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2019 Annual Report

‘By My Spirit’ says the Lord

From the Frontlines

"This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the Lord of hosts.

Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone with shouts of 'Grace, grace to it!' Moreover the Word of the Lord came to me, saying: 'The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this temple; His hands shall also finish it. Then you will know that the Lord of hosts has sent me to you.'" (Zechariah 4:6-9).

At the end of each year we set aside time to seek the Lord, thanking him for the year that passed and asking Him for guidance and blessing for the year ahead. As we reflected on 2018 we saw a year of huge challenges as well as great blessings and breakthroughs. We started 2018 by warning people that terrible persecution was coming to the Church in China, and that things were heading back to the dire times of the Cultural Revolution. As we were among the first to report these developments, many people didn't believe it and thought we were exaggerating. Since then, the rest of the Christian world has caught on to the fact that cruel persecution is underway throughout China, and the Body of Christ is facing its most severe trials since the 1960s and 1970s.

At the same time, new opportunities arose both inside China and around Asia to advance the glorious Gospel! We were greatly encouraged to receive reports of thousands of families and entire people groups being transformed by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Some people have asked how we can continue to serve God in the current environment, when foreign missionaries are being systematically expelled and governments are using incredibly invasive new technology to help them persecute God's people. They want to know how it's possible to keep printing hundreds of thousands of Bibles and doing all the other activities we conduct.

The only explanation we have for how we function is found in the above passage from Zechariah. Zerubbabel was given the huge task of rebuilding the temple in Jerusalem. The people started with great zeal and shouts of joy (Ezra 3), but after a while they grew greatly disheartened. They were ready to give up and felt completely overwhelmed by having to move hundreds of tons of rubble, one stone

at a time. They were also mocked and opposed by enemies who wanted to see them fail. It was in this context of struggle and intimidation that God encouraged Zerubbabel and the workers by telling them how the work would be completed: ***“Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit.”***

Many people involved in Christian work grow weary and suffer burn out. For years they feel like they have been rolling a large boulder up a hill, only for it to roll back to the bottom each time. Life can be overwhelming, and at times God’s people can feel like they’re just moving tons of rubble.

This is also true of the activities of Asia Harvest. While at times we face great opposition and uncertainty, **the work has been able to continue by the Spirit of God actively protecting and empowering His children to do what they never could do with mere human strength.**

In our experience, a few seconds of heavenly visitation from God’s Spirit can achieve more for His kingdom than years of human endeavor. Our Lord is the Living God! Not only does He do the hard parts, He can carry the whole load. When we attempt to live in our own strength, life’s burdens become very heavy. The Bible is full of examples of God enabling His servants to do the impossible. The Lord delights in such work, because He gets all the glory.

Noah not only built a massive ship by the inspiration and power of the Spirit of God, but can you imagine the scene if he had tried to round up the animals in his own strength to bring them on board? It would have been a perilous situation if Noah had tried to push lions, crocodiles and rhinos up the plank! Thankfully, God did what Noah could not do, and He brought all the animals on to the ark in an orderly manner.

We ask you to pray that everyone at Asia Harvest will continue to walk in obedience and meekness, not getting in the way of what God wants to do. Our desire is to watch the Holy Spirit continue to do the impossible, such as printing millions of Bibles for our brothers and sisters in the most hostile environments; and allowing us to be a link in the chain that is now reaching more than 1,000 different people groups through the Asian Workers’ Fund.

As long as the Lord keeps the door open and His grace continues to sweep us along, we will stand back and watch the Holy Spirit achieve things that are humanly impossible. **Please pray we will never be deceived into thinking we can do God’s work in our own strength,** for the Lord Jesus said, ***“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing”*** (John 15:5) and, ***“The Spirit gives life, but the flesh counts for nothing”*** (John 6:63).

2018/19 Annual Report

In the remainder of this newsletter we will present our Annual Report, which details the help Asia Harvest provided to the Body of Christ throughout Asia in 2018.

It has been a privilege to serve the Lord for another year, and we feel greatly blessed to be involved in many people coming to know Him. Last year, hundreds of thousands of Christians were strengthened in their faith after receiving God's Word through our Bible projects, and **the 1,300 Asian evangelists we support led a total of 77,397 people to Christ among more than 1,000 different people groups.**

For 30 years, our strategy has been to operate with as few overhead expenses as possible, so that the maximum resources are placed in the hands of frontline workers—the many 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.**

