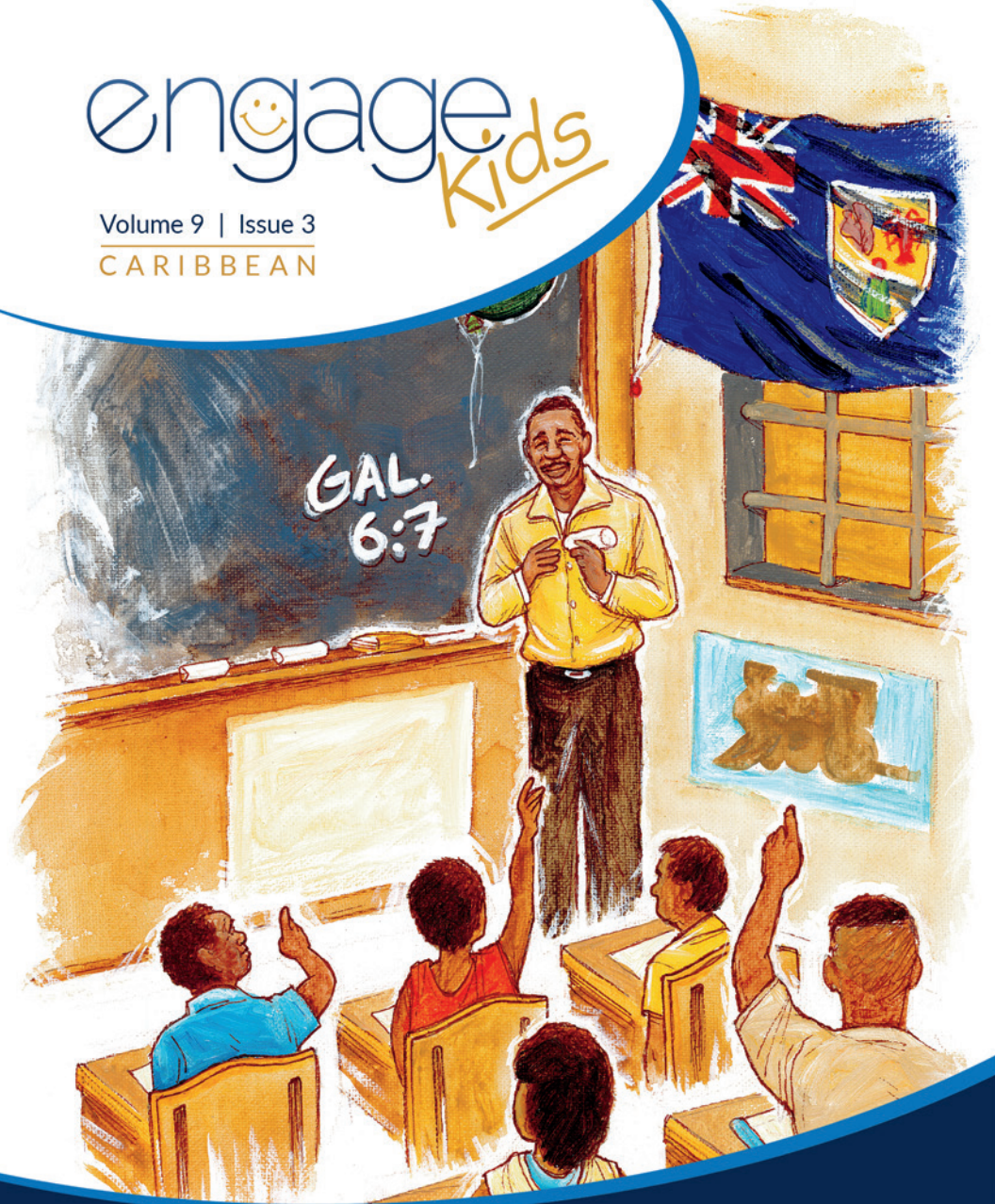


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**ACTIONS have
CONSEQUENCES**

OBEYING GOD

CHANGES
OTHERS'
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School...

What is the first thing that popped into your head when you read that word? Homework? Desk? Recess? Early mornings?

Maybe you do not like school, but hopefully you realize how blessed you are to have the opportunity to learn. Do you know not everyone has that blessing?

In the village of Bottle Creek, North Caicos, in the Turks and Caicos Islands, there were no high schools and no Christian schools whatsoever. The villagers began to realize their children needed an education from a Christian point of view. As they searched for someone to answer this call, they came across Fred and Barbara Wingham!

The Wighams had never taught in a school before. But they felt God specifically asking them to open a Christian school in the Turks and Caicos Islands. And when God called, they answered yes. They began to put together a school!



