



JOHN AND BETTY STAM

Missionary Martyrs to China

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NOTE TO THE TEACHER

Display each illustration where indicated in text, laying volume aside when the story line continues beyond the picture.

John and Betty Stam (1907/1906-1934)

This is the story of a young couple who lived for Christ. Betty was six months old when she and her missionary parents left for China. John grew up in Paterson, NJ. After his conversion he helped his father in mission work there. While John and Betty were students at Moody Bible Institute, both felt called to serve as missionaries to China. Betty arrived in China a year before John. After John's first year on the mission field, they were married. Eleven months after that, their daughter

was born. Less than three months later, John and Betty were killed by the Chinese Communists. This volume was published in cooperation with the Overseas Missionary Fellowship (formerly known as the China Inland Mission).

The extra activities and review questions to pages 14-16 are correlated with each chapter and encourage student involvement. You may wish to make a copy of the memory verse token on page 10 for each student.

Chapter 1

Changes for Betty

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

We have chosen to use the old Chinese spelling for these locations as that is what was used in China when John and Betty were there. The new Chinese spelling has been given for some words to help you locate them on a larger, up-to-date map of China.

Old Spelling (New Spelling)

Anhwei Province (Anhui)
Anking (Anqing)
Fowyang (Fuyang)
Miaosheo
Pao
Peking (Beijing)
Shanghai
Shantung Province (Shandong)
Sinkiang (Xinjiang)
Suancheng (Zuancheng)
Swenchiapu
Tsinan (Jinan)
Tsingtao (Qingdao)
Tsingteh (Jingde)
Tungchow (Tungzhou)
Wuhu
Yamen
Yangchow (Yangzhou)
Yangtze River (Chang Jiang River)
Yingshang

Pronunciation

Ann´ - whey
Ann - king´
Fo´ - yahng
Mee - ow´ - show
Bough
Pea - king´
Shang - high´
Shan - dung´
Shin - jiang´
Schwen´ - chung
Swun´ - ja - poo
Je´ - nan
Ching - dow´
Ching´ - deh
Tongue - jo´
Woo - hoo´
Yah´ - men
Yahng´ - jo
Yang´ - see
Ying - shang´

Waves surged ahead of the ship and rolled over each other in a race to reach shore. The dark strip of land hugging the horizon stretched as far as the eye could see. A young couple stood on deck and watched as the rising sun shone on the buildings along the shoreline. "China is a big country, isn't it, Charles?" the woman said softly.



Show Illustration #1

Dr. Scott looked down at his wife and smiled. Gently he shifted the sleeping infant in his arms to protect her from the winds. "Yes, Clara," he answered. "And this is only part of the coast. China extends thousands of miles inland. But we, no doubt, will settle somewhere here on the coast where the Presbyterians have an established work."

The baby cried and Mrs. Scott tucked the blanket around their daughter. "I wonder what it will be like living in China," she said. "For little Betty it won't seem strange. She'll grow up hearing and seeing what now will be new to us. Charles," she said, then paused, "do you suppose China could have another uprising like the Boxer Rebellion? So many missionaries and children were killed then."

Dr. Scott looked out over the choppy sea toward the land to which God had called them. "It's possible," he replied seriously. "That happened only six years ago in 1900. Conditions still are unsettled in China, though there is a different feeling throughout the country. Now, instead of hating foreigners, Chinese are eager