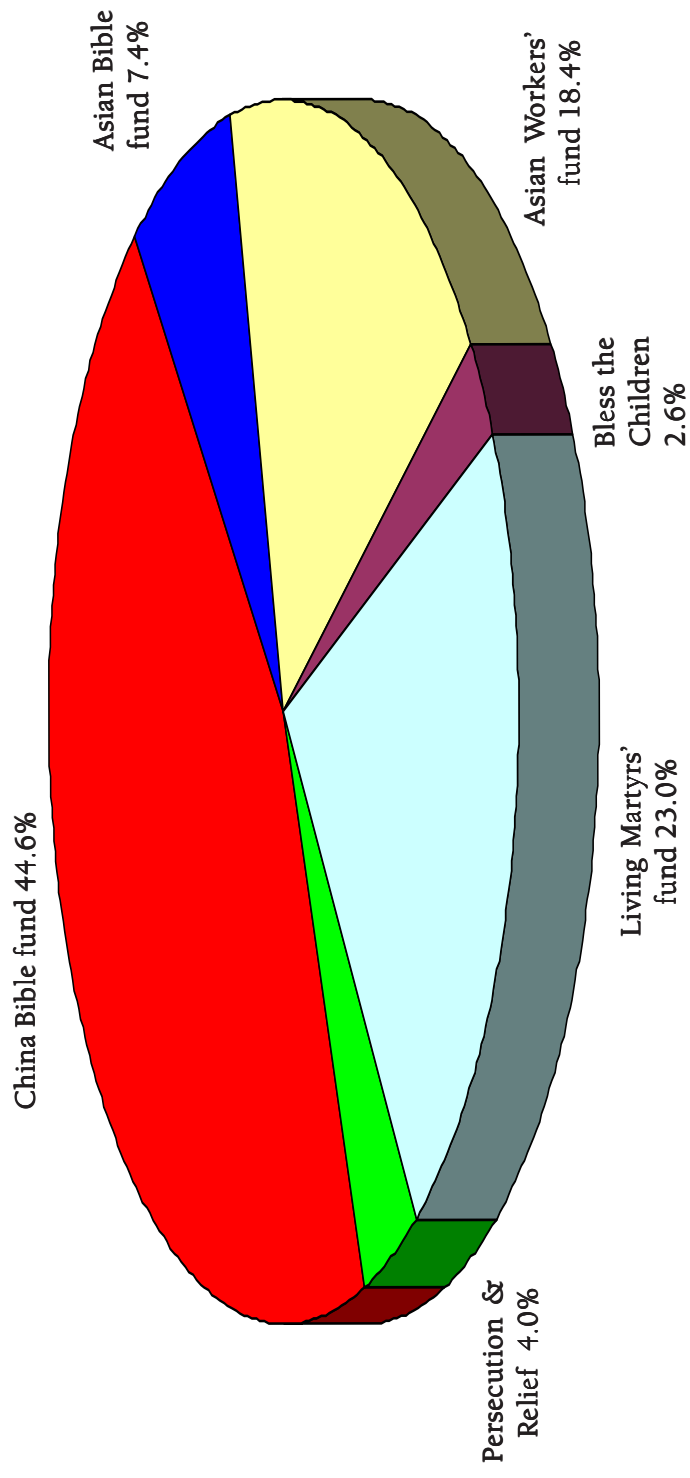


From the time of Asia Harvest's inception in the late 1980s, we have always strived to be transparent in the area of finances, and our annual financial statements have been available to anyone upon request. Now, we have taken the extra step of having our finances independently audited each year by a respected firm. These reports are available 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 all project donations are used on the field in Asia exactly as specified.**

If you would like to read our latest audited financial statement, please go to the "Resources" link at our website www.asiaharvest.org

Asia Harvest Projects Supported in 2018



ASIAN WORKERS' FUND

Partnering with Pioneer Asian Evangelists

*Because of your prayers and partnership we ended 2018 supporting 1,299
Asian missionaries, serving among 1,007 unreached people groups.
A reported 77,397 people experienced God's salvation last year.*



The Asian Workers' Fund provides support to Asian evangelists who are working among people groups that have never heard the gospel. These workers encounter many hardships and persecutions, but have persevered and are now seeing breakthroughs among many groups.

In 2018, those we support through the Asian Workers' Fund led **77,397 people to salvation in Jesus Christ** (an average of 60 per worker). More than **321,000 conversions** have been reported since this project commenced. Hallelujah! This is remarkable considering most of the workers serve in some of the darkest and most unreached areas of Asia, including among numerous Muslim, Hindu and Buddhist peoples.

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 this project.

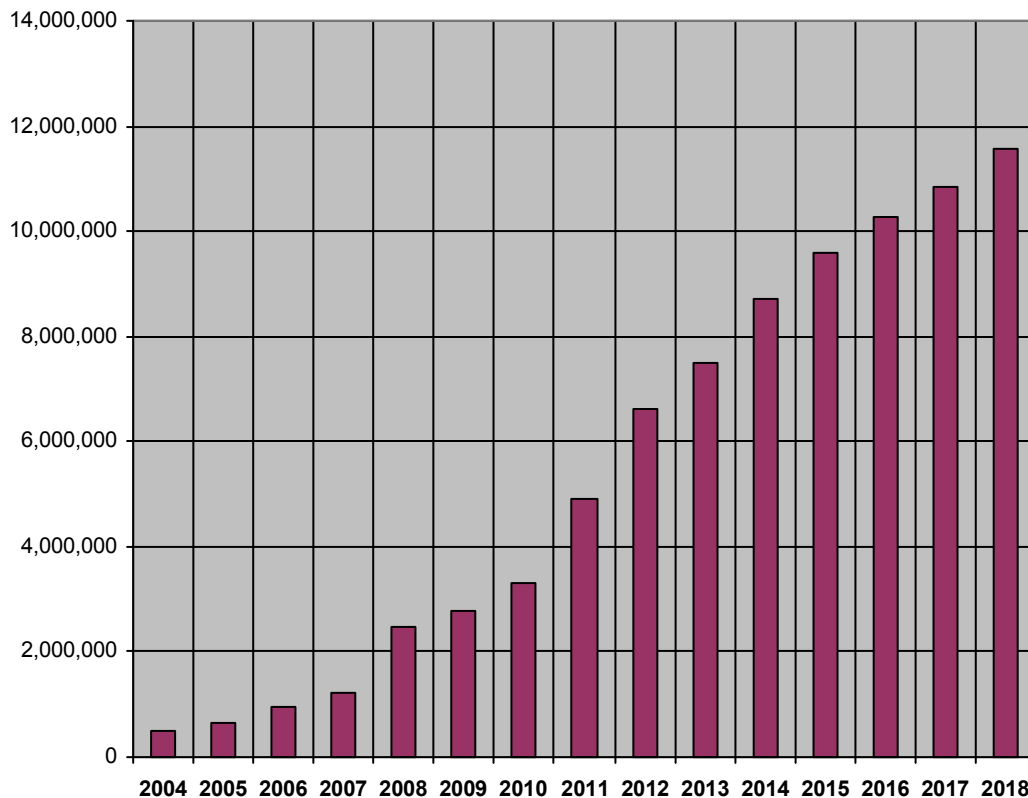
CHINA BIBLE FUND

Equipping China's Christians with God's Word

There remains a critical shortage of Bibles in China today because of the massive growth of rural churches. Tens of millions of house church Christians are still unable to access God's Word. Our Bibles are distributed to all parts of China, helping establish new believers in the faith and adding fuel to the revival that continues to burn throughout the world's most populated country. [Each full Bible costs just \\$1.80 to print.](#)

Since 2000, we have printed and distributed more than 11.5 million Bibles to house churches in China, with **708,810** in 2018 alone. This equates to **1,942 Bibles every day, 81 per hour, or one full Bible every 44 seconds** throughout the year. Each one is a miracle. Thank you for praying and giving.

