

Museum of Methodism

“World Parish” Case

Family Trail

Name.....

Introduction

John Wesley famously said “I look upon the world as my parish”

This meant he wanted to spread Methodism throughout the world and help people through Faith.

Travelling to different countries in Wesley’s time was very difficult (remember they didn’t have cars and planes then!)- they rode on horses or sailed on ships, which could be dangerous.

We are now going to look at some objects in the World Parish case to find out what stories they can tell us about Methodism throughout the world.



America and the Caribbean

The words of Methodism came to the Caribbean in 1760 when a man called Nathaniel Gilbert started preaching to his slaves.

In America another man, now known as the Father of Methodist Missions, went on a “mission” there to preach in the 1780s (that’s nearly 300 years ago!)



What was the name of the Methodist preacher who went on a “mission” to America?

Clue: he owned this inkwell.

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C _ _ _ _



Europe



Christianity had been around in Europe for a long time but Methodism was a bit different, so telling people about it was not easy. Also lots of countries in Europe (like France and Italy) spoke different languages. Today there are little groups of Methodists all over Europe.



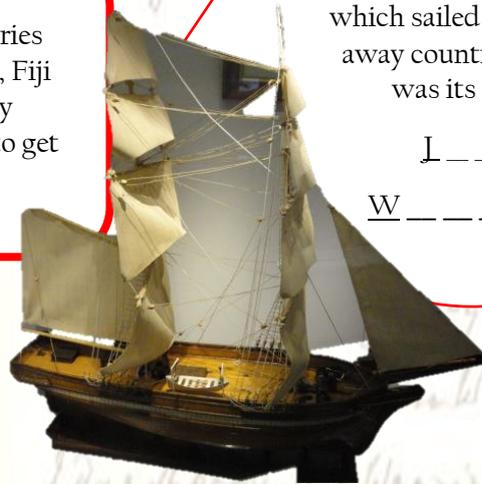
Find the plaque of John Wesley. Where is it from?

- a) England
- b) Germany
- c) America

India and South Pacific



In the early 1800s Methodist missionaries visited Australia, New Zealand, Tonga, Fiji and India. At that time this was very impressive because it took a long time to get to the other side of the world!



This is a small model of the missionary ship which sailed to these far away countries. What was its name?

L _ _ _ _

W _ _ _ _ _

The decorated gourd you see in the case has a picture of Thomas preaching in Africa on it.

Why do you think there is an umbrella in the picture?

- a) It is very sunny
- b) It is raining
- c) It looks nice



Africa



British soldiers who were in Africa spread the word of Methodism. Thomas Birch Freeman was the son of an ex-slave and an English woman. He became a Methodist missionary in West Africa. He set up schools and farming projects as well as teaching people that slavery was wrong.

South East Asia



Methodism reached China and East Asia later than other parts of the world. Missionaries arrived in Korea only in the last 100 years but it now has one of the strongest Methodist Churches in the world.



This typewriter has a sad story. It belonged to Dr. Roderick Macdonald who was a missionary doctor in China.

He was shot dead by river pirates when he was travelling. The pirates stole all his belongings apart from this typewriter and...

- a) His car
- b) His bag
- c) His umbrella

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Museum of Methodism and John Wesley's House



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