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JANE GOODALL TRIBUTE

Young Jane Goodall loved animals. She once hid in a hen house to find out how hens laid their eggs and made friends with a dog named Rusty. Jane wanted to travel to Africa, learn about animals and write books about them. When a schoolfriend invited her to Kenya, she worked as a waitress to save the cost of her fare and travel by ship.

In Kenya she met Dr. Louis Leakey, a paleoanthropologist, who was impressed by all she had learned and asked her to go to Tanzania to study the wild chimpanzees in the forests of Gombe. In July 1960, Jane's mother Vanne travelled with her, as the British government didn't think it was safe for a young girl to be alone in such a remote place.

They lived in a simple tent with just a plate, mug and an old-fashioned typewriter. It took lots of patience before the chimpanzees would let Jane get close - they had never seen a white ape before and ran away. After several months, by wearing the same clothes, guietly watching and taking notes in her notebook, she gained their trust. The chimpanzee she named David Greybeard lost his fear and let Jane come close. It was so exciting! When Jane first went to Gombe she didn't have a degree, so later, when studying for a PhD at Cambridge University, her professors were unhappy that she had given the chimpanzees names and not numbers.

Jane Goodall worked in Gombe until 1986, learning about chimpanzee family units, that they are like us, they kiss, embrace, make and use tools – and we are still learning new things about them more than 60 years later.

Then Jane Goodall realised that the chimpanzees were losing their homes, the forests were vanishing, they were being hunted for bushmeat and taken as pets. She left the forest she loved and began to travel the world talking about the plight facing chimpanzees in the wild and in captivity. She saw that around Gombe the people needed help, and that there was no point in conserving the chimpanzees if she wasn't also helping the local human community, and so the TACARE program began. The local people are now the programme's partners in conservation and help to protect the wild chimpanzees.

Jane knew that young people wanted to help solve the problems they saw but didn't know where to begin. In 1991 she started the global humanitarian and environmental programme Roots & Shoots. Roots & Shoots empowers young people of all ages to become involved in hands-on programmes for the community, animals and the environment. You and your friends can join Roots & Shoots and help make the world a better place. Jane Goodall has written many books for children and adults, has been featured in films and documentaries and received many awards. She is an ethologist, Founder of the Jane Goodall Institute and a United Nations Messenger of Peace. You can learn more about her work at www.janegoodall.global and www.rootsandshoots.global

















































































































































































































































































































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