

Once upon a time
(a true story)





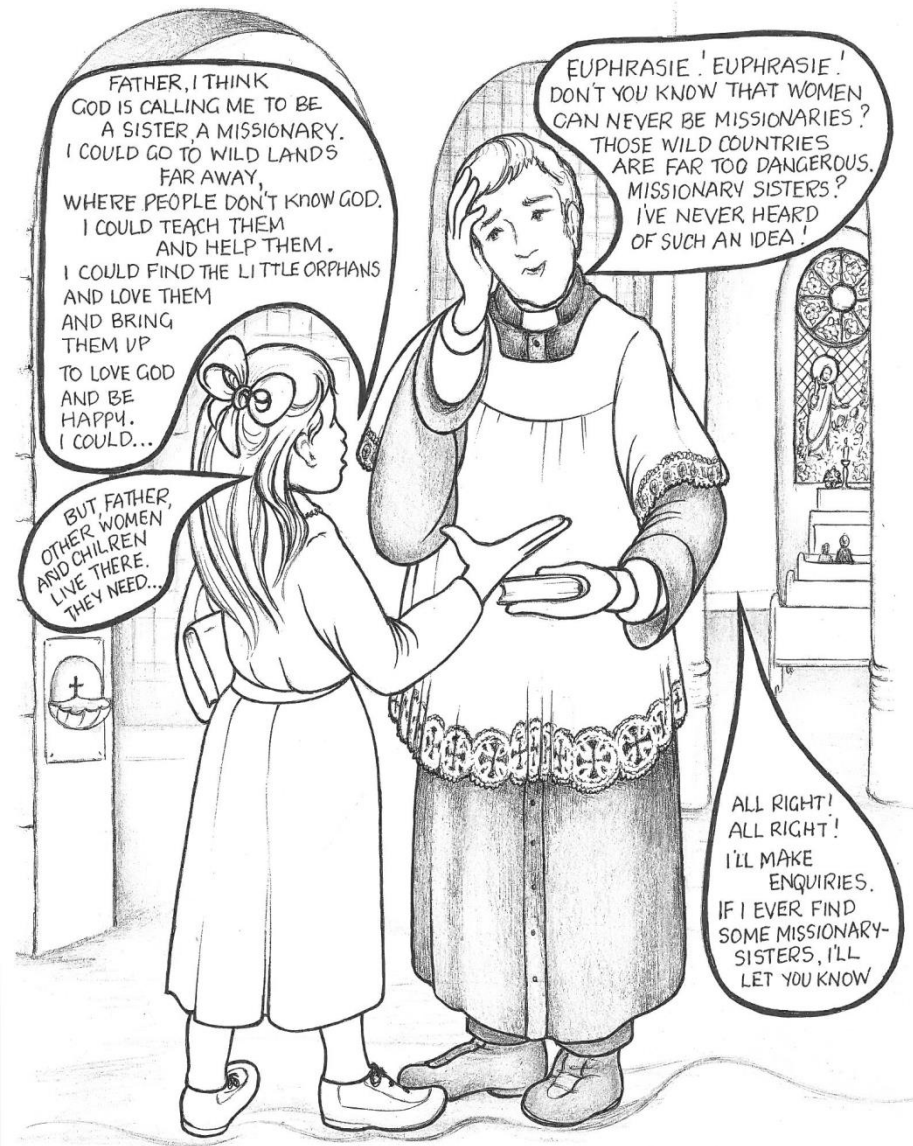
*Once upon a time
a little girl was born so small and skinny and weak,
that she could hardly breathe.*



