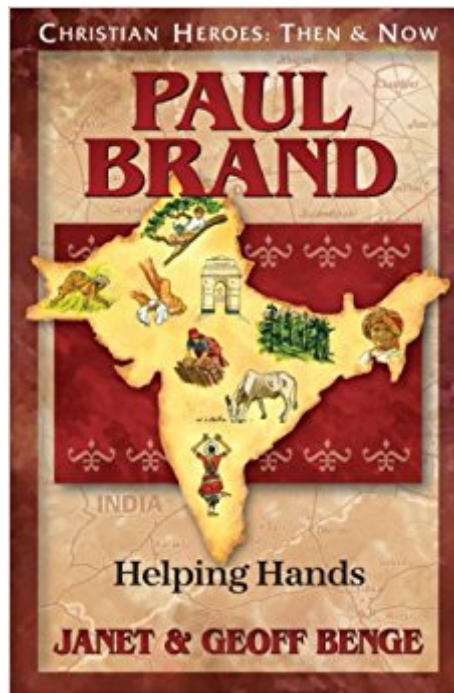




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# Paul Brand: Helping Hands (Christian Heroes: Then & Now)



## Synopsis

Watching his father perform medical procedures back in India had convinced Paul that medicine was about blood and guts and ulcers. To his amazement, he found that it was really about causes and cures, alleviating pain, and treating ill people with dignity. The son of missionary parents, Paul Brand did not plan on becoming a doctor. After training as a builder, he was called by God into medicine and spent a lifetime treating leprosy and restoring hope to thousands of sufferers. Dr. Paul Brand became the first surgeon in the world to use reconstructive surgery to correct the deformities of leprosy in the hands and feet. He strove to eliminate the stigma of the disease and rebuild the lives of those destroyed by it. A humble, brilliant servant, he influenced faith and medical communities around the world, reminding us that all men are created in the image of God.

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## Customer Reviews

Janet and Geoff Benge are a husband and wife writing team with over 20 years of writing experience. Janet is a former elementary school teacher. Geoff holds a degree in history. Originally from New Zealand, the Benges spent ten years serving with Youth With A Mission. They have three grown children.

Born and raised in India to English parents, Paul was determined never to become a doctor like his father, Jesse. He was nine years old before he took his first trip home. That was also his first time wearing shoes! Kids will love the description of the Guinea Worm removal! EEK! Paul found being sent to school in England with his sister, Connie, along with living with his aunt and uncle hard. This was made even more difficult when Jesse, his father, died at the age of 44! Would Paul's mom come back to England or stay in India? With school finished it was time to learn a trade to enable Paul to go to the mission field. After five years learning the building trade, Paul was surprised to be turned down by the missionary society who instead said that he needed to take a one year's tropical medicine course. Following that Paul was sent to the Colony to train for two years. It was here that Paul realized his mistake: he was not called to be a Bible teacher or a builder but a DOCTOR! Who was Paul paired with on his first day of medical school later becoming his wife? If you have not yet read the story of Ida Scudder founder of a hospital and college in Vellore, Southern India, I highly recommend you doing so as this is where Paul ended up! Having just figured out a non-surgical cure for club foot, would meeting lepers open Paul's eyes and give him the desire to find a solution for clawed hands with no feeling and fingers that eventually dropped off? Who would give Paul her savings of 500 pounds in order to start building the New Life Centre (Nava Jeeva Nilayam), a place where young men could learn a new trade. Why was this SO important? This is truly an amazing story. One man, called by God, with grit and determination, went beyond the call of duty to delve into the symptoms of leprosy, traveling all over the world to help try to understand why leprosy did what it did to its victims. Sadly, many times, he realized professionals were clueless or uncaring. I think it can be said that without Paul Brand's relentless research, leprosy would still be a huge problem today. As it stands though, Paul shed a whole new light on the disease, coming up with many different "cures", taking away the stigma and solving many of the problems. FANTASTIC! Thanks, Liz Paul Brand 1914-2003

I love to read Christian biographies, and to give these precious stories to my grand children. They love the true stories of dedicated Christian men and women who lived their lives for the love of Jesus. We have a hard time remembering books which set forth a lot of facts no matter how true those facts are, but we do remember biographies. I guess that fact is why God included so many biographies in the Bible. These Christian heroes books are easy for young readers to understand and great for book reports. My grand daughter read this one, and when she went to a sleep over,

and all the girls were in their sleeping bags, she told them the missionary story about Dr. Paul Brand. This is a great way to reinforce the truths of the Bible. The book of Acts is still being written by the faithful servants who gave and are still giving their whole lives for the love of God and others. These are not apostles, but they surrendered their hearts, minds, souls, and families to do the work of the kingdom. These are the men and women who have changed the course of whole nations. These are the sowers of the seed which is now bearing fruit in such nations as China, Africa, and even the Middle East. . I love these stories and can't wait to meet all of the Godly servants on that great DAY. Next to the Bible, make Christian biographies your choice of good reading.

This is an amazing story. After reading it, I gave my copy to the young man that we sponsor through Compassion International. His desire is to be a doctor someday. After sending it off to him I purchased it again on kindle (for \$2.99 since we had already purchased a print copy from .)

Good good good :)

My son is hooked on the Benge's books and now has nearly all of them. They're just right for his reading level. The big problem will be what to get him for his birthday when he has all in the series.

Great copy!

One of the few resources on Paul brand that kids can read and undertand. Very good book. Recommend reading for the youth.

This is one of the best books I've ever read and I've read a lot. Paul Brand certainly is a hero!

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