

GRIFFITHS, DAVID (1792 - 1863), missionary

Name: David Griffiths
Date of birth: 1792
Date of death: 1863
Child: Jane John (née Griffiths)
Child: Mary Ann Jones (née Griffiths)
Gender: Male
Occupation: missionary
Area of activity: Religion
Author: Ebenezer Curig Davies

Born 20 December 1792, at Glanmeilwch, Gwynfe, Carmarthenshire. He began to preach in 1812, in 1814 he went to Neuadd-lwyd Academy, but in the same year was admitted to Wrexham Academy. In 1817 he went to the Missionary College, Gosport. He was nominated for the Madagascar missionary field; he was ordained on 27 July 1820, sailed with his wife in October of the same year and arrived in the spring of 1821. He laboured in Madagascar for fifteen years, but had to leave the island during the period of persecution. He was condemned to death but the sentence was commuted on his paying a ransom and promising to quit the island; all his belongings and property were confiscated without compensation. He spent some time around the African coast trying to assist the native Christians to escape. Returning to Britain in February 1842, he settled at Hay. He did much work for the Malagasy people, writing and translating books. His chief literary works were: *Hanes Madagascar*, a *History of the Martyrs*, a Malagasy grammar, catechisms, a hymn book, etc. With the help of others, he translated the Bible into Malagasy and also edited and revised many books including the *Pilgrim's Progress*. [Dr. Griffith John](#) married one of his daughters. He moved to Machynlleth where he died 21 March 1863; he was buried in Capel y Graig graveyard.

Author

Reverend Ebenezer Curig Davies, (1895 - 1981)

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