



## A Crippled Boy (Revelation 22:12)

Many years ago in the snowy Alps lived some Christian people called the Waldenses. The rest of the world did not love Jesus and were not kind to them. But the Waldensian men would go over the dangerous mountains with parts of the Bible hidden in their clothes. Whenever they could, they told people about Jesus. They liked being missionaries. This is why a badly crippled boy, named Lant, wanted also to be a missionary. But it hurt for him to move. So he could not even think about walking over the rough trails. "Oh, Mother, why did God make me so that I cannot help anyone?" "But you do help us, dear child, with your songs and in other ways. God has a work for everyone. Someday He will bring you work."

A year or two passed by quickly. Then a cruel king sent a great army into the Alps to destroy the Waldenses. Lant's family and Christian neighbors had to run to the mountains and hide. But Lant could not run away. The army camped near Lant's house for a few days. One night, Lant prayed for his family, friends, and even for the soldiers and king. Suddenly, two soldiers came up to him: "How did you get here and what are you talking about?" they asked. They made a fire and talked with Lant about Jesus. The soldiers were so interested that they didn't even know it was already morning. Before leaving they said, "If your family or friends come to our city, tell them to stop at our houses. Then they can teach the other people about Jesus."

Lant did not live very long. But while he did, he often said: "Dear Mother, you were right. God does have a work for each of us to do. I could not go out to teach people, so the dear Lord sent them to me." ❖