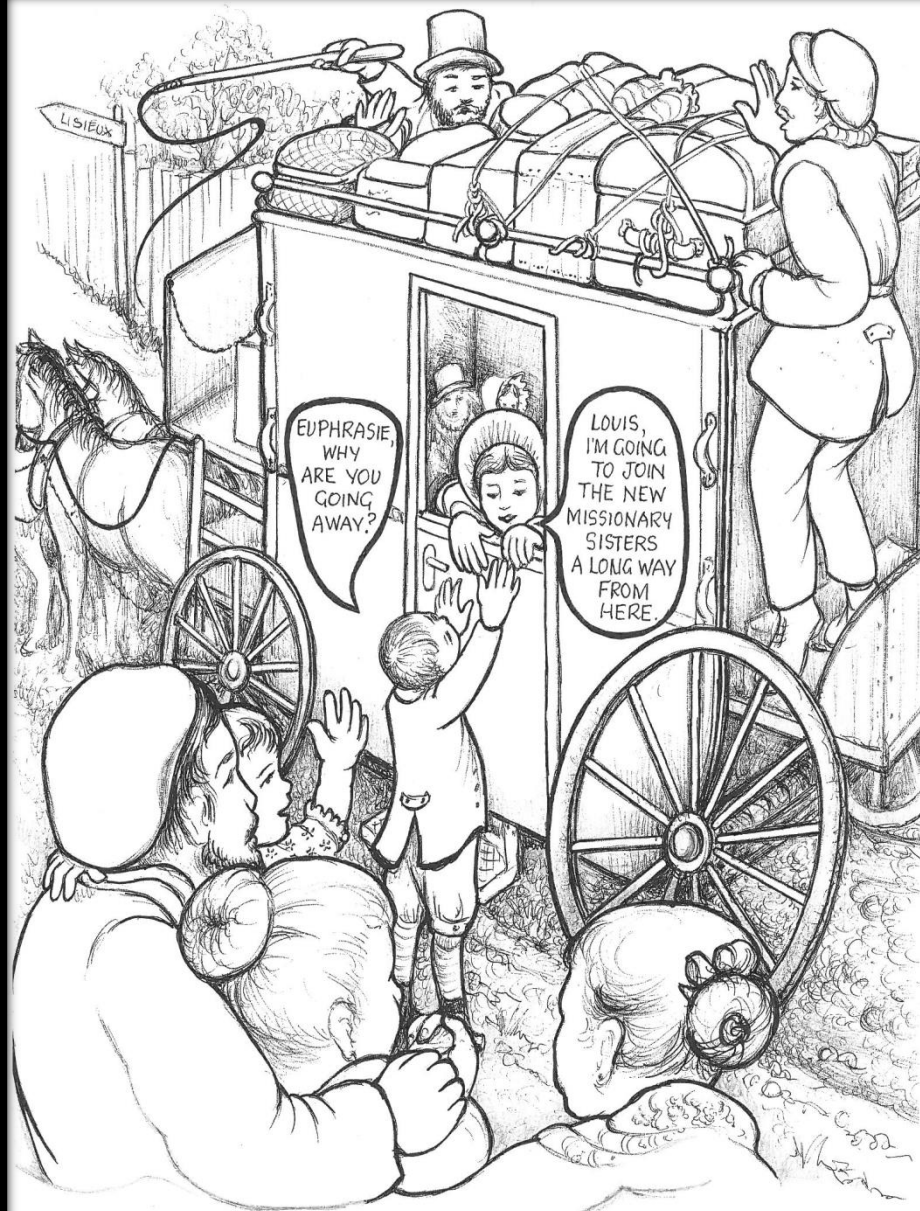
*But Adele Euphrasie Barbier didn't die.
She was always small and skinny for her age
and sometimes she had asthma*



*Sometimes at night Papa and Grandma told stories
about countries far away where they used to live.*



