# A QUICK HISTORY OF AFRICANS IN MISSION

Throughout history, Africans have been involved in mission, and had an amazing impact on the growth of the church in Africa. We don't always get to hear their stories, so let's meet some of them:

## KWEKU/PHILIP QUAQUE 1741-1816

Born Kweku, and later baptised Philip Quaque The first African ordained as an Anglican priest Served for 50 years as a missionary in Ghana

#### SAMUEL AJAYI CROWTHER 1809-1891

Grandson of King Abiodun, captured by slave raiders aged 12

First African Anglican bishop of West Africa

Opened first mission run entirely by Africans in Niger

# SECHELE GUSTAV FRITSCH 1812-1892

Evangelized the Bakwena people of Botswana

Adapted Christianity to African life

#### CATHERINE MULGRAVE 1827-1891

Born Gewe (pronounced Ngeve) in Angola
Later baptised as Catherine
First female teacher for Basel mission in Ghana
Escaped from slavery after a shipwreck in Jamaica





## MARIA FEARING 1838-1937

Became a missionary at 56
Served in Congo until she was 78

## ORISHATUKEH FADUMA 1855-1946

Served for 57 years in the US and Sierra Leone, West Africa



## WILLIAM WADÉ HARRIS 1860-1929

Helped the growth of the Methodist and Catholic churches
Inspired new churches in Liberia, Ivory Coast, Sierra Leone, & Ghana



Tangale fruit seller in Tanzania
Used his market stall in a hostile Muslim town

Evangelised where white missionaries weren't allowed

There are many Africans serving in mission today, doing exciting work. Let's pray for them and the work they are doing.

Why not meet the very first African missionary featured in the Bible? Turn to the back page to read about the Ethiopian official who met the evangelist Philip and became a believer.



