

"PUT IN THE SICKLE, FOR THE HARVEST HAS COME!" MARK 4:29

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## CHINA UPDATE

*President Xi Jinping and His Role in the World*

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# Emperor of the World

OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS many Christians have asked us to help them understand what's going on in China.

Many people are shocked, because for years all they heard was how revival was bringing millions of Chinese into God's kingdom. Suddenly all news from the Church in China stopped in its tracks, as a new Emperor, Xi Jinping, caused the Body of Christ to adopt a defensive posture.

NOTE: IN THIS NEWSLETTER WE WOULD LIKE TO OFFER SOME INSIGHTS INTO THE POSSIBLE MINDSET OF PRESIDENT XI JINPING, WHO HAS RESHAPED EVERYTHING IN CHINA DURING THE DECADE HE HAS BEEN IN POWER.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO READ MORE ABOUT SOME OF THE CLAIMS MADE IN THIS NEWSLETTER, PLEASE GO TO THE ONLINE VERSION ON OUR WEBSITE, AND FIND LINKS TO VARIOUS ARTICLES AND VIDEOS THAT SUPPORT WHAT WE ARE SAYING.

Who is this man who has “purged” (i.e., killed or imprisoned) hundreds of thousands of people, and who has created such a stench across Asia that 20 neighboring countries — from Central Asia to India and the Philippines — now have disputes with China. Let's take a closer look at this man who has so enlarged the Chinese military and covert influence that a World War seems inevitable if things continue on their present trajectory.

We deliberately used the term “Emperor” to describe Xi Jinping. While technically he is the atheistic head of the Chinese Communist Party, for thousands of years China was ruled by emperors whose authority was absolute.

*“How long, Lord,  
will the wicked, how  
long will the wicked  
be jubilant? They  
pour out arrogant  
words; all the evildoers  
are full of boasting.  
They crush your  
people, Lord;  
they oppress your  
inheritance....*

*Does he who  
disciplines nations  
not punish? Does he  
who teaches mankind  
lack knowledge? The  
Lord knows all human  
plans; he knows that  
they are futile.”*

*Psalm 94:3-5, 10-11*

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FRONT COVER: Thousands of people in Beijing's Tian'anmen Square paying homage to a gigantic portrait of Chinese President Xi Jinping.

BACK COVER: Large open meetings like this have largely become a thing of the past in China, as the Church has once again gone “underground” to avoid persecution.


There were no elections, debates, or protests against emperors. Any perceived hesitancy to obey an emperor's edict was met with swift and severe punishment. In their paranoia, many Chinese emperors killed millions of their subjects to consolidate their power.

Although emperors have not officially ruled China since 1912, in reality Communist leaders like Mao and Xi have been emperors in all but name. It is important to understand that Chinese emperors were never viewed merely as leaders of China.

You may know that the Chinese name for their country, Zhong Guo, means “*Middle Kingdom*.” The belief that their country is the center of the world is deeply ingrained in the hearts and minds of every Chinese generation. Emperors are believed to have a “Mandate of Heaven,” by which they receive the authority to rule. This philosophy, which dates back 2,500 years, assumes that because there is only one heaven, there can only be one emperor and one state with legitimacy in the whole world.

Over the years we have frequently met Chinese from all walks of life who are glad and proud that China is now throwing its weight around in the world. From taxi drivers in Singapore to businessmen in San Francisco, countless Chinese believe that now is the time for China to rise up and seize its destiny as world leader—economically, culturally, and militarily. It is not so much a desire as a statement of fact. Even among Chinese Christians we have met few who would ever dare to openly criticize Xi Jinping or his decisions. After all, he is the emperor, appointed by heaven itself. Opponents are seen as evildoers and are mercilessly crushed. Just ask people in Hong Kong how life has changed since Xi came to power.

The *Mandate of Heaven* philosophy spread to many parts of East Asia. It explains why countries like North Korea have been unable to throw off its heavy yoke of rule by the Kim family for so long. Japanese emperors were also seen as heaven-sent leaders who were invincible because of the Mandate of Heaven. The Japanese belief of invincibility abruptly ended when two atomic bombs fell on Japan in 1945.

In 2016, we began to report that a major shift was happening in China, and the emerging dynamic would change the way Christians function in China, while the country itself would become a huge threat to democracies. China decided it was time to throw off its “*Century of humiliation*” at the hands of foreign powers and take its rightful place as leader of the world, with Xi Jinping on the throne. 



## A PREDICTION...

WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE RISE OF CHINA will lead to world domination.

*“Emperor”* Xi’s harsh authoritarian rule, as he has consolidated absolute power in China and made enemies all around Asia and the world, has not been working out too well.