Accumulative Graph Showing Chinese Bibles printed and distributed by Asia Harvest: **11,548,681**



ASIAN BIBLE FUND

Providing Bibles to Asia's Christians

Current Total: 927,028 Bibles printed in 99 different languages.
Each Bible costs an average of \$2.70 to print and deliver.

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

Please pray for our project and all those who are involved in providing God's Word to the precious Christians of Asia. **Last year we printed 102,019 Bibles** through the Asian Bible Fund in the following languages:

Assamese, Bengali, Bugun, Chetti, Chin Dai, Chin Falam, English, Gujarati, Hindi, Indonesian, Kannada, Karen Sqaw, Kharam, Khasi, Kok Borok, Kui Khond, Kurumba Attapady, Malay, Malayalam, Manipuri, Mannan, Marathi, Marwari, Meitei, Muthuvan, Muduga, Nepali, Odia, Punjabi, Tagin, Tutsa, Ravula, Sadri, Tamil, Telugu, Vietnamese, Wa



PERSECUTION & RELIEF

Transforming Lives through God's Love

Your prayers and generous support enabled us to respond quickly to several natural disasters in 2018. Thousands of people were given aid and heard the Gospel for the first time, with many believing in Jesus Christ.

The second half of the year brought three terrible natural disasters to Southeast Asia. This presented opportunities for us to help the victims both with physical aid such as food, water, blankets and medicine, as well as spiritual aid as our Asian co-workers shared the Gospel with all who would listen.

On July 23rd, after weeks of heavy rain, a dam collapsed in impoverished Attapeu Province in southern Laos. The flood water raced downhill, wiping out numerous villages and drowning hundreds of people. The devastation was massive, with thousands of homes destroyed.

We support many Lao evangelists in southern Laos through the Asian Workers' Fund, and they were quickly mobilized to help the victims. We provided water, rice, tents, mosquito nets, blankets, insect repellent and other essential items. Every day **the Gospel was preached as God's was displayed, and dozens of people believed and were baptized!** The picture below shows some of the grateful Lao families receiving help from our co-workers in Laos.





Two more major disasters then struck different areas of Indonesia. On August 5th, a series of earthquakes left **563 people dead and more than 400,000 homeless on the island of Lombok**. Teams were sent to help 1,000 families in 10 villages, and as always, the aid was accompanied with the message of eternal life in Christ for all who repent and place their trust in Him.

The third major opportunity to help came on September 28th, when a massive earthquake and tsunami struck the Indonesian island of Sulawesi. At the present time, **more than 2,500 people are confirmed dead, with countless more missing**. We were already supporting many evangelists on Sulawesi among unreached groups, and have provided funds for a group of 16 Indonesian evangelists to spend the next two years reaching people in this area. **Thank you to all who prayed and gave generously so we could reach many thousands of people through the Persecution & Relief fund in 2018.**



LIVING MARTYRS' FUND

*Because of your partnership we are supporting **293** 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 pastors and evangelists in China, Vietnam and elsewhere 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 **\$35 per month** you can help support one of these living martyrs. A prayer card is sent to every supporter of this project.

BLESS THE CHILDREN FUND



*Your generous support has so far reached **148,303** children throughout Asia.*

The **Bless the Children Fund** introduces children to Jesus in India, China, 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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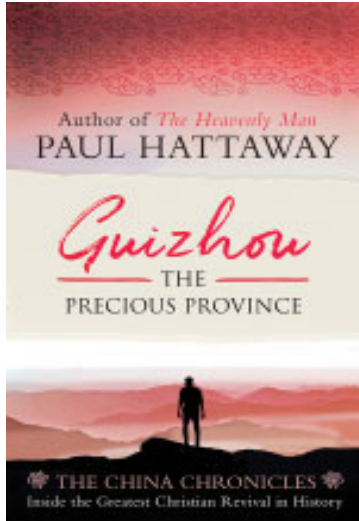
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GUIZHOU

A New Book by Paul Hattaway



GUIZHOU

- The Precious Province -

Book 2 of 'The China Chronicles'

by Paul Hattaway

In this newsletter we are glad to announce the second book in our series on the mighty revival that has swept China during the past 50 years. ***The China Chronicles*** are proving to be a great encouragement to many people, and are enriching the spiritual lives of those who read them.

We have been entrusted, through hundreds of hours of interviews with church leaders throughout China, with many testimonies that have never been shared in public. It has been a great privilege to record the marvelous acts of the Holy Spirit, as God's kingdom has taken root and flourished in the world's most populated country.

The Guizhou book contains many inspirational testimonies. We have selected one story to share with you in this newsletter. It is of a Chinese pastor named Wu Liwen, who spent 23 years in prison for his faith. Years later, God showed His faithfulness to Wu and used him to bring thousands of people from the Nosu tribe to faith in Jesus Christ....



The remainder of this newsletter contains an excerpt from 'GUIZHOU: China's Precious Province'. It tells about a key moment in the history of the Church in Guizhou, which is home to 35 million people and more than 80 tribes and ethnic groups. To order a copy of the book, please see the enclosed form or visit our website (www.asiaharvest.org) for details.

Pastor Wu and the Precious Book

In 1986, a 72-year-old Chinese pastor, Wu Liwen, was invited to a remote area of Guizhou Province by a group of Nosu tribesmen. The only question the men asked when they met Wu was if he knew who Jesus was.

