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# Asia Harvest

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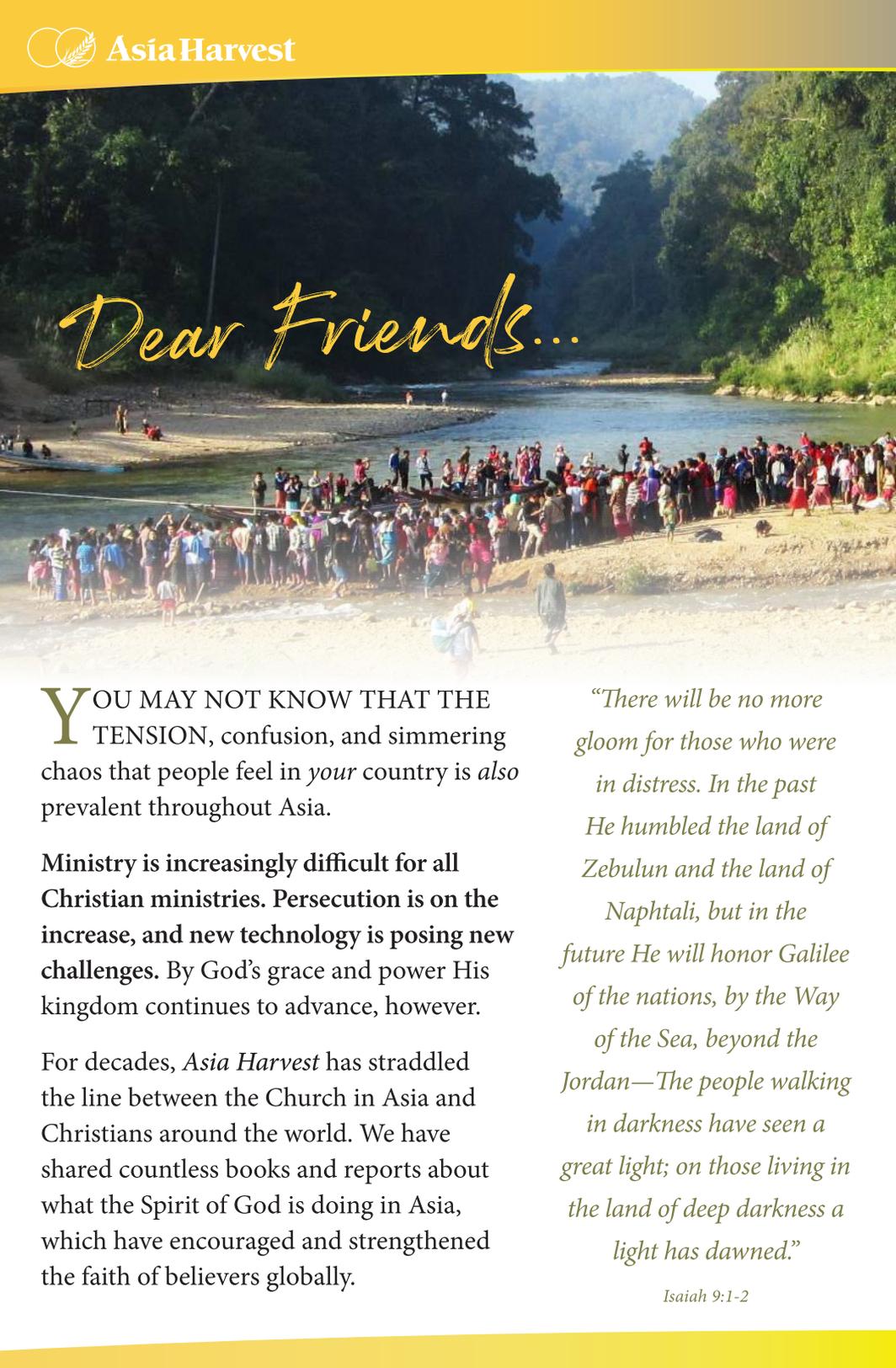


