

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

# Asia Harvest

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## ANNUAL REPORT

*No Shrinking Back in Times of Chaos*

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# From the Frontlines

*“You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what He has promised. For ‘In just a little while, He who is coming will come and will not delay.’ And ‘But my righteous one will live by faith. And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back.’*

*But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.” (Hebrews 10:36-39)*

**A**T THE BEGINNING of 2024, we give thanks for the opportunity to once again serve the Lord Jesus Christ in Asia.

We greatly appreciate the prayers, encouragement and support of those Christians around the world who have been led by the Holy Spirit to join hands with us. Together, we are helping many who have never heard the Gospel become aware of the incredible salvation the Son of God has won for them.

As we began the new year, we made a list of all the Asian ministries we are privileged to partner with, and we found **we are currently supporting 119 different ministries across 22 Asian countries.** We are deeply thankful for each one of them.

As we meet and communicate with the leaders of these diverse groups, it is clear that Christians everywhere are under heavy pressure. Today, almost all the servants of God we know are surrounded by chaos, and are experiencing tremendous stress both personally and in their relationships and ministries.

Peter wrote: *“Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings”* (1 Peter 5:9).

It is not only your country where evil is on the rise and dark forces are twisting and perverting all that is good and true. Believers in China, India, and everywhere else we serve are crying out for stability and peace, but those things are becoming increasingly rare in a

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FRONT COVER: An evangelist teaching the Gospel to hundreds of eager children. Through simple-hearted believers of all ages, the Good News is being proclaimed and the Holy Spirit is transforming communities throughout Asia.

BACK COVER: Like this mighty tree, God wants His children to have strong roots that are daily nourished by the life-giving truth of His Word.

decaying world that seems to lurch from one crisis to another.

God's Word in the above passage encourages us to persevere, and not to shrink back and be destroyed. If there is one thing we would like to exhort you to do, it is to daily read or listen to the Word of God, allowing His living water to wash over you and transform your mind.

If we lack the discipline of daily coming to eat the bread of God, we have no chance. **We have yet to meet anyone who fell away from Christ while they were strong in the Word of God.**

The good news is that “we do not belong to those who shrink back.” *No!* We serve a Living God who specializes in helping His children triumph in the midst of darkness.

In the Scriptures we read about Job, Jeremiah, Isaiah, Paul and others who faced continual struggle and chaos around them but continued to serve God. This has been the testimony of the Church in China, as over 100 million people have fallen in love with the Lord Jesus in the past half century, despite unceasing efforts by the government to destroy their faith.


Do you feel weak as you try to live out your faith in a world that increasingly hates God and His ways? *Good!* For we are not called to overcome the world by feeling strong, but by embracing our weakness and giving it to the Lord.

The Apostle Paul testified: *“He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong”*

(2 Corinthians 12:9-10).

In Asia, we are honored to serve the Lord's people, many of whom are seeing greater fruitfulness for the kingdom of God than ever before! Revival has broken out among the poor and destitute in many places, and thousands of people have found a new depth of sweetness in Jesus Christ that they didn't know during easier times.

If you find yourself feeling overwhelmed in the midst of life's storms, **don't give up!** Our King promises a time of fruitfulness will result if you cling to Him in faith.

No matter how difficult things may become in the future, *“My dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain”* (1 Corinthians 15:58). 



# 2023/24 Annual Report

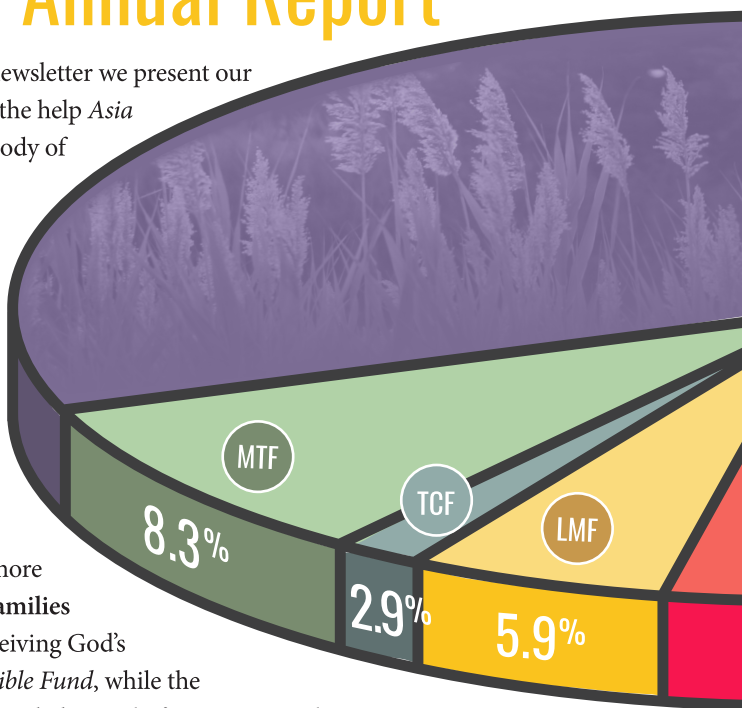
In the remainder of this newsletter we present our Annual Report, detailing the help *Asia Harvest* provided to the Body of Christ throughout Asia in 2023.

