



Padre of the Burma Road

Christopher Sullivan



At the young age of twenty-seven, a newly ordained Franciscan priest, Father Christopher Sullivan is sent to China to teach and work in rural China to help establish missions. He describes unbelievable tales of his sacred journey and life as a missionary and transformation as a rural healer. During the Japanese invasion of China from 1940 to 1941, Father Christopher transported supplies from Rangoon to Kunming. He drove and sold trucks through the narrow, winding and mountainous highway of the Burma Road to deliver medications and supplies from the Red Cross to the missions and people in rural China. He was endearingly referred to as the Padre of the Burma Road. After escaping death by inches on several occasions, Father Christopher Sullivan left his assignment as a Franciscan priest in China during 1941, and sought refuge in the Philippines. He was captured by the Japanese in Bataan in 1942, while working for the Army Quartermaster Corps, and walked the brutal Bataan Death March. After his harrowing three years in the Japanese prison camps, he met and married Anicia, a young beautiful Filipino woman.

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