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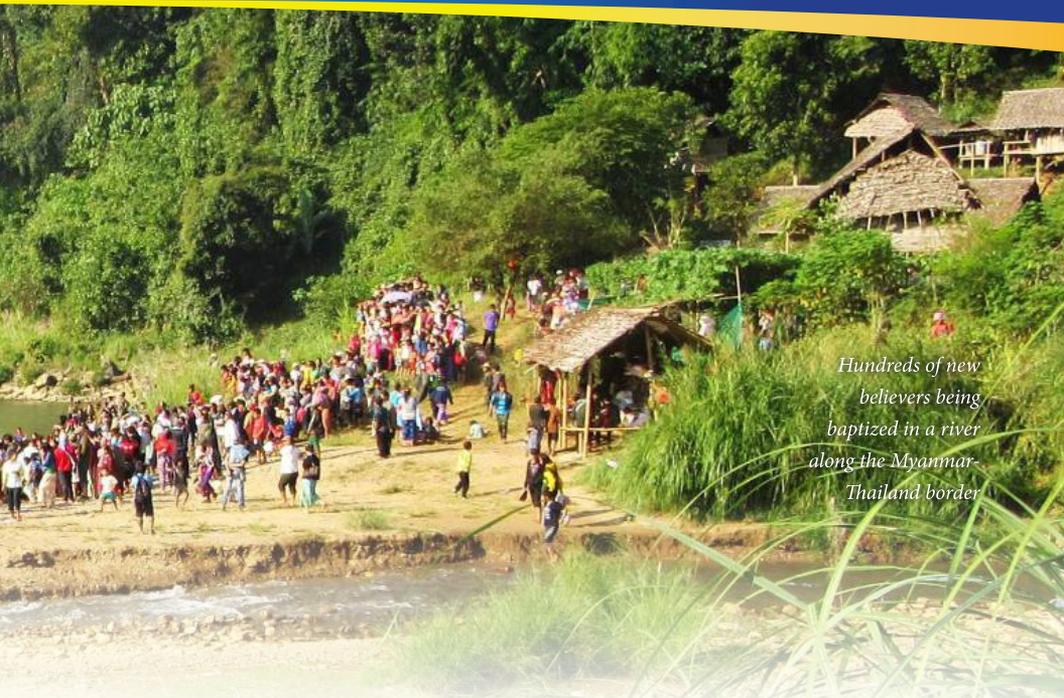
# Dear Friends...

**Y**OU MAY NOT KNOW THAT THE TENSION, confusion, and simmering chaos that people feel in *your* country is *also* prevalent throughout Asia.

Ministry is increasingly difficult for all Christian ministries. Persecution is on the increase, and new technology is posing new challenges. By God's grace and power His kingdom continues to advance, however.

For decades, *Asia Harvest* has straddled the line between the Church in Asia and Christians around the world. We have shared countless books and reports about what the Spirit of God is doing in Asia, which have encouraged and strengthened the faith of believers globally.

*“There will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past He humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future He will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.”*



*Hundreds of new  
believers being  
baptized in a river  
along the Myanmar-  
Thailand border*

**One delusion we regularly encounter in the Christian world is the false belief that the world has already heard the Gospel, so there is nothing preventing the Lord Jesus from returning.** If you examine the facts laid out in the following pages, you will get a sense of the massive needs that exist just in the seven Asian countries we have highlighted.

Many of the Asian Christians we are privileged to serve are tiny remnants surrounded by millions of hostile people. They often feel like the Israelites when they prepared for a battle. The Bible records: *“The Israelites camped opposite them like two small flocks of goats, while the Arameans covered the countryside”* (1 Kings 20:27).

Despite the overwhelming odds, God brought about a great victory for His children that day, and likewise, God’s people across Asia who are committed to Him are overcoming many obstacles as they establish the kingdom of God in some of the world’s darkest environments.

