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Charlotte Digges Moon was born in Virginia in 1840. Everyone called her “Lottie.” As a child, she was very strong-willed and often disobeyed her parents and teachers. She didn’t like church when she was young. One time she even wrapped rags around the church bells to keep them from ringing!

As Lottie grew older, she began to understand how much Jesus loved her. She repented of her sins and made a decision to follow Jesus, no matter what. She became a teacher, but really wanted to tell people in China about Jesus.

Finally the day came for Lottie Moon to travel to China as a missionary. Life was very hard at first for Lottie and many of the Chinese people did not trust her. But God showed Lottie ways to love the people of China and the country became her home.

Lottie Moon cared about all the people of China, but especially the young girls. She did not like the way that they were treated and how they were not allowed to go to school. She urged the Chinese people to treat their daughters better. She also opened a school for girls and educating girls became more common in China.



RECIPE

FROM THE KITCHEN OF

Lottie's Tea Cakes

Lottie Moon

INGREDIENTS



- ½ cup butter
- 1 heaping cup of sugar
- 2 cups of flour
- 1 well-beaten egg
- 1 tablespoon milk or cream



DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 475°F.
2. Mix the butter and sugar together in large bowl until smooth and creamy.
3. Beat the egg in a small bowl and add it to the butter/sugar mixture. Mix well.
4. Add the flour to the mixture and continue to mix well by hand or with an electric mixer until it forms a stiff dough.
5. Dust a cutting board with flour. Place the dough on the cutting board and roll with a rolling pin very thin.
6. Cut out circles with a round cookie cutter.
7. Spray a cookie sheet with nonstick cooking spray or butter the pan.
8. Place the cookies on the sheet, 2 inches apart.
9. Bake for 5-7 minutes. Cool before eating.



Lottie Moon and other missionaries in China were faithful to share the gospel, even when it was hard. As more and more people believed in Jesus and chose to follow Him, more families who did not like the teachings of Christians got angry. Some families did not like that their loved ones were rejecting the teachings of their past to follow Jesus. Lottie encouraged them to stand strong in their faith, even though they faced danger.

One man who became a Christian was Dan Ho-bang. Friends from the village told Lottie that Dan's family was going to kill him! Lottie rushed to the village and found Dan, who had been beaten. She knelt beside him and told the people that if they wanted to kill Dan and stop the Christians, that they would need to kill her first. "Jesus gave His life for Christians and I will give my life for Him," Lottie told them.

The angry people slowly walked away and decided not to kill Dan. Lottie and her friends helped to take care of Dan while he was healing. Lottie continued to remind the new believers to stay strong in their faith, even when they were persecuted.