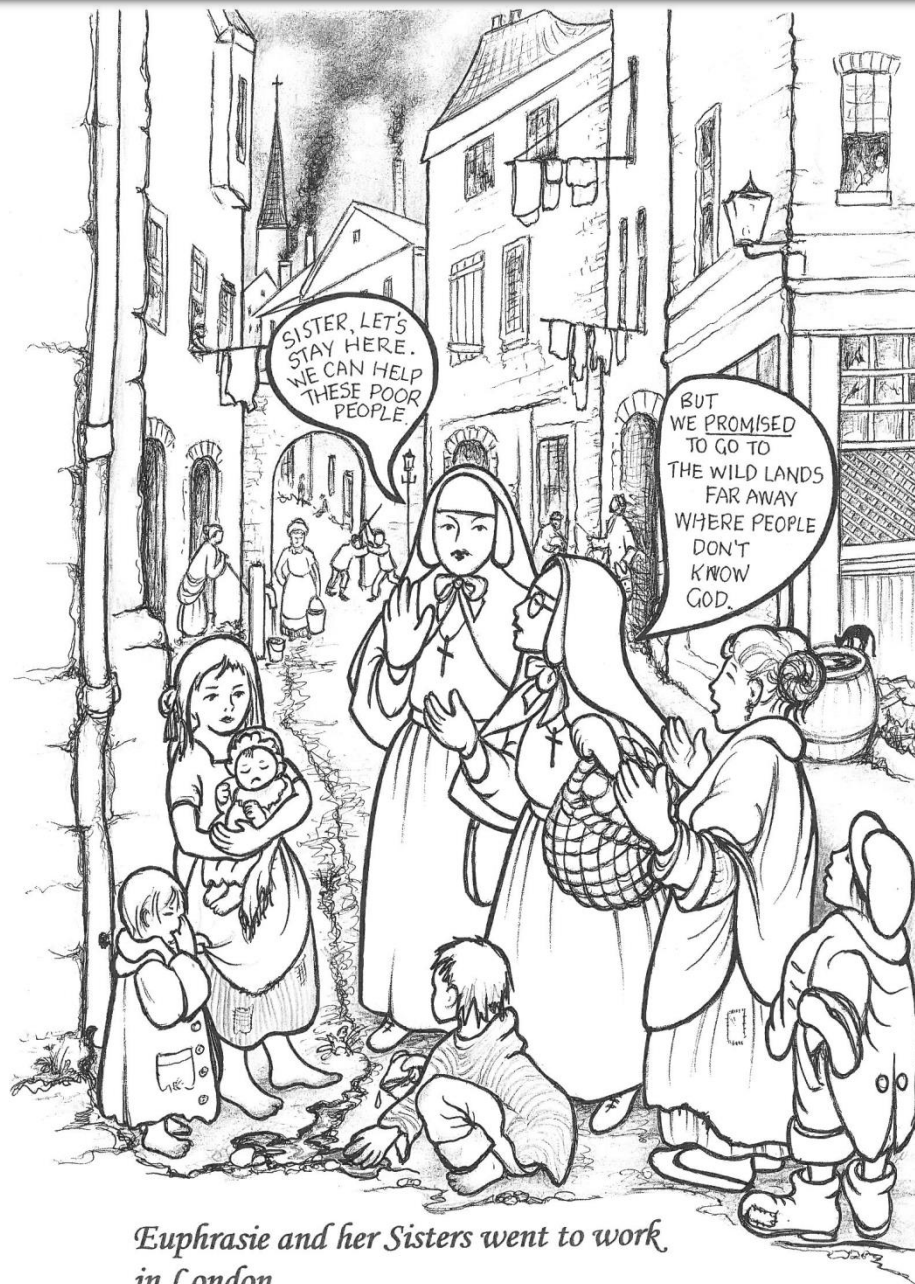
As she grew up Euphrasie had more and more ideas.



When she was nineteen she left her family.