Throughout much of the Western world, research shows that institutionalized Christianity is in sharp decline, as every denomination



in some countries, including the United States, is in freefall, shedding a combined total of millions of members each year.

**On the other hand, we are thankful that many people groups and communities throughout Asia that had never previously trusted in Jesus Christ have been hearing the Gospel, repenting of their sins, and becoming passionate disciples of the Son of God.**

One example is the 38 million majority Burmese (Barma) people in Myanmar. Known as staunch Buddhists for the past thousand years, the Holy Spirit is moving, and it is likely that more Burmese have come to faith in Christ in the last five years than in the previous 200 years combined.

Instead of being upset or envious that the Lord is moving powerfully in other parts of the world, we should give thanks as He brings other sheep from diverse backgrounds into His kingdom. The Lord Jesus said, *“I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd”* (John 10:16).

**Never forget that God is showing His mercy to many peoples in Asia who have never had a clear opportunity to accept or reject Christ during their entire history.** While your forefathers may have had access to the Gospel for a few hundred years or more, in Asia countless generations of the ancestors of those now turning to Jesus have perished without knowing Him and entered a Christless eternity as idolaters and unbelievers.

The Heavenly Father is pleased to extend His mercy to hundreds of people groups that have lived in darkness for centuries, even while things are in spiritual decline in other parts of the world. Perhaps this is what the Lord meant when He told the disciples: *“The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them”* (Matthew 13:11-12).



*From time to time, we like to present a snapshot of the state of the Gospel throughout Asia. In the following pages are brief overviews of 7 of the 21 countries that **Asia Harvest** is working in.*

*By now, you may be aware that our entire focus is on people groups rather than general populations. A group is defined as “unreached” if less than 2% of its people are evangelical Christians. We also list how many groups in each country are being targeted by evangelists we support through our **Asian Workers’ Fund**.*

***While there is much to thank God for, the figures are a sobering reminder of how much work remains to be done in Asia. Our life’s goal is to see the salvation of Jesus Christ impact as many unreached people groups as possible.***

*We appreciate your prayers and partnership, as together we “look forward to the day of the Lord and speed its coming.” (2 Peter 3:12)*



# INDIA



**ASIA HARVEST IS HELPING TO REACH 527 PEOPLE GROUPS IN INDIA THROUGH THE ASIAN WORKERS' FUND.**

**India poses the most complex challenge for the Body of Christ today.**

The Gospel has flourished among some of the **2,263 distinct tribes, castes, and people groups** in India, but most remain devoid of spiritual light. India has surged past China as the world's most populated country, but 98 out of every 100 people remain lost and in need of Jesus Christ.

<i>Population:</i>	1,453 million
<i>Non-Christians:</i>	1,423 million (98.0%)
<i>All Christians:</i>	30.0 million (2.0%)
<i>Capital:</i>	New Delhi
<i>People Groups:</i>	2,263
<i>Unreached:</i>	2,033 (89.8%)

# NEPAL



**ASIA HARVEST IS HELPING TO REACH 101 PEOPLE GROUPS IN NEPAL THROUGH THE ASIAN WORKERS' FUND.**

Living among the highest mountains on earth, almost 200 distinct people groups inhabit Nepal. There were just 25 known Christians in Nepal in the 1950s, compared to more than 400,000 today.

Some tribes have experienced salvation in recent decades, but **more than 180 groups remain relatively untouched by the Gospel.** There is much work left to do in Nepal.

<i>Population:</i>	29.2 million
<i>Non-Christians:</i>	28.8 million (98.6%)
<i>All Christians:</i>	408,000 (1.4%)
<i>Capital:</i>	Kathmandu
<i>People Groups:</i>	195
<i>Unreached:</i>	184 (94.4%)

# INDONESIA



<i>Population:</i>	284.1 million
<i>Non-Christians:</i>	251.8 million (88.6%)
<i>All Christians:</i>	32.3 million (11.4%)
<i>Capital:</i>	Jakarta
<i>People Groups:</i>	788
<i>Unreached:</i>	234 (29.7%)



**ASIA HARVEST IS HELPING TO REACH 97 PEOPLE GROUPS IN INDONESIA THROUGH THE ASIAN WORKERS' FUND.**

**Indonesia is a paradox.** It contains the most Muslims of any country on earth, spread across more than 700 distinct ethnic groups. God has moved powerfully, resulting in more than 30 million Christians in Indonesia today, although they are almost exclusively among ethnic Chinese and tribal communities. There are 234 groups that remain unreached. **Please pray that the Name of Jesus will be glorified** throughout this large and important country.

