





## History

Mark Hamby hated reading as a child. When he became a Christian at age 22, he was introduced to Christian biographies which ignited a passion in his heart for great Christian literature. He was always looking for a role model whom he could follow, someone from whom he could learn and who would inspire and motivate him in his new life of faith. When he read his first biographies of D. L. Moody, George Mueller, Hudson Taylor, Amy Carmichael, Gladys Alward, and Abraham Lincoln, he knew he had found his mentors.

Today, thirty years later, Mark is still praying the prayer of D. L. Moody: "The world has not yet seen what God can do through one man wholly committed unto Christ." Several years later, after completing seminary training, Mark read *The Basket of Flowers*, which had such an influence upon his life that he knew immediately that the world had to read it! God continued to give Mark the desires of his heart by helping him to find some of the greatest life-transforming literature ever written. Through Lamplighter Ministries, we now have one hundred thirty titles published and a million in print!

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organization under the name of Cornerstone Family Ministries. Because of several other Cornerstone organizations that traveled in the same circles as our ministry, Mark decided to change the name to Lamplighter, which was the result of his love for the book, *The Lamplighter*, by Maria Cummins. In 2009, the organizational name was changed to Lamplighter Ministries International due to rapid growth and international interest that occurred as the result of the creation of Lamplighter Theatre's dramatic radio broadcasts.

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