

INTRODUCTION

Prior to 1976 some of the Northern Canada Evangelical Mission missionaries were involved in the writing of Bible courses in easy-to-understand English. The need for these courses was very great and yet it took years to develop them. It was noted that Mrs. Dorothy O. Wellwood, a teacher and a missionary with Northern Canada Evangelical Mission for many years, was good in writing in easy-to-understand English. She was approached about writing a Bible study on one of the Gospels. This excellent work - **STUDIES IN MARK** - is the result.



The first printing was done in four volumes. The first two volumes were quite short and they are now combined in one volume.

This **STUDIES IN MARK** is a verse by verse study of the Gospel of Mark. It has been a blessing to many and several have accepted Christ as Saviour through it.

Mrs. Wellwood later lived in Nova Scotia and is writing literature about and for native people in that area. She passed into her reward 1994.

This simple study of the Gospel of Mark began with a Bible Class of Native women in the Yukon Territory. It was our desire to see these Native people grounded in basic knowledge of the Scriptures. To accomplish this, they had to learn to get into the Word of God themselves.

The ideal method for the use of the course is that of teaching the lessons first, either in groups or to individuals, and then following up with the take-home sheets, these to be returned for help and checking. Where this has been possible only at extended intervals in outlying areas, we have found that they can be done quite well using the lessons as correspondence work.

What has been written makes no claim to be learned exposition. Those who will use it most are low-level readers or young people. Some adults are attending up-grading schools so they can learn to read the Bible. Therefore, we have attempted to "simplify the simplified," avoiding big words and keeping to simple sentence structure.

Once established, we found both White and Native people in our areas requesting lessons. So it has become our prayer that they may prove usable by the Lord for other people of the North, and for young people anywhere, who are interested in getting something from the Word of God themselves.

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