# PAKISTAN



<i>Population:</i>	253.3 million
<i>Non-Christians:</i>	250.7 million (99.0%)
<i>All Christians:</i>	2.6 million (1.0%)
<i>Capital:</i>	Islamabad
<i>People Groups:</i>	776
<i>Unreached:</i>	768 (99.0%)



**ASIA HARVEST IS HELPING TO REACH 80 PEOPLE GROUPS IN PAKISTAN THROUGH THE ASIAN WORKERS' FUND.**

As the numbers indicate, **Pakistan is one of the most spiritually dark countries in the world**, having a staggering 768 of its 776 people groups unreached by the Gospel.

Pakistani Christians often face **severe persecution**, and evangelists risk their lives daily to share the love of Jesus with people.

# BANGLADESH



**ASIA HARVEST IS HELPING TO REACH 106 PEOPLE GROUPS IN BANGLADESH THROUGH THE ASIAN WORKERS' FUND.**

Bangladesh is one of the poorest and most unreached countries on earth, containing more than 250 distinct groups who have yet to trust in Jesus Christ. Ninety-nine out of every 100 people in Bangladesh are non-Christians.

**Please pray the glory of the Living God will spread widely to every part of this densely populated country.**

*Population:* 174.5 million  
*Non-Christians:* 172.8 million (99.0%)  
*All Christians:* 1.7 million (1.0%)  
*Capital:* Dhaka  
*People Groups:* 278  
*Unreached:* 256 (92.1%)



# MYANMAR



**ASIA HARVEST IS HELPING TO REACH 39 PEOPLE GROUPS IN MYANMAR THROUGH THE ASIAN WORKERS' FUND.**

The spread of Christianity in war-torn Myanmar is uneven. **While there are many small Christian tribes in the border regions, dozens of other large groups remain untouched by the Gospel.**

We are thankful to be supporting evangelists among 39 of Myanmar's 59 unreached groups, including the 38 million Buddhist Burmese people.

<i>Population:</i>	54.5 million
<i>Non-Christians:</i>	49.7 million (91.2%)
<i>All Christians:</i>	4.8 million (8.8%)
<i>Capital:</i>	Naypyidaw
<i>People Groups:</i>	237
<i>Unreached:</i>	59 (24.9%)

# BHUTAN



**ASIA HARVEST IS HELPING TO REACH 33 PEOPLE GROUPS IN BHUTAN THROUGH THE ASIAN WORKERS' FUND.**

The landlocked Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan ("land of the thunder dragon") is known as a place of happy, stress-free people, but **in reality, it is an intensely dark stronghold**, with centuries of oppression brought on by ritual worship of demons. **The Gospel has made progress** among some migrant tribes on the plains, but the Buddhist majority are almost completely cut off from Christian influence.

<i>Population:</i>	780,000
<i>Non-Christians:</i>	776,100 (99.5%)
<i>All Christians:</i>	3,900 (0.5%)
<i>Capital:</i>	Thimphu
<i>People Groups:</i>	52
<i>Unreached:</i>	51 (98.0%)



## ASIA BIBLE FUND ABF

**CURRENT TOTAL: 21,942,268 BIBLES PRINTED IN 187 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 1,441 ASIAN EVANGELISTS AMONG 1,087 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 1,942,268 people to faith in Jesus Christ (248,031 in 2025).*

*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 87,492 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 1,123 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 252,736 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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