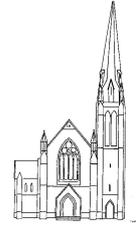




THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GIRVAN NORTH PARISH CHURCH



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Dear friends, Hudson Taylor was born to two parents, James and Amelia, who were interested in the Far East and wanted their son to work in China. A teenage Hudson was spiritually reborn, and he prayed fervently. He learned about medicine and Mandarin and went deeper into the Bible and more intensely into prayer.

In September 1853, the 21-year-old Hudson left Liverpool harbour bound for China. Then there were only a few dozen missionaries. When Hudson died just over 50 years later there were thousands of missionaries serving in China, all due to him.

When Hudson's ship arrived in Shanghai, he almost immediately made the radical decision to dress as the Chinese dressed and kept his hair in a pigtail. His fellow Protestant missionaries could not believe he would want to do that and were critical of this. Hudson felt his fellow missionaries were more materialistic than spiritual, whilst Hudson wanted to explore China's interior to do his mission work.

Hudson married Maria Dyer, a daughter of missionaries, but then Hudson became seriously ill, probably with hepatitis. He needed to travel back to England to recover. He translated the Bible into Chinese but was dismayed by the apathy of the English population. They were not interested that the Chinese lacked the biblical knowledge, which the English possessed. He increased the number of missionaries that China had by 25%. Hudson was worried about these missionaries safety but was even more worried that so many people were being denied the gospel message.

The China Inland Mission missionaries had no guaranteed salary, could not ask for money, and dressed as the Chinese dressed to better advance the gospel message.

Hudson placed enormous demands on himself, and others, and was viewed by many as autocratic. He was criticised for sending young women into the interior. Despite this he was attracting new missionaries. Hudson believed that new converts were not achieved from unassuming missionaries but by those who "led from the front". Hudson's mental and physical health suffered because of his extremely hard work ethic, and through losing his wife when she was very young.

Hudson though inspires us today. Just as Hudson was prepared to do anything to advance his mission, we too should follow his example as we spread Christ's

message to others. We should be able to communicate on the same level as the people we preach to, we should have spiritual rather than material ambitions, and we should understand that it is never easy to make a noticeable difference. It will be painful. Hudson was certainly not perfect, as none of us are, but his heart was certainly in the right place and his results speak for themselves. Despite his strong management style, he inspired so many people to become missionaries to spread the gospel message all over China. We need to be empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Hudson Taylor memorably said: "I am no longer anxious about anything as I realise that (God) is able to carry His will for me. It does not matter where he places me, or how. That is for Him to consider, not me, for in the easiest positions He will give me grace, and in the most difficult ones His grace is sufficient". It is in God we trust.

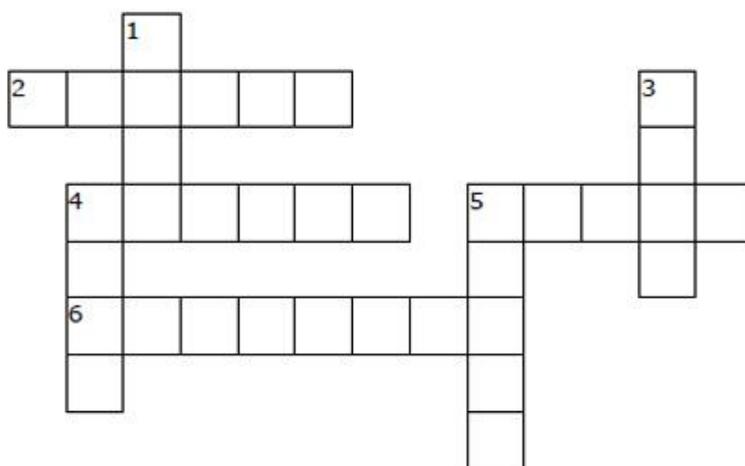
Best wishes, Glenn.

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ACROSS

2. A being that cannot be seen, like a ghost
4. The place where God lives
5. Something that can be heard
6. Means of communication used by the people of a particular country

DOWN

1. A destructive burning
3. Blowing air, especially that which would move the leaves on a tree
4. Something that is pure and good, such as God's Word
5. To say words, to use the voice

LANGUAGE	FIRE	HOLY	WIND
SPIRIT	HEAVEN	SOUND	SPEAK

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SPEAK	LANGUAGE	PENTECOST	HEAVEN	BLOWING
SOUND	OTHER	HOLY	SPIRIT	HEAR
FILLED	WIND	FIRE	TONGUES	AMAZED