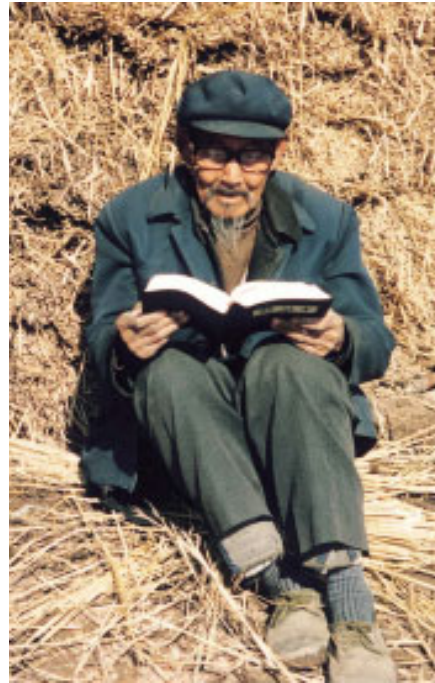
Wu, who had spent 23 years in prison because of his faith in Christ, prayerfully sought God's will and felt it was right for him to make the arduous journey, even though it involved a gruelling uphill trek and a long donkey ride over treacherous mountain trails—challenges that men of his advanced age don't usually undertake.

After walking for many hours, Wu's Nosu guides led him to a run-down shack in an isolated mountain range, which was to be their home for the night before he was taken to speak to their friends and relatives the next day. Wu expected to encounter a small gathering of perhaps 10 to 15 people.

After a rough night's sleep, the new day dawned and Wu was told they must climb over several more steep hills before reaching their destination. After straining for hours, the group finally cleared the last rise and suddenly Wu heard voices... hundreds of them! Sloping away beneath them, the mountainside rippled in a sea of blue and white—the tribal dress of the Nosu people. Like a late blooming of wildflowers, they covered every open space.

Some people had traveled for days. Others had left their home villages long before daylight. Since no one wanted to miss a word, they came early. Pastor Wu learned that they had been assembled, waiting and watching the trail, for over six hours.

Wu scanned the crowd with tears in his eyes. His mind flashed back to the 23 years he spent in a Communist prison camp. During his darkest moments God had spoken to his heart, telling him to hold on, for a time would come when he would be needed to teach the Word again. That promise had seemed so impossible! But here before Wu stretched 1,500 believers who had never heard a Bible teacher before!



The hours rolled by into the night and still the old pastor taught. The Nosu lit torches and gas lanterns, as no one wanted to leave. At last, Pastor Wu's voice gave out and they allowed him to stop and rest.

The exhausted pastor was taken to a nearby hut, where he was given a hot meal and a bed for the night. Before falling asleep, however, Wu insisted on hearing the story behind the multitude of hungry believers he had just ministered to. His hosts laughed and said, "Let Old Lee tell you. He can tell you about the Book."

An aged blind man emerged from the back of the room and gently sat down on a stool before Pastor Wu. Old Lee's battered face radiated an inner joy. In his arms he cradled a wooden box, holding it closely to his chest as if it contained a priceless treasure. He shared his story:

"Thirteen years ago, no one in this village knew about God. My brothers and I spent most of our time drinking and gambling. We did not understand anything else. One day, I went down the mountain with my brother to beg and to steal. In the marketplace someone handed me this book."

Carefully, Old Lee extracted his prized possession. A small sheaf of coarse, brittle pages, long since yellowed and cracked, trembled in his hands. The pages were crudely stitched together, bound between two squares of dirty cardboard. Old Lee gently placed the book in the teacher's hands. Smiling and nodding, the villagers murmured their approval. "It is part of something called Matthew," Old Lee explained. "Of course, we didn't know what it was when we got it. But we decided it must be some kind of special book, so we hid it."

The precious New Testament was concealed for years during the Cultural Revolution, when men could be killed for owning such a book. They placed it in a secret hiding place and wondered if they would ever have an opportunity to learn more about its mysterious message.

The breakthrough they needed came when Old Lee was forced to attend a government propaganda meeting, where a Communist official made a long speech in which he ranted against religion. At one point he said, "The Christians claim that a man named Jesus Christ came to save mankind. This foreign religion was brought here to deceive us."

Old Lee remembered nothing else from the man's ramblings that day, but he was desperate to learn more about this Jesus Christ. He instinctively knew that the old book in his possession was a Book of Truth, and he was determined to find someone who could read Chinese so they could explain its message. Old Lee continued:

"At first, it was just the three of us. We hid the book in an empty shed, concealed inside the wall. Later, we brought a few others to read it, one at a time. Soon, 10 of us

were believers and we met in the forest at night to encourage one another and pray. We became 30, then 50 and 60....

As you can see, our numbers have grown.... There are 1,500 of us now! Previously, we worshipped demons. Now only one family in our valley is not Christian, but they no longer worship demons either. We have heard about baptism. Do you know how to baptize?"

The next morning, news quickly spread throughout the village, and people ran to the hillside to break the news to those working in the fields: "We're going to be baptized!"

That afternoon, a multitude of excited Nosu believers made their way to a stream where Pastor Wu baptized almost 1,000 Nosu people. The next day he baptized hundreds more in a neighboring village. After two more days of teaching from morning till night, it was time for the venerable Bible teacher to return home.

Pastor Wu went to be with the Lord a few years later, but the last phase of his life was spent testifying about the faithfulness of God, and how the Lord had kept the promise He had made during Wu's lowest point in prison many years earlier.

God has continued to do a powerful work among the Nosu in Guizhou. Believers have been called to endure many harsh trials and persecutions over the decades, but God has preserved a faithful remnant, and today many strong churches exist among this blessed tribe, the fruit of a revival which started when someone gave a copy of God's Word to them in the 1970s.



The great need of Christians in Guizhou continues to be Bibles. Believers in rural areas have struggled to access God's Word for many years, and the large number of new Christians has seen the demand far outstrip the supply. **The need for our China Bible Fund is greater than ever,** with an increasing number of believers unable to access Bibles due to government restrictions and persecution.

With your prayers and support, Asia Harvest has provided more than 80,000 Bibles to house church believers in Guizhou over the years, and we will continue to do so as long as the door remains open. Please pray for the Church in Guizhou!



ASIAN WORKERS' FUND



We currently support 1,317 Asian evangelists among 1,008 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 led **328,875 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 donors of this project.

