

Timeline of Great Missionaries

(and a few other well-known church figures and historical events)

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Dates	Name	Ministry/Place of Ministry
70-155/160	Polycarp	Bishop of Smyrna
354-430	Aurelius Augustine	Bishop of Hippo (Africa)
1235-1315	Raymon Lull	Scholar and missionary to North Africa
1320-1384	John Wyclif	Morning Star of Reformation
1373-1475	John Hus	Reformer
1483-1546	Martin Luther	Reformation leader (Germany)
1494-1536	William Tyndale	Bible Translator (England)
1509-1564	John Calvin	Theologian/Reformation
1513-1573	John Knox	Scottish Reformer
1517	Ninety-Five Theses (nailed)	Martin Luther
1605-1690	John Eliot	Missionary to North American Indians
1615-1691	Richard Baxter	Puritan Pastor (England)
1628-1688	John Bunyan	Pilgrim's Progress (England)
1662-1714	Matthew Henry	Pastor and Bible Commentator (England)
1700-1769	Nicholaus Ludwig Zinzendorf	Moravian Church Founder
1703-1758	Jonathan Edwards	Theologian (America)
1703-1791	John Wesley	Methodist Founder (England)
1714-1770	George Whitefield	Preacher of Great Awakening
1718-1747	David Brainerd	To North American Indians
1725-1760	The Great Awakening	
1759-1833	William Wilberforce	Abolition (England)
1761-1834	William Carey (English)	Pioneer Missionary to India
1766-1838	Christmas Evans	Wales
1768-1837	Joshua Marshman	Bible Translation, founded boarding schools with Carey (India)
1769-1823	William Ward	A missionary leader with the British Baptist mission with Carey (India)
1773-1828	Rev. George Liele (African American)	Jamaica – One of first American missionaries
1780-1845	Elizabeth Fry	England Prison Reformer
1780-1828	Lott Carey (African American)	Pioneer missionary to Liberia
1781-1812	Henry Martyn	India, Persia
1782	David George (African American)	Pastored first black church in America and became missionary to Sierra Leone
1782-1834	Robert Morrison	China missionary
1788-1850	Adoniram Judson	Burma missionary
1789-1826	Ann Hasseltine Judson	Pioneer missionary to Myanmar
1794-1864	William (Billy) Bray	English evangelist
1795-1883	Robert Moffat	South Africa
1796-1839	John Williams	South Sea Islands
1803-1902	Robert C. Chapman	Apostle of Love, Hymn Writer, Author – Leader of Brethren Assemblies, England
1805-1898	George Müller	UK Missions Enthusiast
1806-1878	Alexander Duff	India
1807	Rev. Lott Carey (African American)	With Rev. Cohn Teague - first American missionaries to Sierra Leone
1807	England abolition bill passed	

1807-1891	Samuel Ajayi Crowther	Ex-slave missionary to Nigeria
1809-1898	William Gladstone	British Prime Minister
1813-1843	Robert Murray M'Cheyne	Scottish minister
1813-1873	David Livingstone (Scottish)	Missionary to Africa
1815-1868	William Burns	Scottish missionary to China
1820-1910	Florence Nightingale	English Nurse
1824-1907	John G. Paton	New Hebrides missionary from England
1828-1917	Andrew Murray	Devotional writer and promoter of missionary awakening (South Africa)
1829-1912	General William Booth	Salvation Army (UK) Founder
1832-1905	J. Hudson Taylor	Founder of CIM – China
1834	Slavery abolished throughout British colonies	
1834-1892	Charles Haddon Spurgeon	Prince of Preachers (England)
1836-1895	Adoniram Judson Gordon	Baptist Missions Promoter
1837-1870	Maria Taylor	China
1837-1899	D.L. Moody	Evangelist
1840-1912	Charlotte (Lottie) Moon	First single woman to China
1843-1891	James Gilmour	Scottish missionary to Mongolia
1845-1905	Thomas Barnardo	Orphan Homes (England)
1848-1915	Mary Slessor	Missionary to Calabar (Nigeria)
1855-1922	(Sarasvati) Pandita Ramabai	Indian pioneer in educational and medical missions
1859-1936	Jonathan Goforth	Canadian missionary to China
1860-1931	C.T. Studd	English Missionary to China, India, Africa
1860-1947	Rodney (Gipsy) Smith	Evangelist to UK and USA
1861-1946	Dixon Edwards Hoste	English missionary to China
1863-1945	G. Campbell Morgan	Westminster Chapel, London
1863-1953	Malla Moe	Norwegian missionary to Swaziland (South Africa)
1864-1942	Rosalind Goforth	Canadian missionary to China
1865	Slaves freed in USA!	
1865-1927	William Henry Shepherd (African American)	Missionary to Africa
1865-1955	John R. Mott	Missions enthusiast
1865-1912	John Hyde	Man of prayer, missionary to India
1866 (May)	The Lammermuir Party (22)	CIM missionaries to China
1867-1947	Robert E. Speer	Presbyterian Foreign Missions
1867-1951	Amy Carmichael	Irish missionary to Dohnavur, India
1867-1951	Samuel Zwemer	Arabian Peninsula missionary
1867-1896	Peter Cameron Scott	Founder of AIM – Africa
1869 (Nov. 17)	Suez Canal opens	
1872-1942	Rowland Bingham	Founder of SIM – Nigeria, Africa (Canadian)
1873-1945	Robert A. Jaffray	Canadian missionary to China and Indonesia
1873-1928	Temple Gairdner	Scottish missionary to Egypt
1884-1973	E. Stanley Jones	USA missionary to India
1884-1970	Frank Charles Laubach	Literacy pioneer and missionary (Philippines)
1886-1938	James O. Fraser	English missionary to China
1889-1929/33	Sadhu Sundar Singh	India and Tibet
1892-1983	Corrie ten Boom	The Hiding Place; The Netherlands
1894-1973	E. Stanley Jones	USA missionary to India
1895-1993	Norman Grubb	English missionary to Africa – WEC
1895 - 1984	L.E Maxwell	Founder of Prairie Bible Institute
1896-1982	William Cameron Townsend	Founder of SIL/Wycliffe and missionary to Guatemala
1897-1990	Donald McGavran	India
1899-1981	D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones	Westminster Chapel – London

1900-1901	Boxer Rebellion	China
1901-1957	Isobel Kuhn	China
1901-1944	John Sung	Evangelist in China
1901-1991	Wang Ming Dao	China Persecuted Church leader
1902-1970	Gladys Aylward	The Little Woman – China
1902-1995	J. Oswald Sanders	CIM-OMF General Director
1902-1945	Eric Liddell	Missionary to China
1903-2000	Brother Bakht Singh	Missionary from India to Tibet
1903-1972	Watchman Nee	Chinese Pastor and Preacher
1905-1984	Joy Ridderhof	Gospel Recordings
1906-1934	Elizabeth “Betty” Stam	China
1907-1934	John Stam	China
1909 - 2001	Richard Wurmbrand	Romanian Persecuted Pastor
1910-1965	Kenneth Strachan	Costa Rica
1914-1978	Bob Pierce	Founder of World Vision
1923-1956	Nate Saint	Ecuador
1923 - 1991	Clarence W Jones	Co-founder of Radio Station HCJB
1924 – 2009	Ralph Winter	Founder of US Center for World Missions
1927-1956	Jim Elliot	Ecuador
1925-	Helen Roseveare	Congo
1928 -	Brother Andrew	Took the Word of God behind the Iron Curtain
1938 -	George Verwer	Founder of OM (short-term missions)