

Asia Harvest



‘Put in the Sickle, for the Harvest has Come!’ (Mark 4:29)

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Communism vs Christ
15 Million Bibles in the Dragon's Den

From the Frontlines

“There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed against the Lord. The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory rests with the Lord”
(Proverbs 21:30-31).

In our last newsletter we “celebrated” the 100th anniversary of the Communist Party in China, by looking back at some of their diabolical achievements. Throughout a century of death and destruction, the Lord Jesus Christ has shone ever brighter, resulting in more than 100 million people gladly surrendering their lives to Him. Jesus truly has been the Hero of the Century in China!

Sometimes at Asia Harvest we can become so focused on our work in Asia that we forget that many of the things we take for granted are astonishing to believers elsewhere. For example, someone recently emailed us, asking, “Are you guys aware that in China some Christian websites have been blocked by the government?” We smiled, because the Asia Harvest website has been blacklisted in China since 1998!

Indeed, it's not just in China where we struggle to communicate our vision. Some people have commented on our “weak” social media presence. To give you a glimpse into our regular struggles, in recent years many of our facebook posts have been blocked by facebook, who deem them too politically incorrect; some of our videos have been removed from Youtube for the same reason; and when we uploaded a free e-book on the amazing things God is doing in China, Amazon labelled it “offensive content” and closed our account! Sometimes it feels like we are in a swimming race with weights tied to our arms and legs, but the Lord helps us and continues to open doors that no man can shut.

Our call from God includes the need to straddle the line between the Church in Asia and around the world. Sometimes we find that what is important to persecuted Christians in Asia may not be a priority to those believers around the world, and vice versa. Priorities often appear to be polar opposites, which is perhaps why for decades places like China have been experiencing the greatest revival in Christian history, while in much of the Western world the Church is struggling to stay afloat.

As an example, some Western Christian publications in recent years have run what they consider to be shocking stories of how the Chinese Communist Party has removed the crosses from thousands of church buildings throughout China.

Cover photo: In recent years the Communist Party has removed thousands of crosses from church buildings across China, mistakenly thinking that will stop the spread of the Gospel.

Our dear friend Brother Yun, whose biography you may have read in *The Heavenly Man*, was visiting Canada a few years ago when a group of pastors and mission leaders asked him to comment on the removal of crosses in China. Thinking he would express his alarm at such a ghastly act, many in the room were totally shocked when Brother Yun replied:

“I am very happy that so many crosses have been torn down! The cross was never meant to be fixed to the roof of a building. Instead, the Lord Jesus called us to carry the cross on our shoulders and in our hearts. I completely agree with the government’s decision to pull down all the crosses!”

Yun’s response perfectly encapsulated the difference between biblical and institutional Christianity; between those who have experienced true revival and those who are focused on temporal rather than eternal things.

The strongman Chinese President Xi Jinping and the other leaders of China can never understand why the number of believers has increased by millions while they have been busy removing crosses from church buildings.

Because they are God-hating atheists, China’s leaders are spiritually blind and unless they repent, they will never understand that the Holy Spirit of Jesus dwells in the hearts of His followers. The Apostle Paul explained: *“The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit”* (1 Corinthians 2:14).

Although we might suffer setbacks and be called to endure harsh persecution, ultimately the Body of Christ is unconquerable, for we serve a Lord and Master who said: *“Do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after your body has been killed, has authority to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him”* (Luke 12:4-5).

During the Roman Empire, when a Christian was being martyred, his persecutors mockingly asked, “What is your Carpenter doing now?” Calmly, without a trace of fear on his face, the believer replied: **“He is constructing a coffin for your empire.”**

In the rest of this newsletter we delve deeper into the spiritual roots of Communism, and we also thank God, for recently Asia Harvest passed the milestone of printing and delivering 15 million full Chinese Bibles to the house churches of China! Each one has been a miracle of God’s grace and protective power, and as long as He continues to hold the door open, we will do everything we can to provide God’s Word to His people, thus helping to fan the flames of the greatest revival in Christian history.

