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Asking A Prospective Father-in-Law Permission to Marry His Daughter

Adoniram Judson was one of the first American missionaries. While a student at Andover Seminary around 1810, he and some of his fellow students sensed God calling them to go to the mission field. Judson eventually settled in Burma (present day Myanmar). Committed to this call, Judson wrote Ann Hasseltine's father to ask for her hand in marriage. Here is what Judson wrote:



"I have now to ask whether you can consent to part with your daughter early next spring, to see her no more in this world; whether you can consent to her departure for a heathen land, and her subjection to the hardships and sufferings of a missionary life; whether you can consent to her exposure to the dangers of the ocean; to the fatal influence of the southern climate of India; to every kind of want and distress; to degradation, insult, persecution, and perhaps a violent death?"

"Can you consent to all this for the sake of Him who left his heavenly home, and died for her and for you; for the sake of perishing immortal souls; for the sake of Zion and the glory of God? Can you consent to all this in hope of soon meeting your daughter in the world of glory, with a crown of righteousness brightened by the acclamations of praise which shall redound to her Saviour from heathens saved, through her means, from eternal woe and despair?"

Ann's father gave his permission and Adoniram and Ann were married on Feb. 5, 1812. Just two weeks later, the newlyweds set sail for India and then to Burma.

From 1812 to 1850, as a husband, father, missionary, and friend, Judson came to know what it was to sacrifice and suffer. Nevertheless, enduring many trials, he steadfastly pursued his goal of evangelizing the Burmese people and translating the Bible into their language. When he died, the translation work had been completed, 100 churches had been planted, and 8,000 Burmese professed faith in Jesus Christ.

Dr. Aquila To Teach in Egypt and Tunisia

Dr. Aquila will be teaching church history March 18-25 at New Geneva's extension in Egypt. There will be three other classes taught during this week with instructors coming various parts of the U.S. There are sixty five students enrolled in our Master's Certificate in Biblical Studies program. We are also including a visit to Tunisia, where we will be doing lectures; we will be exploring the possibility of beginning a New Geneva extension in Tunisia.

Why Tunisia? We have had a man, who was converted from Islam about five years ago, attending our classes in Egypt. The Lord has used this man in a significant way to lead other Tunisians to the Lord, and he recognizes the need for these converts to be discipled in a strong, Bible-centered way. He has been able to use the training he has received so far from New Geneva-Egypt, but he sees the need for more consistent and in-depth teaching.

Please pray for these classes in Egypt and Tunisia, for the students to learn biblical and theological concepts well, for them to be able to instruct members of their churches, and for the gospel to be firmly planted in that part of the world. Pray also for safety in one of the hot spots of the world.



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