

Robin: If Christianity is real it is radical. From my childhood I have been inspired by radical people.

This part of me was encouraged by people in my church who left the UK with nothing but faith to serve the Lord overseas. The story of Geoffrey Bull who was imprisoned for his faith in Tibet and five young American missionaries who were killed in the Amazon jungle had a great impact on me.

It was a culturally radical time – the Beatles, Flower Power and all that. But I did not do the radical drugs and free sex thing. I joined a new movement called Operation Mobilisation.

Headed by a visionary leader, George Verwer, as a small group of young people we believed we could transform the whole world by bringing the good news about Jesus to every nation. It was heady stuff. I spent three years with the team including getting picked up several times by the police in Spain for giving out Christian literature. I also met my wife on the team! Operation Mobilisation is now possibly the biggest missionary movement of the last 150 years and is a major factor in the explosion of Christianity in the developing world. We still keep in touch with George Verwer, who is just as crazy as ever to tell people about Jesus.

I think the sixties saw a great moral decline. But OM had a different moral framework and I believe this movement will one day be seen to have had a far greater impact on the world than the Beatles.

It really started for me when I was about 11. My Christian parents and grand-parents were a great influence on me. But at school I began to question things. Evolution was taught and I knew in my heart that Genesis 1 taught living things did not evolve but

reproduced 'after their kind'. I needed to find out more for myself. I took to reading the New Testament.

As I read through the gospels I was hugely impacted by the person of Jesus recorded there. Who else in history was ever so available and approachable as him? Who else changed lives as he did? When I got to the accounts of how he was executed on a cross, how he rose from the dead and then announced he would one day return I knew I had to make a decision. If this was all true then it changed everything. I came to the conclusion it *was* true. In fact this truth has been the foundation of my life. Over sixty years on, I'm just as convinced as ever. Indeed the church has no right to exist if these things are not true.

I still love to see the gospel grow in hazardous parts of the world. My wife Ruth and I went to Turkmenistan to pray in this anti-Christian country. We still support a young Turkmen woman who is seeking to bring the gospel to her country.

Today we try to bring the gospel through music to as many people as possible. You can hear us on Youtube. Just search ['Ruth and Robin Foster'](#).

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