It has been a privilege to serve the Lord for another year.

We feel greatly blessed to be a link in the chain that resulted in many people coming to know Him. Last year, more than 850,000 Christian families were strengthened by receiving God's Word through our *Asia Bible Fund*, while the 1,744 evangelists we support led a total of 302,107 people to Christ among 1,256 different tribes and ethnic groups.

For over 35 years now, our strategy has been to operate with as few overhead expenses as possible, so that resources will reach the hands of frontline workers who need them the most—the Asian Christians we are honored to assist and serve.

We thank each person who prayed for and supported our work last year. Without your vital partnership none of these things would have occurred.





# Projects Supported in 2023

ABF ASIA BIBLE FUND 52.7%

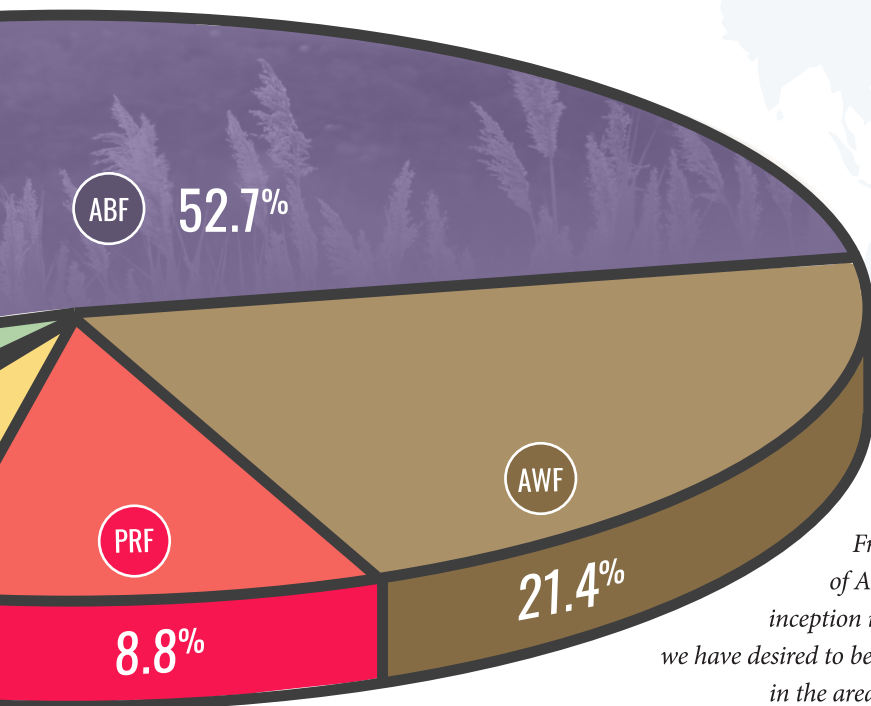
PRF PERSECUTION & RELIEF FUND 8.3%

MTF MINISTRY TRAINING FUND 8.3%

LMF LIVING MARTYRS' FUND 5.9%

TCF THE CHILDREN'S FUND 2.9%

AWF ASIAN WORKERS' FUND 21.4%



From the time of Asia Harvest's inception in the 1980s, we have desired to be transparent in the area of finances.

Our annual financial statements are independently audited and are available for anyone to view on our website. We thank God that last year we were able to send out substantially more project money than we received. Our operating costs are minimal, and are fully covered by non-project donations, and from income generated by book sales.

**This means that 100% of your project donations are used on the field in Asia exactly as specified.** To read our audited financial statements, please click 'resources' at:



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# ASIA BIBLE FUND

Asia is home to many groups where people have been prevented from accessing God's Word—sometimes for decades. The *Asia Bible Fund* provides the Scriptures in numerous languages throughout China, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, and elsewhere.

In 2023 we printed and distributed **850,613 Bibles** in **23 languages** through the *Asia Bible Fund* (which works out to 2,330 Bibles per day, or 97 each hour throughout the year).

For many people groups it was the first time in history they had the Scriptures in their language. Often, the Bibles were the answer to years of prayer by desperate Christians, who were hungry for God's Word but unable to access it.

All glory to the Lamb of God!

**Please pray for this project and for all who are involved.**

In 2023 we printed Bibles in the following languages:

Bengali	Halbi	Koho	Rohingya	Telugu
Boro	Hindi	Lahu	Santali	Urdu
Burmese	Hindustani	Lisu	Shan	Wa
Chinese	Indonesian	Meitei	Sqaw Karen	Wakhi
	Kalasha	Nepali	Tedim Chin	



*Providing Asia's Christians with Bibles*

## CURRENT TOTAL

**19,762,723**  
BIBLES  
PRINTED  
IN **159**  
DIFFERENT  
LANGUAGES.

EACH BIBLE  
COSTS AN  
AVERAGE  
OF **\$3** TO  
PRINT AND  
DELIVER.