CHINA BIBLE FUND



Current Total: 11,608,163 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 BIBLE FUND



Current Total: 929,093 Bibles printed in 101 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.

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God's Precious Word
Bibles for the Khamniungan Tribe

From the Frontlines

“I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God’s curse! As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God’s curse!” (Galatians 1:6-9).

“The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons” (1 Timothy 4:1).

In this day and age when everyone is expected to be “accommodating” of other’s beliefs no matter what they are, many believers have also become too scared to speak up for the truth, even when obvious error is being spread. Millions of Christians think that by remaining silent they are being loving and gracious, but the reality is that God commands us to speak the truth, in love, and to not allow a different gospel to be preached, which will destroy those who hear it.

There is an interesting account about the Apostle John recorded by the early church leader Polycarp. John was living in Ephesus in his old age, and was the last living person to have personally known and walked with the Lord Jesus.

Polycarp shared that John was so old and frail that he had to be carried into the church meetings on a makeshift bed, and as the great apostle was carried to the front he would call out in the loudest voice he could muster: “Little children, love another!”

Can you imagine what it would be like to be at one of those services when the last living apostle was carried past you to the front, exhorting God’s people to love? What an incredible experience that would be. That’s the kind of Christianity most people want today: non-judgmental, encouraging, accepting, and kind....

Polycarp, however, also shared that John was carried to the Roman public baths each day, as was the custom of the time. One day when John looked across the room as he was washing, the countenance of the “apostle of love” immediately

darkened and a stern look of terror came upon his face. He commanded the men who carried him around to pick him up and to leave immediately, before the building would collapse under the righteous judgment of God!

What happened to cause such a dramatic change in John's demeanor? What could be so awful that the apostle couldn't stay another moment in that place?

Polycarp tells us that John had noticed a man named Cerinthus across the room. This man was a heretic, one of the chief opponents of the gospel in his day. He taught that Jesus was not divine and that the resurrection hadn't taken place. The apostle who exhorted believers to love another refused to be in the presence of someone who promoted doctrines of demons which polluted the teachings of his beloved Lord.

Of the many initiatives that Asia Harvest is privileged to be involved with, our Bible projects are vitally important, as without God's Word to nourish new believers and establish them in the faith, there would be no churches to support and our other projects wouldn't exist.

One of the greatest blessings we have experienced over the years is to meet Christians from various tribes and ethnic groups. Although believers often speak different languages and come from vastly different economic and cultural backgrounds, we've seen how barriers can be broken down in seconds by the common bond of love for Jesus Christ and the indwelling Holy Spirit in the hearts of our brothers and sisters.

This month we would like to share testimonies and pictures from a few Christians from the Khamniungan tribe of western Myanmar (formerly Burma), obtained just moments after they received the first Bibles in their language for many decades. Our co-worker in the area said: **"One church said they had been praying for 52 years for Bibles! 97% of churches did not have even one Bible. The Christians said this was one of the greatest days in the history of the Khamniungan people. To God be all the Glory!"**

The name 'Khamniungan' means 'source of great waters.' Thanks to your prayers and generous support the Word of God is now freely available among this precious tribe. May it lead to renewal and revival, so that the Khamniungan people will indeed be a source of blessing as living water flows from them to the hundreds of unreached tribes living in the foothills of the Himalayas.

Sowing into Fertile Soil

"My name is Ningpao and I am 40-years-old. My parents are farmers who worshipped demons. Our family was very poor and most of the time it was difficult to find food. No one in our village had ever heard about Jesus, because the government did not allow Christians to enter our area. We all lived in fear of the evil spirits.

I was sent to school at Khamti, and while there I saw some Naga people singing about Jesus. I had never heard anything like that before. I asked my friend who Jesus is, and he invited me to worship the living God. I loved the songs and was really interested in Jesus. I asked the pastor to share more, and for three nights he patiently explained the gospel to me. In August 1996 I accepted Christ as my Savior. From

that moment I always went to the church, prayed, and worshipped the Lord. By God's grace I stopped drinking alcohol and taking drugs, and I quit smoking. My life totally changed after I accepted Jesus. I was so happy and I told everyone about what Jesus had done for me.

Then I encountered a big problem. My parents and all my relatives and the other villagers told me to stop being a Christian. "If you don't turn away from this foreign god," they told me, "then you are not allowed to stay in our village anymore." I didn't know what to do, but God spoke to me with a still, small voice, "Don't be discouraged, for I am your God and I will care for you and meet your needs." The next morning my parents and the village elders gathered to hear my answer. I told them: "I will never stop being a Christian." They forced me out of the village and told me to never return.

God always provided for me. I lived with a Christian family until I was married, and now my parents and everyone in our village has trusted in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Hallelujah!

I always wanted to read the Bible, but there was only one copy in our church. Even though I have been a pastor since 1996, I never had my own Bible. **I prayed earnestly for 23 years for a Bible, and today God answered my prayers. It is like a dream! My Bible is the most precious thing I have ever owned in my life.**

Thanks to those who gave so my tribe can have God's Word. You have done a wonderful thing and provided the greatest need of our people. You have sown seed into fertile soil. Much good fruit will come from your loving help."



"My name is Kondou and I am 52-years-old. My parents were killed when I was two by underground rebels from India. As I grew up I often thought of committing suicide, because I was very lonely. I stayed in my village until I was 12. Then I was adopted by a family and I started school. I never went to church, but I always tried to make money and had no peace in my life.

In 2003 I crashed my car and was severely injured. I had to remain in bed for three years and could do nothing. In 2006, on June 30th, an evangelist came to my house and prayed for me. **God answered his prayer** and as soon as he finished praying, all my life and strength returned **and I was totally healed! I immediately surrendered my life to Jesus Christ.**



After I accepted Christ, my adoptive parents kicked me out of their home and all work was taken away from me. I was like a beggar with no job, no food, and no one in my life. But after three months a pastor called and gave me a job cleaning the church. I was so happy, because now I could stay in the church and I had enough time to pray and worship God.