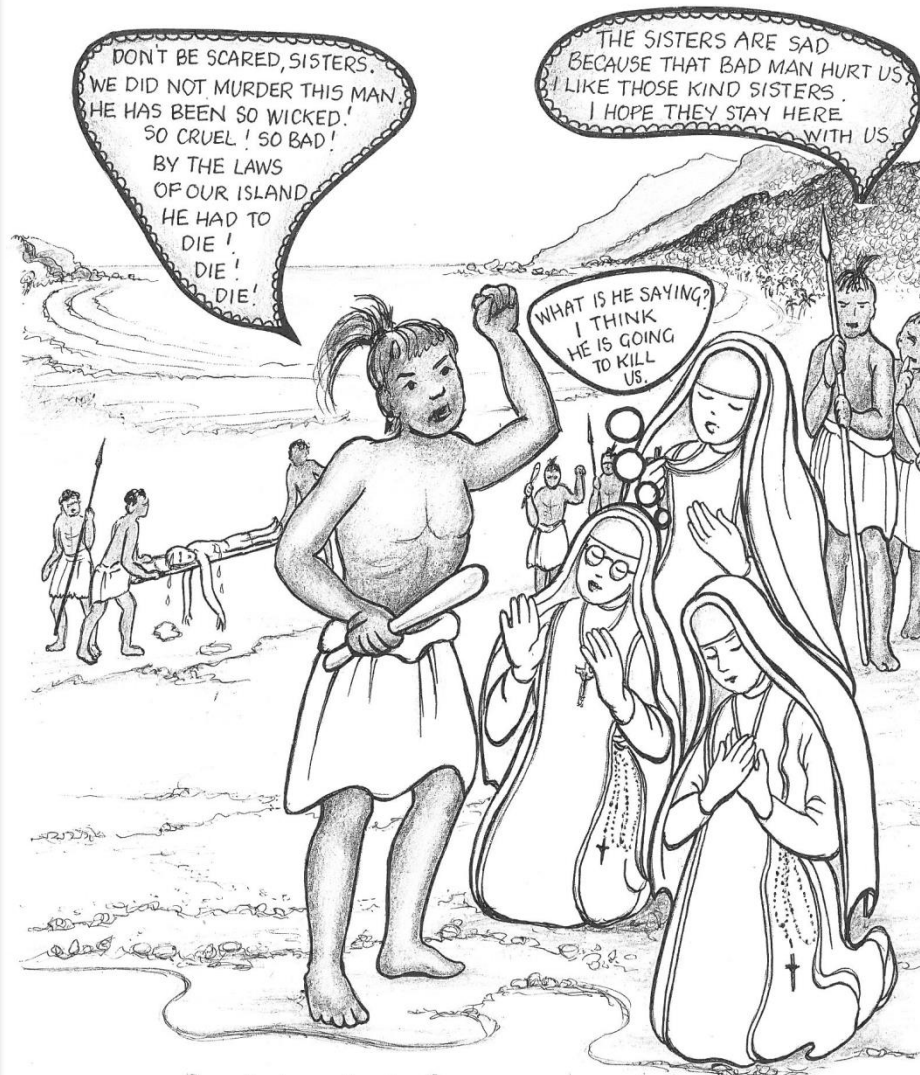
She travelled for days across France.