# THE CHILDREN'S FUND

In addition to our normal activities of printing children's Bible story books and other materials, and helping train Sunday school teachers, **one of the greatest new opportunities in 2023 was to serve a tremendous new move of God** that has broken out in the most desperate slum areas of Myanmar.



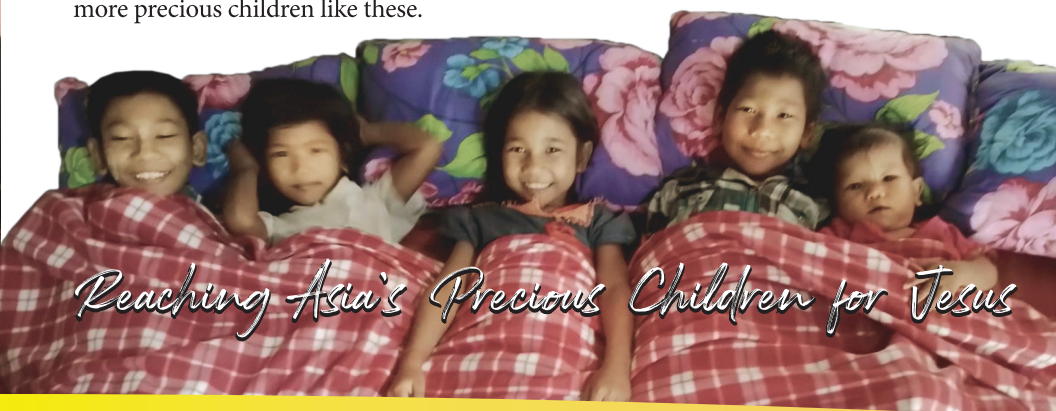
The Holy Spirit is moving powerfully, with thousands of ex-Buddhist Burmese families hearing the Gospel, repenting of their sins, and embracing Jesus for the first time.

Part of our response has been to rescue many children who were at risk of being trafficked into prostitution, the drug world, and other crime. Often their parents were forced to sell their children to gangs to repay loans, which were taken out to allow the families to buy food to survive, due to the dire poverty in the slums.

Two of our leaders visited the slums recently and were deeply touched by the children they met, whose faces now shine with love and the presence of God. We have helped Christian families get free of debt, provided food, medicine and other essentials until they can get back on their own feet, and equipped them to have a small enterprise to generate income.

**Now, thousands of children have a future of light and hope instead of darkness and despair.** Your prayers and support of *The Children's Fund* will enable us to reach many more precious children like these.

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SO FAR  
HELPED  
REACH  
**218,023**  
ASIAN  
CHILDREN  
FOR  
CHRIST  
THROUGH  
THIS  
PROJECT.



*Reaching Asia's Precious Children for Jesus*



# ASIAN WORKERS' FUND

The *Asian Workers' Fund* supports Asian evangelists who are working among people groups that have never heard the Gospel. These workers encounter much hardship, but have persevered and are now seeing breakthroughs among many groups.

In 2023, those we support through this project **led 302,107 people to salvation** in Jesus Christ (an average of 173 per worker). A total of just **over 1.3 million conversions** have been reported since this project began. *Hallelujah!*

This is remarkable considering most of the workers serve in the darkest and most unreached areas of Asia, including among numerous Muslim, Hindu, and Buddhist people groups.

## *Partnering with Pioneer Asian Evangelists*

The *Asian Workers' Fund* is constantly expanding, and new workers are being recruited. **We invite you to support one or more Asian missionaries with a gift of \$25 per month each.** A laminated prayer card is sent to every supporter of the project.







## MINISTRY TRAINING FUND

*Equipping Asian Believers  
to Effectively Serve God*

In 2023 we were pleased to introduce the *Ministry Training Fund*, which 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 are only able to assemble once or twice a year for ministry and leadership training. We cover travel, food and other expenses associated with meetings. **To train each worker costs an average of \$50.**



## PERSECUTION & RELIEF FUND

We were privileged to help the physical and spiritual needs of thousands of people through the *Persecution & Relief Fund* last year. **The Gospel is always shared with those who receive assistance**, including hundreds of lepers, orphans, and widows.

The myriad of ways this project assisted people in 2023 included: providing relief after floods, earthquakes, and other natural disasters; the provision of hundreds of blankets to the elderly before the onset of a bitter Himalayan winter; dozens of motorcycles and bicycles for evangelists; the construction of fresh-water wells; funding sewing centers and vocational training for girls at risk of being trafficked; and holding medical clinics for the sick and impoverished.



Last year, thousands of people were added to the kingdom of God after they saw the love of Jesus demonstrated through the selfless acts of God's servants.

*Transforming Lives from Ashes to Beauty*



## ASIA BIBLE FUND ABF

**CURRENT TOTAL: 19,762,723 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.*



## ASIAN WORKERS' FUND AWF

**WE CURRENTLY SUPPORT 1,744 ASIAN EVANGELISTS  
AMONG 1,256 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 1,308,496 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.*

## MINISTRY TRAINING FUND MTF

**THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT WE HAVE HELPED TRAIN AND EQUIP  
15,450 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.*

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 218,023 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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