When I asked the pastor where I could buy a Bible in my language, he replied sadly: **"There are no Khamniungan Bibles. Even if you have enough money, there are none for sale anywhere."** I was so surprised by his words. From that time on I have been praying to God that we would have our own Bibles.

I prayed 13 years for a Bible. Now, this very day, God has placed a precious copy of His holy Word in my hand. Wow! What a wonderful blessing!

I wish to say a million times, "Thank you," because the greatest need of our tribe is to have God's Word. We have about 60,000 people in our Khamniungan tribe, but without the Bible we would never develop in life or have revival. We would live in darkness, die in our sins, and face God's eternal punishment in hell.

We are overwhelmed with gratitude for what you have done by providing us with thousands of free Bibles in our language. They are being eagerly read by every family and lives are being set free and transformed by the Holy Spirit. Now that we have the key to success, I know our people will thrive. Thank you for your great support. God bless you."





“My name is Patsou and I am a Khamniungan evangelist. I am 50 years old and I have five daughters and four sons. I grew up in a small village and my parents did not believe in any religion. Our family always struggled because my dad was an alcoholic. There used to be a Christian church in our village, but in 1997 the Burmese Army burned it to the ground. Even though it was never rebuilt, the Christians still worshipped God.

In 2000 I accepted Christ and experienced wonderful peace in my life, because I had Jesus inside me now. I shared with my parents and after three months they were also saved. Praise the Lord! Now all of my relatives have also accepted Christ, and our lives are much better. I thank God for that.

There were no Bibles in our village, not even in the church. So I would go to a church in the nearest town to copy some pages of Scripture. Then I would bring these pages back to my village and share them in our church. We were always sad and discouraged because we did not have a Bible. Our village pastor and the Christians have been praying for a Bible since long before I was a believer. They have been asking the Heavenly Father for Bibles since 1970.

I am so grateful for the wonderful love you have shown our Khamniungan people. We can now stand proudly, because of God. Thank you for your great gift to us. The Lord has used you to answer **49 years of prayer** that we could have God’s Word.”



"My name is Maung and I am 47-years-old. I have two sisters and seven brothers. My father led demon worship in our village and he always sacrificed to the spirits whenever there were problems.

Just before Christmas 1985 an evangelist visited our village and shared the gospel. The Holy Spirit deeply touched me and I understood where true peace comes from. I accepted Jesus into my life and was baptized. I shared all this with my father and he also surrendered to Christ. When he stopped worshipping the demons the people in our village were angry and forced our family to leave.



We faced many difficulties, but we always had peace in our family, because God's peace is greater than our problems. I did not have a Bible when I started serving God in 1985, but I was praying earnestly for one. In 1991 I went to India where I was able to obtain 12 copies, but when I carried them back into Myanmar the border guards confiscated all of them. I was very sad.

I had to borrow the only Bible at the church to prepare my sermons, but I was not allowed to take it home because that Bible belonged to the church. **Finally, after 24 years of praying for Bibles God has answered our prayers!** It is an incredible miracle and the Lord has surpassed anything we ever hoped for. Now we have thousands of copies of our Khamniungan Bible, and they were even given to us as free gifts from loving brothers and sisters around the world. Thank you!

In my village there are 250 Christian families, but there was only one Bible. Now we received 300 Bibles! May the Lord bless you more and more. Your work is great!"

The Christians highlighted in this newsletter are representative of countless thousands of others who receive life-changing Bibles through Asia Harvest's two Bible projects. The **China Bible Fund** continues to strengthen and equip the house church believers in China. Each full Chinese Bible is printed and delivered for just **\$1.80**, while the **Asian Bible Fund** continues to provide the Scriptures in numerous languages of Asia for an average of **\$2.70 per Bible**.

If you would like to help provide God's Word to hungry believers like these, we invite you to fill out the yellow response form in this newsletter and send it back along with your gift. Alternatively, one-time or monthly donations to the project can be made via our website: www.asiaharvest.org

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China Update

A Message from the Church in China

An Update from China

In this newsletter we would like to give a brief summary of what is presently happening in the Chinese Church. The situation is fluid and changing daily, but our contacts in China have shared the following update, followed by a special message from 2 Corinthians chapter 4, which seems particularly relevant and will hopefully greatly encourage you in your own walk with God.

First, an update on some of the recent developments in China:

* **Thousands of churches continue to be closed down**, and many pastors and evangelists have been arrested. This is true both of city churches and rural fellowships. The persecution is nationwide, and is the result of the implementation of new anti-religion laws introduced in 2017 and 2018.

* Many large city churches have tried to protect their brothers and sisters in the countryside by providing resources, finances and teaching so their faith will be strengthened and better able to withstand the storm. Although the most severe persecution first affected the cities, **it has now spread even to small towns and villages**. The majority of Chinese Christians remain poor farmers and factory workers.

* **Many house church leaders have gone missing**. Large numbers have been arrested, while others have gone into hiding. Invasive technology, however, means it is now very difficult to remain anonymous in China. Some leaders have decided they should simply continue to serve God openly, and they are ready to face whatever consequences their actions may bring.

* Even many government-registered **Three-Self churches are undergoing a fiery trial**. Video cameras with facial-recognition technology have been placed behind pulpits, facing the congregation, and on the walls above church entrances. Scripture posters have been forcibly removed from the walls of many churches and replaced with portraits of President Xi or the national flag.

* **All children's ministry has been banned**. This has always been a particularly sensitive topic for the Communist authorities in China. Children are being encouraged to tell on their classmates if they are involved in any religious activity.

* All over the country various **local initiatives have been launched** in an attempt to stop the growth of Christianity. For example, in the city of Guangzhou the authorities announced they will pay 10,000 Yuan (about US\$1,500) to citizens who disclose the names of any missionaries (foreign or Chinese) who work in their city.

