



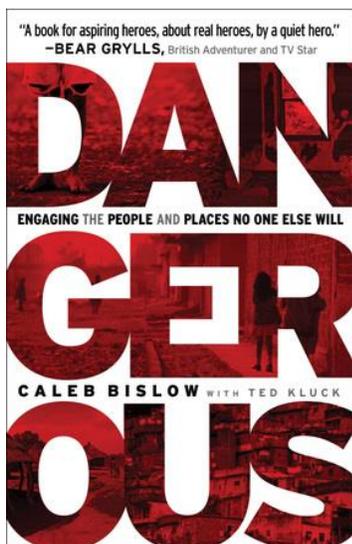
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## “Unusual” Missionary Caleb Bislow Puts His Faith to the Test by Traveling to the World’s Most “Despised” Places in Debut Book, *Dangerous*

*“A book for aspiring heroes, about real heroes, by a quiet hero.” —Bear Grylls,  
British Adventurer and TV Star*

**Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 11, 2013**—Caleb Bislow, a farm boy from Nebraska, went from a restless life as a Christian youth pastor in the Midwest, to quitting his job, emptying his bank account, and traveling deep into Africa—a long flight plus a two-day, bumpy car ride with a translator—to tell the Maasai people about Jesus. Was he a fool or was he courageous? Bislow wondered that very thing as he took his first steps as a missionary with little idea what he was doing. He has since gone on to minister around the world, often to places he calls “despised, dangerous, and dark,” including the Congo, and Guatemala’s Pavon Prison, which is literally run by the inmates.



Bislow’s debut book, *Dangerous* (Bethany House, September 2013), written with Ted Kluck, is part inspirational memoir, part devotional, and part field guide for the aspiring evangelist. Since that first trip to Africa, Bislow has founded a missionary organization called Unusual Soldiers that trains American Christians, and increasingly foreign nationals, to minister at home or abroad and almost always under adverse circumstances. Bislow’s vision for the organization is to take humanitarian concern and Christian teaching to places with no Christian contact.

Bislow writes that his first experience in Africa, which led to a church being planted there, “wrecked” him, and set him on a course to raise \$50,000 in order to conduct more work among the Maasai. “As we hiked back up a trail, my mind raced. How many years had this village been waiting to hear the gospel? How many generations had come and gone by without Christ? A sense of brokenness came over me. It was as if these people had just been waiting for someone to come and bring them the good news. *Just waiting*. I found myself angry that no one had ever taken the gospel to these people. That all of the churches and people with Jesus bumper stickers on their cars had forgotten [them] . . . I was even angry with myself . . .”

Since working with the Maasai tribe, and subsequently training teams of Africans to minister throughout “Maasailand,” Bislow has gone on to connect with other “forgotten” and “despised” people groups, from the Gypsies in Eastern Europe to the Pygmies in the Democratic Republic of Congo. With biblical insights and personal stories from the mission field sprinkled throughout, Bislow takes readers into tense situations all over the world—from reconciliation work in post-genocidal Rwanda, to a night on



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the town with Bislow's Unusual Soldiers, ministering to sex traffickers in New Zealand—showing how these acts of radical love match up with the teachings of Jesus and the overall arc of Scripture.

Bislow also shares his best practices—or “rules of engagement”—for ministry success. Among his top tips are to “love audaciously,” to replace a “come-to-me” attitude with a “go-to-them” one, and to be willing to “risk everything,” not in a Rambo-like effort to win the day, but out of humility and love. But Bislow says the most important thing is that one mustn't lose sight of people's spiritual needs in an effort to allay their physical ones. “As evangelism is losing popularity to activism, we must not forget that reaching the lost and making disciples is the greatest act of activism. It is the greatest humanitarian effort. It is through disciple-making that the deepest physical and spiritual needs will be met! And by the way, if activism and evangelism gave birth to a child, I think I'd call him or her *Christian*. Wouldn't you?”

<http://www.thedangerousbook.com>

***Dangerous: Engaging the People and Places No One Else Will***

Caleb Bislow with Ted Kluck

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**Caleb Bislow** has been humbled to advance God's kingdom on every inhabited continent in the world. He was trained in survival by former British commandos, is the director of Unusual Soldiers training events, and is a sought-after speaker through Kingdom Building Ministries. Caleb and his wife, Jessica, and their three children call Franklin, Nebraska, their home. Learn more at [www.unusalsoldiers.com](http://www.unusalsoldiers.com).



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## Suggested Interview Questions for Caleb Bislow

1. How did you come to discern that it was your mission to travel to these remote and often difficult places, and then to train others to do the same?
2. How do you balance the biblical message that Christians should be activists and fight injustice, while also preaching the need to be “born again,” as Jesus says?
3. You talk about the rigorous outdoor training that missionaries undergo as part of Unusual Soldiers. Is there a similar emphasis put on cultural awareness and language? To what extent are these things important for a missionary to possess?
4. In the book, you briefly mention the need for a long-term commitment to a place as a missionary. How does your organization go about choosing the places it will send missionaries, and how do you then commit to those areas long-term?
5. What are some of the most dangerous situations that you’ve found yourself in, and how did you cope? What did you learn from those experiences?
6. You have a wife and children; how are they coping with the dangerous situations you put yourself in? Do they have any input on where you will or will not go?
7. What have you learned about missions over the years, and how have you changed your approach from when you first started going abroad to evangelize?
8. While the U.S. is obviously wealthier and more developed than many of the places you travel, do you see the need to evangelize domestically as well? How has the way you view the U.S. and its spiritual condition changed over the years?
9. What’s next for Unusual Soldiers? Are there particular countries you’re aiming for, or a particular project that you’ve set your sights on?
10. What are some of the biggest global problems you see today—whether climate change or human trafficking— and how can Christians be involved to help solve these issues?
11. What are some of your favorite success stories from your work overseas?

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