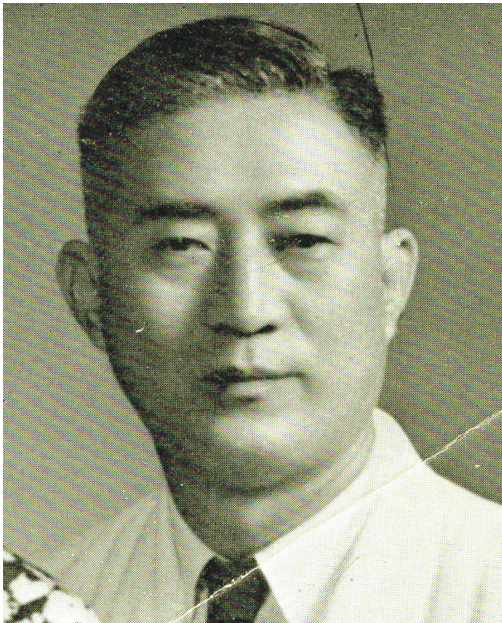
Communism vs Christ

“It would be a great mistake to regard Communism merely as a political system. Communism is not only a religion, but it is also a dynamic missionary movement aspiring to the conquest of the whole world....

Communism attempts to provide a substitute not only for Christian doctrine and experience but also for many of the methods and activities used in the church. Indeed, Communists have often adapted Christian methods and have proved themselves to be more thorough and efficient in using them than the Christians from whom they were borrowed.” - David Adeney, *Missionary to China and Author.*

In our last newsletter we examined the roots of the Communist Party in China, and how it was established on a foundation of atheism and evolutionism. The result of that demonic belief system has been a century of death and destruction for countless millions of people; yet the Living God has mocked His enemies by sending the greatest revival in the history of Christianity, with over 100 million people in China now identifying themselves as followers of Jesus Christ.

In the 1940s, when it was clear that the Communists were surging to power across China, some spiritually dull missionaries and Chinese pastors told believers not



Andrew Gih.

to worry, for the Communists were good for the country and would usher in a new era of religious freedom!

Many other leaders of the Body of Christ, however, did all they could to strengthen God's children for the long struggle ahead. One insightful man of God was Andrew Gih, who warned Christians of the horrors of Communism in his book *“The Church Behind the Bamboo Curtain”*. Gih explained how Communism can only exist by brute force and by instilling fear, and he contrasted the stark differences between Communism and Christianity.

With a form of Communism rising in many Western nations today, Christians would do well to take heed of Andrew Gih's warnings. He wrote the following observations and comparison between Communism and Christianity:

"Since they have to maintain large standing armies, concentration camps are a necessity—politically to silence the opposition by taking people away after midnight, sending them to concentration camps, so their families do not hear from them. They arrest so many that they instill fear into the minds of the people, so there is no opposition or rebellion.

Communist countries are not for commerce or trade. Their aim is always political. . . . Communism is against human nature. It cannot stay in power except by brute force. So, in Communist countries the people not only have no freedom, but they constantly live in fear."

COMMUNISM vs CHRISTIANITY — A COMPARISON

Communism is **materialistic**

Christianity is **spiritual**

Communism is **godless**

Christianity is **God-centered**

Communism is **God-hating**

Christianity is **God-loving**

Communism is **God-defying** and **blasphemous**

Christianity is **God-honoring**

Communism **divides people** into classes

Christianity **unites people** in Christ

Communism **pulls down** the higher classes

Christianity **lifts up** the lower classes

Communism spreads **hatred and strife**

Christianity spreads **love and peace**

Communism aims for a **classless society**

Christianity says, **'Thy kingdom come'**

Communism sheds **blood for revolution**

Christ shed **His Blood for salvation**

The Blindness of Atheism

One of the key things to remember when we see the state of the world today is that God has promised to help people along the path they have chosen. For those who seek to glorify Jesus, the Lord blesses them with inner peace and joy, and opens doors for them to serve Him. However, for those who *“did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice”* (Romans 1:28-29).

For years now we have warned about what is going on in China. When we first sounded the alarm in 2016, some people thought we were making things up, and that the outlook for China remained rosy. One missionary mocked us, saying things looked just fine from his apartment high above the city on the 30th floor. He is no longer in China today, having been one of tens of thousands of foreign Christians kicked out by Xi Jinping's anti-Christian purge.

When Xi ramped up persecution against Christians in 2016 and 2017, China's economy immediately took a sharp nosedive. Being steadfast atheists, however, the Communist leaders saw no correlation between their actions and their economic woes, or that God's hand of blessing may have started to withdraw from the nation.

The economy continues to be extremely fragile, and the government is even struggling to feed its own people. China may appear bright and shiny to visitors, but most of the impressive infrastructure has been built on trillions of dollars of debt. We believe the Chinese economy is a house of cards waiting to fold when God decides to blow against it.

Blind to all spiritual truth, instead of pulling back, the Communist Party has plunged ahead, seeking to destroy the Church with even more drastic measures. Life has become increasingly difficult for hundreds of millions of people in China, with the sanctions imposed by President Trump causing a much greater impact than most observers think. Almost overnight, tens of millions of workers lost their jobs in China, as countless companies moved their operations out of the country. While the government still claims strong economic growth through their make-believe statistics each year, on the streets of China life is grim for multitudes of unemployed people.