* In Henan , which is the province with the largest number of Christians in China, the authorities have issued a paper entitled, “Christianity’s Enormous Harm on China’s Security.” Such reports show how insecure the government is as they seek to consolidate their hold on power. In reality, **Christians in China are the most peaceable, hard-working and obedient members of society.**

* **There is a massive shortage of Bibles right now.** The churches are facing a famine of God’s Word as printing slows down, and in many places appears to have come to a halt. Bibles are becoming increasingly rare, and many websites and apps that enabled believers to access the Scriptures have been blocked by the government. Asia Harvest is one of a few organizations still able to provide Bibles to China’s house church Christians.

Please pray for this urgent need. Without the nourishment of God’s Word, the Body of Christ in China will wither.



Cover Picture: Did you notice anything different about the photo on the cover of this newsletter? It was taken earlier this year, and shows a group of Christians from the Early Rain Covenant Church in Chengdu, China. The photo shows faithful believers meeting in a public park after their services were shut down and their leaders taken away. Starting last December, more than 100 members of this fellowship have been arrested, with many being tortured in prison.

If you look closely, you will see that many have packed bags next to them as they worship the Lord. They brought their clothes and personal items to the open-air meeting in case they were arrested and taken to prison. Across China right now thousands of churches are going through similar intense hardship.

A Message from the Church in China

(from 2 Corinthians 4)

“Therefore, since through God’s mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the Word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone’s conscience in the sight of God.” (2 Cor. 4:1-2).

The first thing that we Christians in China would like the global Body of Christ to know is that we have not lost heart. Although we are experiencing a severe trial and some people have given up the faith, we are thankful for the hardship, because God is pruning His Church. It is vital that all believers know that it’s not Satan or any government that prunes God’s Church. The Master Gardener is our loving and wise Heavenly Father!

The reason the Lord prunes is to make the vine even more fruitful, for He said: *“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful”* (John 15:1-2). Therefore we do not lose heart, for we know our lives are completely in the hands of our all-powerful Lord and Savior. At the moment, He is getting rid of some unfruitful branches among His people in China, so that His Church will be refined and more holy as we march forward in spiritual warfare.

We look forward to the time when we will be more fruitful for the kingdom of God. In the meantime, we will not stop proclaiming the Gospel, and we are willing to lay down our lives if necessary so that all of China will hear about Jesus Christ.

“And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake” (2 Cor. 4:3-5).

While our lives are firmly in God’s hands, we also recognize that the source of attacks on the Church is the devil. Mankind has been locked in a fierce battle with Satan ever since God declared: *“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel”* (Genesis 3:15). The word “enmity” means much more than a separation. This was the commencement of a full-on war to death, as the devil seeks to destroy mankind, especially those people who reflect the character and goodness of God.

“But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed” (2 Cor. 4:7-9).

We praise the Lord that He sets limits on what man can do to us. Although millions of believers throughout China are now without a church building to go to and countless home meetings have also been closed down, our faith is strong. The truth of God’s Word and the indwelling sweet presence of the Holy Spirit can never be taken from us. We are not afraid, for the Lord Jesus told us, ***“Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell”*** (Matthew 10:28).

“We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body” (2 Cor. 4:10).

Hallelujah! Already we are seeing the benefits of this time of purging in China. In many places, instead of being decimated, churches are experiencing growth! The hardship has caused Christians to become more serious about our faith, and the gospel is being boldly proclaimed, resulting in even more people pressing into the kingdom of God.

“Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal” (2 Cor. 4:16-18).

Finally, brothers and sisters around the world, we want to thank God for you, for we are all members of the same family. Thank you for praying for the Church in China! Although your struggles may be different from ours right now, we know that the Lord is passionate for His people, and He will never abandon us. God’s purpose in suffering is always to humble us, so that we will rely not on our own futile strength, but on the power of His might. We want to conclude by reminding all Christians of this exhortation:

“Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 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 5:6-9).



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Jesus in the Himalayas

Sharing the Gospel on the Roof of the World

From the Frontlines

“Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 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 5:8-9).

One of the greatest privileges we have at Asia Harvest is to experience the many parts of the Body of Christ functioning throughout Asia. We get to see and hear reports of successes and struggles from a wide cross-section of God’s people across different nations.

Just in the past week, here are a few examples of reports we have received from those we partner with, which reveal some of the diverse needs and challenges they face:

A church leader **in western Mongolia** wrote to say how thankful he is because they have been able to secure felt to cover the tent where the believers gather to worship the Lord Jesus. With temperatures plummeting to minus 40 degrees in the heart of winter, worship times can be quite miserable because of the extreme conditions. The felt makes a big difference, so they are excited that it will be installed before next winter.

In central India, evangelists we support asked for prayer after the authorities in their state mandated that public schools must have compulsory yoga classes for all students. The Christians are greatly alarmed by this development, as they know the deeply demonic origins of yoga and they don’t want their children involved with it (by the way, our Indian colleagues are astonished to hear that “Christian yoga” classes are held in some Western churches. The very postures and breathing techniques used in yoga are designed as offerings to Hindu gods).

There are no Christian schools allowed in that part of India, so at the moment the believers’ options seem to be either to allow their children to participate, or deny them an education. They are greatly vexed by this and have asked for prayer.

In China, a group of house church leaders wrote to say they are seeking God’s wisdom about what to do during the fiercest persecution the Church has seen in

40 years. They broke their congregations of hundreds of believers into small groups of four or five people who meet discreetly in apartments, but the government is even threatening and fining small groups who gather to study the Bible.

In northern Myanmar (formerly Burma) many of those we support are being persecuted after the local authorities bowed to pressure from the Chinese government, who don't want any Christians in the border areas.

Finally, **in Nepal** many believers are struggling with the new constitution, which targets Christians and has made most evangelism and baptism illegal, with participants liable to years of imprisonment.

Dear friends, in your part of the world things may be different than in Mongolia, China or India, but one thing is sure: Satan never tires and will continue to harass the people of God until the Lord Jesus destroys him once and for all. May you be encouraged to realize that you are not alone, because as Peter wrote, ***"you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings."***

As we have limited space in our Asia Harvest newsletters, much of the work we are involved with throughout Asia goes unreported. In this issue, we give a pictorial presentation of some of the lesser-known ways we are helping reach people groups in the Himalayas.