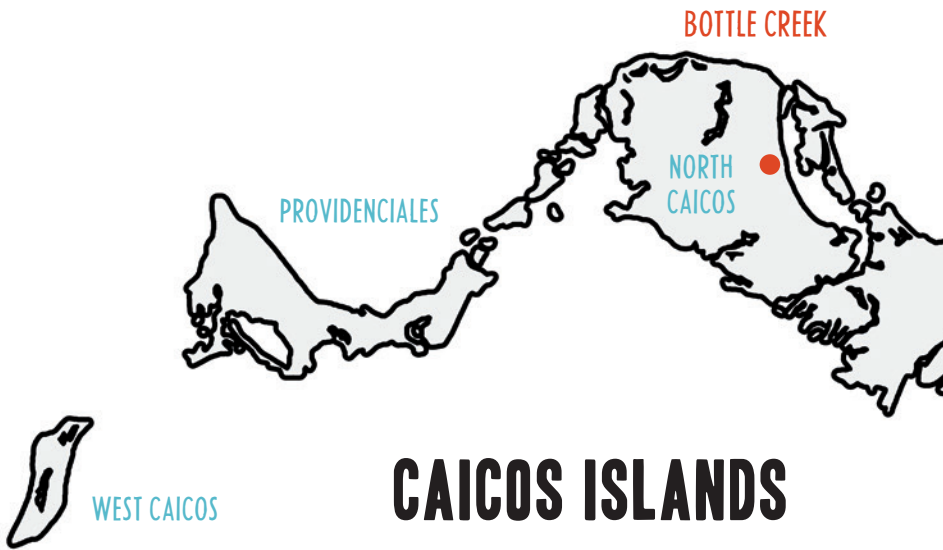
They cleaned out a bedroom in the mission house and put in rickety tables and a chalkboard. The first year they only had twelve students. With God's help the school continued to grow and make a lasting difference in student's lives. Today men and women who attended the Wingham's Lighthouse Christian Academy are working in government positions and serving as leaders in various churches. One boy in particular named Junior Forbes went to the school as a little guy. Today he is a church leader in the islands and is continuing to spread the gospel.

The villagers in the Turks and Caicos Islands had a need—Christian education. God supplied the Winghams to fulfill that need, even though they did not feel qualified or prepared to do so.

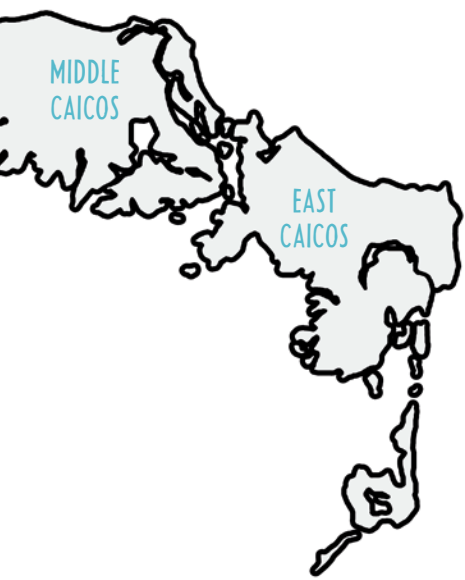
God wants to use YOU in His plan to spread the gospel. In fact God WILL use you if you give yourself to Him.

ISLAND TRAVEL

The people who live on the Turks and Caicos Islands often use boats to go from town to town. On the map color the ocean blue. Then make each island a different color. Draw a boat by your favorite island.



ATLANTIC OCEAN



TURKS ISLANDS



SMALL ACTION, BIG SPIRITUAL IMPACT

They darted through the village, trying their best to be sneaky. With a can of kerosene in hand, they were ready to carry out their devious plan. Only a little farther to run, and they would be at the truck! Hopefully, no one in the nearby mission house would see what they were up to. Finally reaching the truck, they doused it with kerosene, and with the flick of a match, WHOOSH! The truck went up in a billow of flames. Mission accomplished! Burning high into the air and spreading across the ground, the fire came extremely close to the mission house. But thanks to God's protection the flames did not harm it.

While the boys were proud of their deed, their happiness did not last long. A short time later the police found out who had set fire to the truck! The boys were taken before the district judge. They knew there was not much hope. Legally that judge did not have to show any mercy whatsoever. They had done wrong and would pay the price. However, Mr. Fred Wingham was the supervisor of the mission which owned the truck. Ultimately it was up to him to decide the fate of the boys. To their utter shock and disbelief Mr. Wingham

chose not to charge them, and they were freed. The boys were amazed at the forgiveness of the man who could have put them behind bars. This one act of kindness changed their lives forever.

Fast forward several years. Mr. Fred Wingham and the boys who set his truck on fire are still friends today. In fact the whole community came to know and love the Wingham through this experience. Through their actions the villagers saw a picture of Christ's mercy, and ultimately they asked for a church to be planted that taught the same message of love and forgiveness.

This one small action made a large spiritual impact. Many came to know Christ through the work of Mr. Fred Wingham.





Louie's treehouse Lair



SOWING JESUS' LOVE

On the cover find the Bible verse reference written on the chalkboard. Look up the verse in your Bible. A farmer sows a small seed and reaps a large crop. Mr. Wingham showed love to the teenagers, and a church was started. Your small actions have a large impact on others. Make sure your words and attitudes are kind so others will feel loved and come to know Christ through you.



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