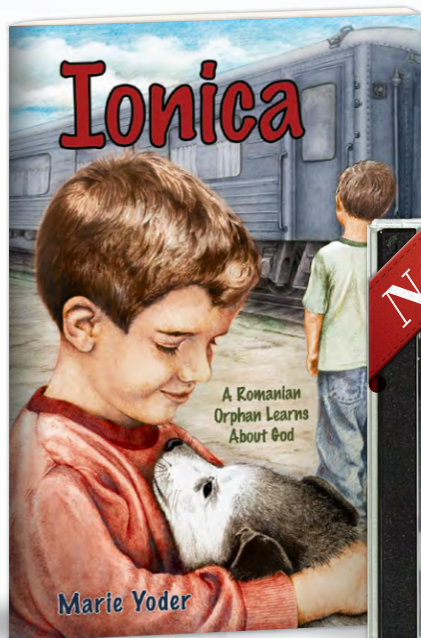
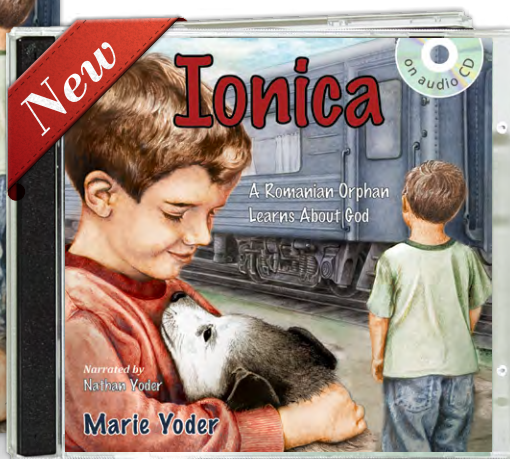
And I pondered the Parable of Potatoes. And I recalled the advice that I had given my brother's son a year ago when he had faced a weighty decision. And I marveled at how mine own counsel had come home to roost when it was so sorely needed. And I also marveled at how easy it had been to give counsel, and how hard it now was to follow the same. And I perceived that I would do well to take heed unto mine own advice.

So I said to my soul, "Soul, hear now the Parable of Potatoes, and lay thy saying unto thine own heart and life. For even as it was right and good to put all thy brethren's thoughts into the pot, stir them together, and cook them with prayer, yet see that thou stir and stew in temperance, for even over-cooked potatoes fall apart. But rather move ahead and make thy decision to the best of thine ability and then do not second-guess it."

For in the multitude of dreams and many words there are also divers vanities: but fear thou God. ECCLESIASTES 5:7

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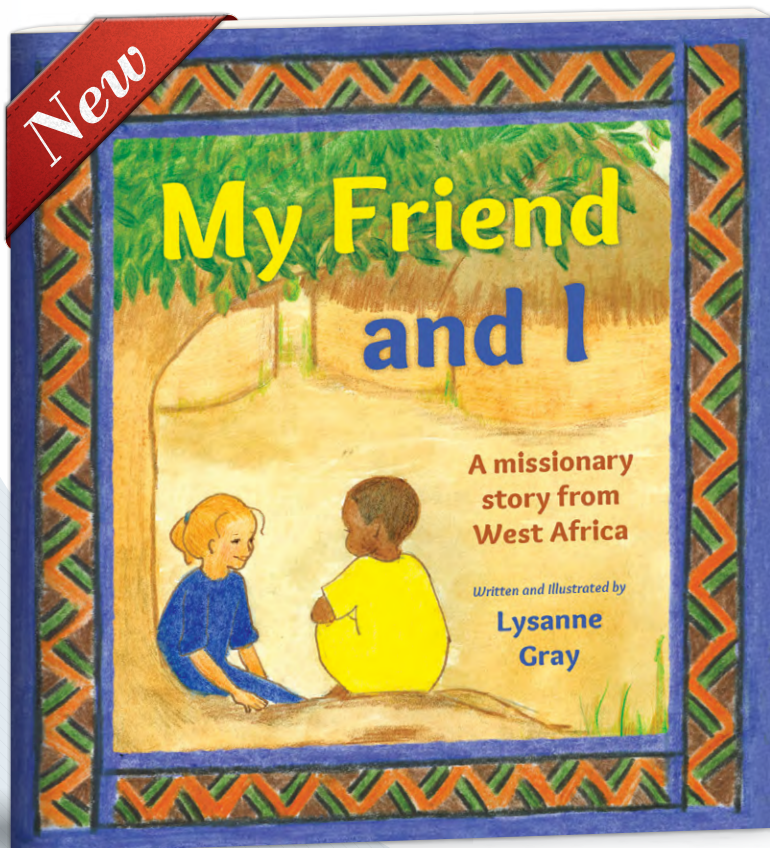
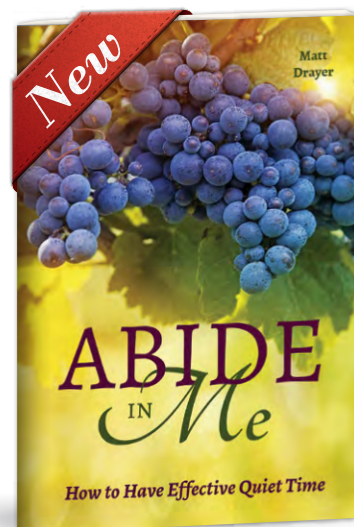