The economy in China is in tatters (far worse than reports in Western media), and a growing number of Chinese are beginning to quietly question if their leader is taking the country on a path that will end well for them. Many nations now see China as the number one threat to global security, and Xi’s aggressive stance has brought about the formation of military alliances to counter his plans.

It has been said that *“power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely.”* Strongmen like Xi Jinping believe they operate with impunity, as it is their birthright. Above all else, the thing they desire most is regime survival.

For that reason, Xi constantly purges his leaders, isolating himself more and more while at the same time changing the constitution to guarantee he will never be replaced. Emperors of China were never changed. They ruled for life.

Do we think that Xi and the Chinese Communist Party will reach their goals of world domination?

No, for the following SEVEN REASONS:

**1 GOD HAS THE FINAL SAY.** We believe it is not a coincidence that as soon as China launched its campaign to systematically destroy Christianity in 2016-17, their economy began to disintegrate. Ultimately, the battle for the 1.4 billion souls of China is what is at stake. The Lord Jesus Christ has purchased a pure bride numbering over 100 million believers in China. They are the apple of His eye, and He will not stand by and let His precious inheritance be decimated.

**2 THE DEMOGRAPHICS FOR CHINA ARE A NIGHTMARE.** With a rapidly ageing population and a lack of young people of tax-paying age to pay for Xi's military expansion, things are likely to stagnate and deteriorate in China. Some economists estimate that China needs 400 million more people of working age to keep its economy going forward and fund their military aspirations. The Communist Party's *one-child policy*, accompanied by hundreds of millions of *forced abortions*, has wiped out a generation of Chinese. The very people they need to pay for their plans don't exist. They were sacrificed on the altar of the Communist Party death cult. *"They have sown the wind and reaped the whirlwind."* (Hosea 8:7)

**3 THE POPULATION OF CHINA IS ALREADY IN RAPID DECLINE** with some provinces shrinking by millions of people each year. Some experts calculate that by the end of this century the population of China may be half of what it is now. Two years ago, it was hardly noticed when the government lowered the national population by 121 million from previous inflated figures.

An increasing number of young people in China today have no desire to have children, which are considered an economic inconvenience. Their natural instincts have been suppressed by generations of Marxist propaganda that *work and money*—not *faith in God and a loving family*—are the keys to happiness.

**4 STRETCHED TO BREAKING POINT.** Xi's reign has been greatly helped by his access to technology that previous rulers like Mao Zedong could never have dreamed of.

A friend who recently returned from his first visit to China in several years was shocked at the changes he saw. He said: *"Everywhere I experienced anti-foreign sentiment from unfriendly people, and I saw many people paying for things with their faces. By allowing their faces to be scanned, payments are deducted directly from their accounts. No phone or bank card is needed, and cash is practically unheard of."*



With more than 400 million facial recognition cameras watching and evaluating their every move, and Xi demanding complete obedience to the Marxist-socialist agenda, many people feel stretched to breaking point and are increasingly fed up with the system.

**5 XI HAS TRIED TO REPLACE GOD WITH A CULT OF HIMSELF.** He wants to be all-seeing, all-knowing, and all-powerful. He has erected giant billboards and posters of his face (like the one on the cover of this newsletter) and he demands unwavering devotion and commitment to his cause. In tens of thousands of churches across China, crosses and Scripture verses have been forcibly removed and replaced with posters of Xi and Mao, or with Chinese flags.

The Chinese Communist Party always claims there is no God, while setting themselves up as gods who must be obeyed and worshipped at all times. Interestingly, in churches where posters of the Ten Commandments were displayed, instead of the authorities removing them they just scratched out the first commandment that says: “*You shall have no other gods before me.*” They didn’t object to any of the other nine commandments, but only the first one upset them. Why? Because like Satan, *they* desire to fill the role of God in people’s lives.

**6 A GENERAL MALAISE HAS COME UPON THE YOUTH OF CHINA.** After studying hard all their lives, tens of millions of university graduates can’t find any work at all, and a new expression, *tang ping*, or “*lying down flat*” swept over many Chinese young people.

Countless millions have lost the desire to excel, and they now see life as meaningless.

More recently, during Xi’s harsh Covid restrictions,





*tang ping* was replaced by a new catch-phrase: *bai lan*, meaning “let it rot.” These developments refer to a voluntary retreat from pursuing goals and will expediate decay in Chinese society and the economy.

**7 XI JINPING SEEMS TO HAVE A PERSONAL HATRED FOR CHRISTIANITY.** After systematically expelling almost all foreign Christians from China over the past 6 or 7 years, a widespread persecution has afflicted God’s people in every part of the nation, but especially in the border provinces. The Communist Party has even been working on a new Bible, removing passages they don’t like, and replacing them with socialist teachings.