*Euphrasie and her Sisters went to work
in London.*

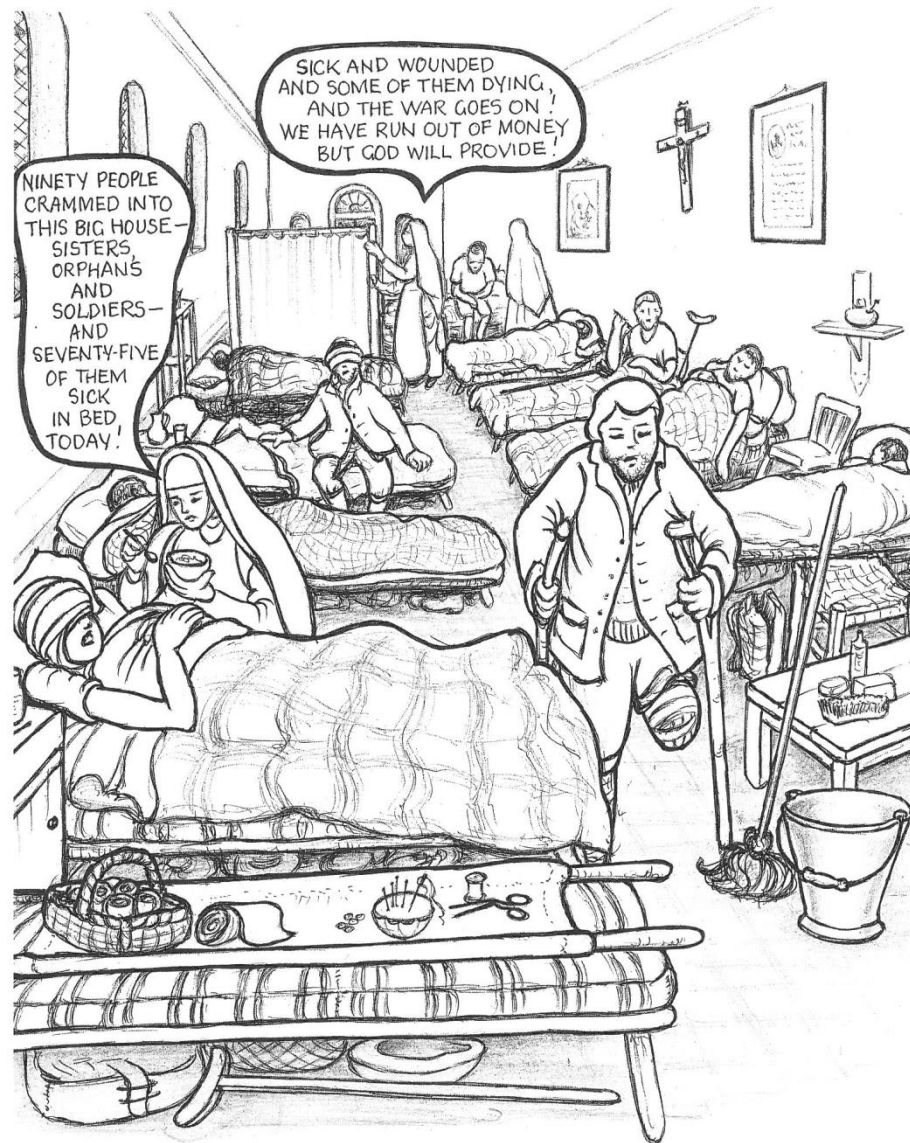


*So Euphrasie started
a new group of Sisters*

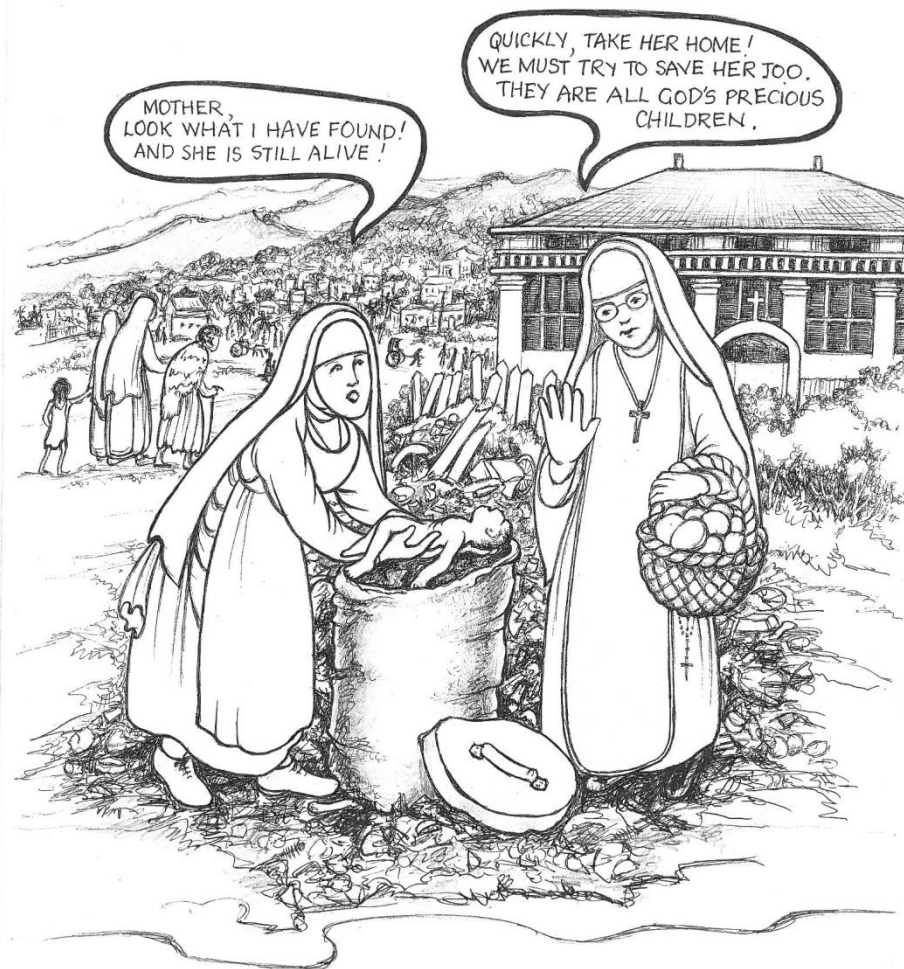


to be missionaries in far-away countries.

*They went to strange places and had to learn
new languages.*



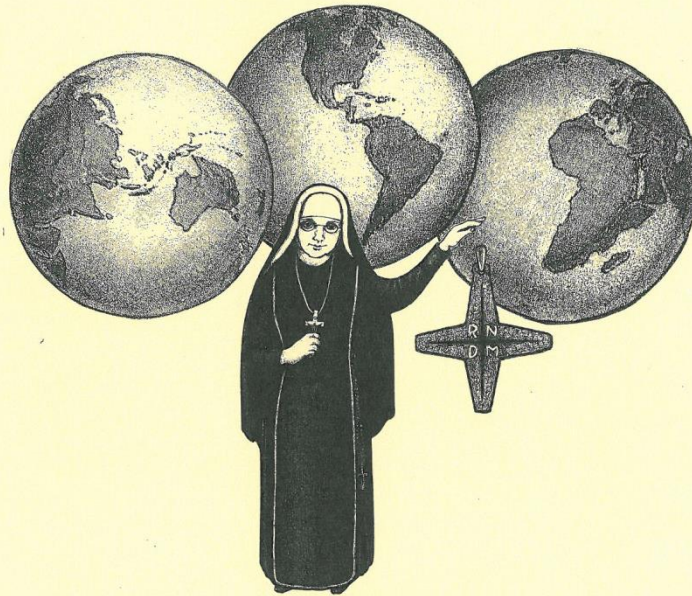
*They nursed sick people and helped worried people.
Most of all, they loved to tell people about God.*



*They cared for people who were poor and sad
and in trouble of any kind.
They educated children and women
so that they could live good and happy lives.*



Once Euphrasie was nearly killed in an accident.



*Euphrasie was small and skinny
even when she grew up.
She was often sick but she lived to be old.
She travelled by sailing-ships, steam trains
and coaches to many countries around the world.
She was very kind and loving to everyone
but especially she liked children
and they liked her.*

*Most of all, Euphrasie loved God
and she wanted everyone to know
how much God loves us.*

*Euphrasie went to Heaven many years ago
but her missionary Sisters still work
all around the world,
some of them in countries she never knew about.*



Euphrasie Barbier (Mother Marie du Coeur de Jesus – Mary of the Heart of Jesus) founded her Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions (Religieuses de Notre Dame des Missions) in Lyons, France, in 1861. They are a missionary congregation devoted particularly to the education of women and children living in conditions of poverty and deprivation. The 'Missions' of their title refers to the Divine Missions of God's love, and the call and redemption of every person on earth.