

The Man in the Hut

The story is told of a missionary who was lost at sea and, by chance, washed up on an island near a remote native village.

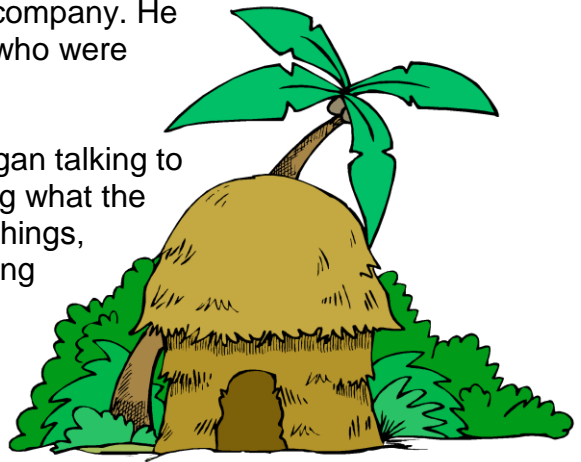
Finding him half-dead from starvation and exposure, the people of the village nursed him back to health. He subsequently lived among the people for some 20 years.

During that time, he confessed no faith, sang no gospel songs, preached no sermons. He neither read nor recited Scripture, and made no claim of personal faith.

However, when people were sick, he attended them. When they were hungry, he gave them food. When they were lonely, he kept them company. He taught the ignorant, and came to the aid of those who were wronged.

One day, missionaries came to the village and began talking to the people about a man called Jesus. After hearing what the newcomers had to say of Jesus' ministry and teachings, the islanders insisted that He had been living among them for 20 years.

"Come, and we will introduce you to the man about whom you have been speaking," they said. The natives led the missionaries to a hut where they found a long-lost friend, the missionary, whom all had thought dead.



As a believer, do people see Christ in you?

We are judged more by what we do than by what we say.

Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do (James 2:18).

– Beecher Hunter