One proposed change is the story of the woman caught in the act of adultery. The Communist Party didn’t like that she was forgiven, so they are reportedly changing it. So instead of Jesus telling her, “*Go and sin no more,*” the new Communist Bible has Jesus picking up a stone and stoning her to death! Let’s see if God will allow such blatant blasphemy and corruption of His holy Word to go unpunished.

## WHAT IS *GOD* DOING IN CHINA TODAY?

Despite the harsh conditions and almost total blanket of silence that has descended from the Church due to rampant persecution, we still receive reports from China of the Gospel continuing to spread, and of multitudes of people coming to faith in Jesus!

This is especially true of Han communities in the cities, where disillusionment and discontent brought on by Xi’s Covid lockdowns and the crumbling economy have created a hunger in the hearts of millions of Chinese for truth.

Many who were previously closed to the claims of the Gospel have now dedicated their lives to the *King of kings*. We thank God for this!

Instead of large churches full of hundreds or thousands of worshippers, new believers often now find themselves included in small groups of four or five Christians who meet discreetly for prayer and Bible study. The Body of Christ in China has largely broken itself down into small cells to avoid detection during this dark time.



## TWO Kings AND THEIR Choices

Xi Jinping is just one of a long line of godless rulers throughout history who thought they can destroy God's people and demolish His kingdom.

Things tend to end very badly for such people, as Jesus Christ sets a limit to how far He will tolerate their actions before He steps in.

Xi himself has a choice...

Will his destiny be like King Nebuchadnezzar, who *provoked* God and ended up being humbled for seven years before he finally came to his senses and repented?

In the end, that broken king made this remarkable declaration:

*"At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever.*

*His dominion is an eternal dominion; his kingdom endures from generation to generation. All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth.*

*No one can hold back his hand or say to him: 'What have you done?' The Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes and sets over them the lowliest of people."* (Daniel 4:34-35)

Or will Xi Jinping be like *another* king, Herod, who refused to bow his knee to God's will?

The New Testament records the final act of his life with these chilling words:

*"Immediately, because Herod did not give praise to God, an angel of the Lord struck him down, and he was eaten by worms and died."* (Acts 12:23)



### **Please pray for President**

**Xi Jinping** and China's other leaders, that God would soften their hearts and cause them to repent and submit their lives to Jesus Christ before it is too late.

And please continue to **pray for the Body of Christ in China**, that the great revival of the past 50 years would continue to burn and bring many millions more people into the kingdom of God.

In several speeches, Xi has spoken about his desire for a "great nationalist revival" of the Chinese people.

**Pray the Living God will indeed continue and expand His great revival** — just *not* the kind Xi Jinping expects!



## **ASIA HARVEST'S WORK CONTINUES IN CHINA**

*Despite the strong headwinds, Asia Harvest continues to work in China, strengthening the Church and helping them take the Gospel to the unreached.*

*So far this year we have printed and distributed 211,000 Chinese Bibles to house church believers in China. Although that number is a sharp drop from previous years, our contacts appear to be among the last remaining providers of God's Word in China. In our next newsletter we will share details of a new initiative for providing Bibles to the Lisu people of southwest China.*

*We are also thankful that we continue to support a number of strategic initiatives that are impacting more than 20 different ethnic minority groups in China.*



## ASIA BIBLE FUND ABF

**CURRENT TOTAL: 19,557,307 BIBLES PRINTED IN 159 LANGUAGES**

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

*Each Bible costs just \$3 to print and deliver. We also print millions of Gospel booklets for evangelism through this project.*



## MINISTRY TRAINING FUND MTF

**THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT WE HAVE HELPED TRAIN AND EQUIP 15,465 ASIAN BELIEVERS TO EFFECTIVELY SERVE GOD**

*The Ministry Training Fund helps the Asian Church disciple and train believers to be effective ministers of the Gospel among the unreached.*

*Often workers live in remote places and coming together once or twice a year is the only outside fellowship and teaching they receive. We cover travel, food and other costs associated with the meetings. To train each worker costs an average of \$50.*



## ASIAN WORKERS' FUND AWF

**WE CURRENTLY SUPPORT 1,710 ASIAN EVANGELISTS AMONG 1,253 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 1,306,911 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.*



LMF

## LIVING MARTYRS' FUND

**BECAUSE OF YOUR PARTNERSHIP WE ARE CURRENTLY SUPPORTING 883 LIVING MARTYRS**

*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.*



TCF

## THE CHILDREN'S FUND

**YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT HAS REACHED 214,433 CHILDREN THROUGHOUT ASIA SO FAR**

*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 help reach a child for Christ.*



PRF

## 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 lepers, communities and families throughout Asia who are in desperate need.*





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