

COULD YOU

Read this story and answer the questions.

Operation Auca was a very dangerous missionary adventure for Jim Elliot and four other missionaries. They went to Ecuador, a country in South America, to the region where the tribe of the Auca Indians lived. Jim was sure that God had led him to tell the Aucas about Jesus.

After several months of throwing gifts from a plane, Jim, his friend Nate Saint and three other missionaries established a missionary camp in the area where the Aucas lived. Soon they began to communicate with them. They were excited about the possibilities of evangelizing the Auca people.

However, suddenly something happened that is difficult to understand. On January 8, 1956, the Aucas killed the five missionaries.

- If you were a relative of one of the missionaries, what would you have felt towards the Aucas?
- Do you think the missionaries were following God's guidance? Why or why not?

The story could have ended here. This event could have been considered as a total tragedy, without any positive value.

However, a few years later, certain people returned to the same area to share the Gospel with the Aucas (they even translated the Gospel of Mark into the language of the Aucas). Can you guess who returned? It was Elizabeth Elliot, the widow of Jim Elliot. She came back to preach the gospel to the people who had killed her husband.

- Who gave Elizabeth Elliot power to do what she did?
- What would you have done in that situation?

DO THIS