Last year (2020) saw a succession of further blows to China, as God continued to shake them for their harsh treatment of His beloved children. A series of remarkable

disasters fell on China, with record floods, earthquakes, diseases on people, crops and animals, and even a plague of locusts afflicting the nation.

This has continued into 2021. For example, on July 20, thousands of people drowned in the city of Zhengzhou after the heaviest rainfall in 1,000 years of recorded history! In most parts of the world, an inch of rain in one hour brings flash flooding. Two inches of rain is extreme. In the city of Zhengzhou, eight inches of rain fell in one hour!

The Communist Party, not wanting to look bad in the eyes of the people they rule with an iron fist, finally admitted that just 302 people had died in the floods, but Christians on the ground say that casualties numbered in the many thousands. Although it was not reported on the news, the Beijing-Guangzhou expressway tunnel was completely submerged, with more than 6,000 vehicles and their occupants trapped under many feet of surging water.

With seared consciences and minds that mock and disdain God, the Communist rulers of China again appear to see no connection between all the troubles befalling China and their efforts to destroy Jesus' precious inheritance, which He purchased with His own Blood. Instead, they continue to relentlessly march on toward war, alienating almost every country in Asia with their bullying tactics and lust for world domination.

FIFTEEN MILLION MIRACLES IN CHINA

Despite many troubles and challenges, our work continues to progress in China. As we have stated previously, as long as the Lord continues to hold the door open, we will continue to print as many Bibles as possible and to equip the house church believers while there is still light, for ***“night is coming, when no man can work”*** (John 9:4). By God's grace and power, we recently passed the all-time milestone of **15 million full Bibles printed and delivered** to the Chinese house churches, which has added fuel to the revival fires blazing across that great land. Each Bible has been a miracle, and although now is not the time to share details, many people have suffered greatly for this project to advance.

We appreciate your prayers and partnership in the Gospel, and we realize that without your support, no Bibles would have been printed nor workers helped.
Let's continue to press forward while we have the opportunity!

CHINA BIBLE MAP



Thanks to the grace of God and your prayers and generous support, a few months ago Asia Harvest passed the milestone of **15 million** Chinese Bibles printed and delivered to house churches in China. We receive detailed reports, allowing us to keep track of the Bibles we print and to create this distribution map. On behalf of all the grateful believers in China, thank you and God bless you!

Bibles Delivered by Province:

1 Heilongjiang	1,308,970
2 Henan	1,266,419
3 Anhui	1,204,268
4 Inner Mongolia	1,192,984
5 Shandong	1,144,305
6 Zhejiang	832,759
7 Sichuan	758,315
8 Liaoning	711,231
9 Jiangsu	704,443
10 Jilin	700,758
11 Shanxi	661,861
12 Hubei	539,720
13 Jiangxi	538,597
14 Gansu	490,454
15 Shaanxi	458,563
16 Hebei	433,338
17 Hunan	358,436
18 Fujian	344,731
19 Guangxi	328,899
20 Xinjiang	271,057
21 Chongqing	250,373
22 Qinghai	246,179
23 Shanghai	233,332
24 Hainan	176,854
25 Guizhou	127,251
26 Guangdong	94,319
27 Beijing	83,786
28 Yunnan	73,795
29 Tibet	12,616
30 Ningxia	8,431
31 Tianjin	5,686

TOTAL

15,562,729



CHINA BIBLE FUND



*Current Total: **15,562,729**
Chinese Bibles printed and distributed.*

We are partnering with house churches in China in a long-term project to provide Bibles for Christians. We receive countless requests for God's Word from church leaders throughout the country. These Bibles are distributed free of charge, equipping the Body of Christ and helping add fuel to the revival in China.

Each full Chinese Bible costs just \$1.80 to print and deliver.

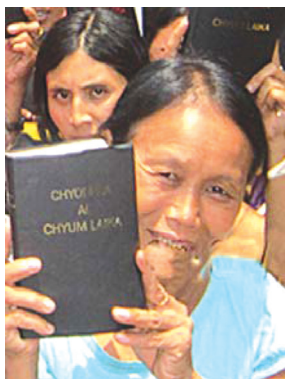
ASIAN WORKERS' FUND



*We currently support **1,580** Asian evangelists
among **1,198** unreached people groups.*

The **Asian Workers' Fund** supports indigenous church-planting evangelists among unreached Asian tribes and ethnic groups. These disciples have committed their whole lives to the Gospel but are hindered by lack of finances. To date, the evangelists we help have reportedly led **651,804 people to faith in Jesus Christ**. You can help support these dedicated workers for **\$25 per month** each. A prayer card and occasional updates are sent to all regular supporters of this project.