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When Grandmother is no longer able to provide for Ionica and his four siblings, Ionica goes to live with Uncle Nicu and his family. Uncle Nicu knows about God, but Ionica doesn't. Ionica learns God loves him, but will God answer his prayer?

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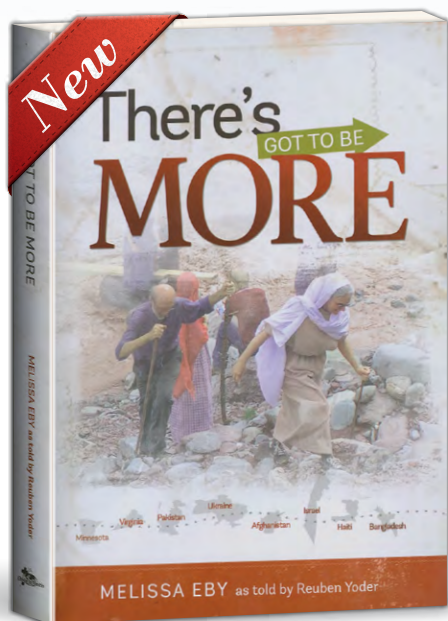
We say a man becomes as the company he keeps, yet so many Christians skip their appointments with God to follow the hectic rush of this world. What a loss! In simple language, this encouraging booklet gives clear, practical instructions for having an effective quiet time. An inspiration to the mature, an exhortation to the backslidden, and a wonderful guide for new believers.

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265020 **\$5.95** 28 Pages, CLP



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| Sales of Publications | 7,159,542 |
| Completed Inventory on hand for sale | 3,488,004 |
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| Accounts Payable due to vendors | 203,132 |
| Checking account balance | 485,781 |
| Cost of <i>Just for You</i> free distribution | 82,545 |
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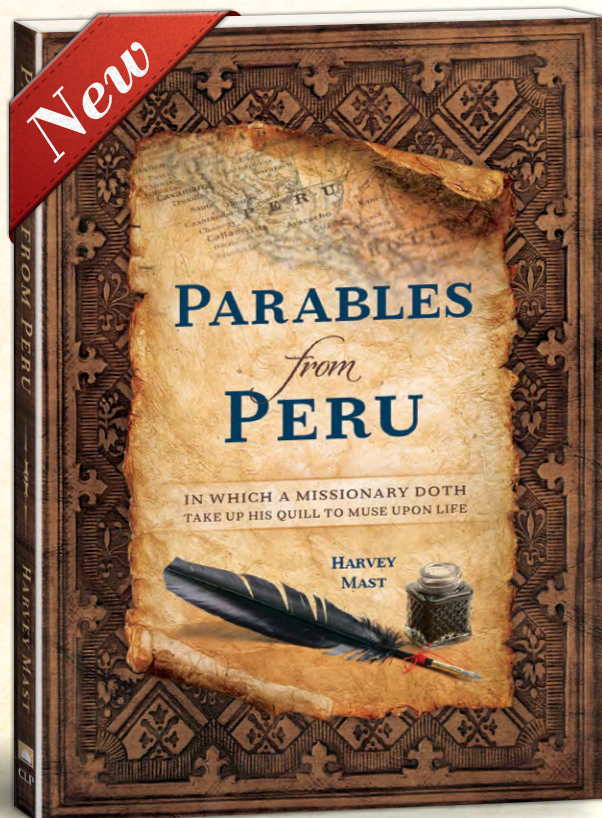
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PARABLES FROM PERU

Harvey Mast

Missionary life in Peru brought great challenges to Harvey Mast and his family. But amidst tribulation and sometimes deep anguish, God gave joy, peace, and spiritual growth. In these heartfelt parables written in a style harking back to yesteryear, Harvey shares some of the lessons God taught them through both the lighter moments and the soul-moving low points of their sojourn.

There is more to these enjoyable stories than first meets the eye. Born through contemplation and prayer, each parable contains deeper meaning and insights for Christian living that will bless your own walk with the Lord.

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