ASIAN BIBLE FUND



*Current Total: **1,346,729** Bibles printed in **131** languages.*

The **Asian Bible Fund** provides the Scriptures in numerous languages in Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, and anywhere in Asia that God's people need His Word.

Each Bible costs an average of \$2.70 to print and deliver. We also print millions of Gospel booklets for evangelism through this project.



LIVING MARTYRS' FUND

*Because of your partnership we are supporting
1,939 living martyrs.*



A martyr has been defined as "a Christian who chooses to suffer death rather than deny Christ or His work. One who sacrifices something very important to further the Kingdom of God and endures great suffering for Christian witness."

The **Living Martyrs' Fund** supports Christian widows and church leaders and their families throughout Asia who are unable to work because of injuries or illness caused by persecution. They and their families face extreme poverty and hardship. Through a gift of **\$25 per month** you can help support one of these living martyrs.

THE CHILDREN'S FUND

*Your generous support has so far reached
182,990 children throughout Asia.*



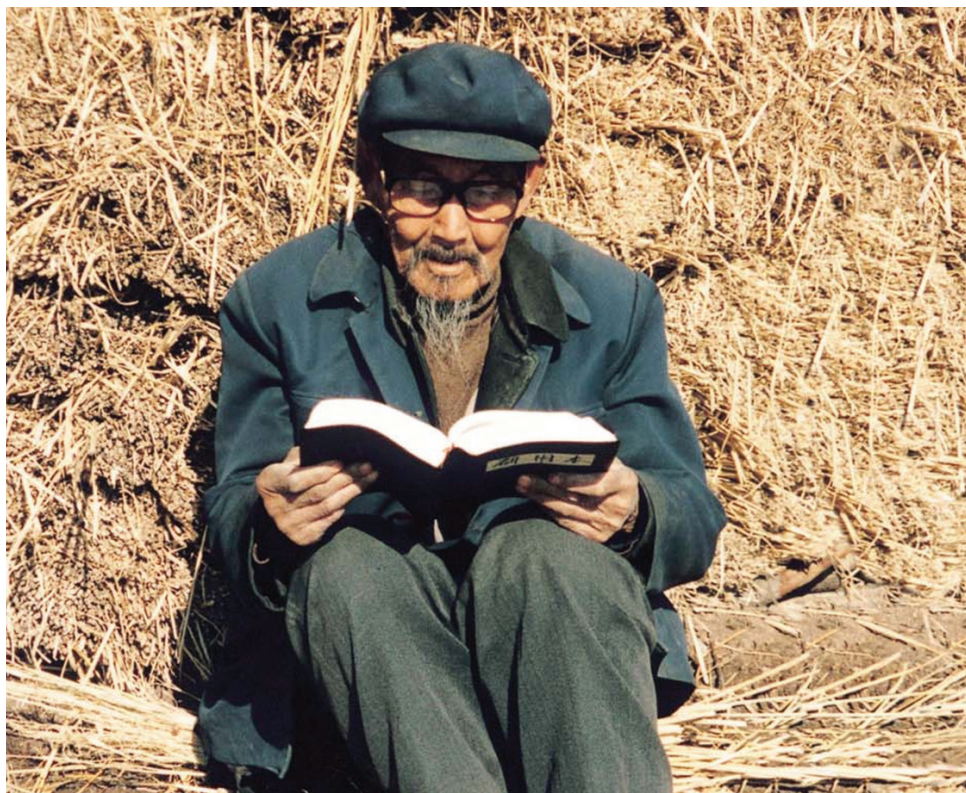
The Children's Fund introduces children to Jesus in India, China, Vietnam, Indonesia, and a host of other Asian countries. Activities include printing and distributing Gospel literature designed for children, funding Sunday school training classes, providing free surgeries for those with special needs, and generally lifting children out of spiritual and physical poverty. It costs an average of just **\$10 to reach a child for Christ**.

PERSECUTION & RELIEF FUND

Transforming lives from ashes to beauty with God's love.



Over the years Asia Harvest has provided assistance to the victims of natural disasters that have struck Asia. In addition to providing aid through medicine, tents, blankets, food and water, rebuilding homes etc., the Christians we partner with take every opportunity to share the Gospel, and many people have come to know Jesus Christ. This project also provides physical and spiritual relief to Christian communities and families throughout Asia who have been affected by persecution.



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