Stretching from Pakistan through north India, Nepal and Bhutan, and north onto the Tibetan Plateau, these rugged peaks and deep valleys contain more than 500 unreached tribes and ethnic groups. It is our call and passion to share Jesus Christ with as many of them as possible.

Thank you for praying and giving to our work so the Good News can go forth in the world's highest mountains!

Front Cover photo: A large group of church leaders and evangelists gather together to worship God in the heart of the Himalayas.

Right: An elderly Tamang woman from Nepal.



Jesus in the Himalayas



Above: Believers in this remote area near the Tibet border are overjoyed to receive their first Bibles through our Asian Bible Fund.

Below: Christians eagerly studying God's Word in the heart of the Himalayas.





Many young girls in the Himalayas are sold into the sex industry and spend their lives in awful bondage. We have helped set up several sewing centers, where trafficked girls are rescued and taught a trade. Most of them become dedicated Christians. To get the sewing machines to one remote area in Nepal, our co-workers had to carry them on their backs across high mountain passes (below). Sewing machines cost \$160 each, and are funded by donations to our Persecution & Relief Fund.





Evangelism and church planting remain at the heart of everything we do. Each year we provide hundreds of bicycles and dozens of motorcycles to evangelists, to aid them in their vital work. This enables them to reach a far wider area with the Gospel, and some villages that previously took a full day to reach on foot are now easily accessible. We support more than 300 Asian missionaries in the Himalayas through our Asian Workers' Fund, with new applications regularly coming in.





Our local partners in the Himalayas have found that one of the most effective ways to reach people with the Gospel is by constructing wells in areas where the water supply is contaminated.

These wells, which cost about \$1,000 each to construct, not only provide fresh water to grateful people, but they are strategically placed alongside churches, enabling Christians to freely interact with the people in their communities. As a result, many women have heard the gospel and put their trust in Jesus Christ. You can help support this need through our Persecution & Relief Fund.





Numerous other initiatives helping bring the Good News to people in the Himalayas include providing hundreds of solar-powered speakers, projectors and other devices (above) to spread the gospel and facilitate training in remote areas; distributing much-loved children's Bibles (right) through our Bless the Children Fund; and equipping evangelists with good jackets, boots, backpacks and other equipment to help them serve more effectively.





*The goal of all these activities is to glorify Jesus Christ among those who have never heard His Name. The Gospel has been advancing mightily throughout the Himalayas, with hundreds of baptisms of new believers, whose lives have been transformed by the Word of God and the power of the Holy Spirit. Our co-workers wanted to send a special message (below) to those who have prayed for them and supported these strategic projects.
Thank you and God bless you!*





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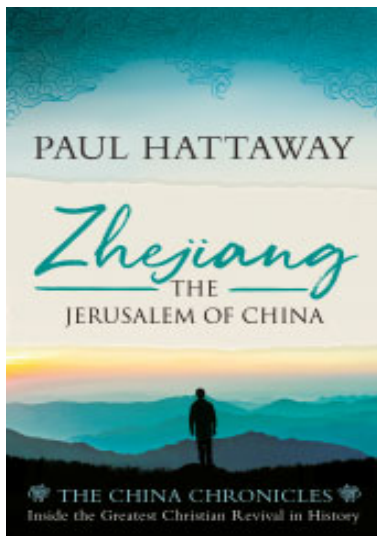
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ZHEJIANG - The Jerusalem of China

A New Book by Paul Hattaway



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Book 3 of 'The China Chronicles'

by Paul Hattaway

In this newsletter we are glad to announce the third book in our series on the mighty revival that has swept China during the past 50 years. ***The China Chronicles*** are proving to be a great encouragement to many people, and are enriching the spiritual lives of those who read them.

We have been entrusted, through hundreds of hours of interviews with church leaders throughout China, with many testimonies that have never been shared in public. It has been a great privilege to record the marvelous acts of the Holy Spirit, as God's kingdom has taken root and flourished in the world's most populated country.

The Zhejiang (pronounced 'Zhe-jahng') book contains many inspirational testimonies. We have selected just one story to share with you in this newsletter. It is of a little-known Chinese evangelist nicknamed Lamé Huang....



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Lame Huang

On April 15, 1981, an elderly man of God named Huang Detang was lowered into a grave in Xiangshan County near Ningbo City. Huang had never been an ordained pastor, but had lived out his faith as an uneducated farmer. The surrounding communities had such respect for Huang that more than 400 people paid their final respects at his funeral, even though it had not been advertised.

Huang first believed the gospel when he was in his forties. Years later, he developed painful boils on his feet which caused him great agony and prevented him from working. Locals gave him the nickname, 'Lame Huang.'

In his desperation, Huang cried out to Jesus for healing. A short time later he received a vivid dream, in which the Lord told him: "You must truly believe in Me, and I will heal you. You must witness for Me."



In his dream, Huang thanked Jesus for the help he would receive and promised that once he could walk again he would share the gospel widely. Huang said the Lord told him: "A verbal promise is not enough. You must write a contract of indenture by which you offer yourself up as My servant."

Huang had only a primary school education and didn't know what a contract of indenture was or how to write one. He again cried out for God's mercy and help, and received another dream, in which the Lord showed him how to word the contract. Huang composed the following document:

"I, Huang Detang, sign this indenture by which I offer myself up forever.

Because of my own uselessness, I have boils on my feet. They are very painful and I have nowhere to turn. I can only ask my gracious Savior, my Lord Jesus, to be merciful to me, a great sinner.

I now receive the precious Blood of the Lord as the ransom price which has redeemed me from death to life, and I know that the Lord will heal my feet, take my soul to the heavenly kingdom forever, and I will become a child of God with honor and glory.

Because I have nothing to repay the grace of God, I will most gladly dedicate my body and soul to Him. After my dedication, I am totally at the disposal of the Lord. No matter where I am sent, I will go.

Whether it is to the east, south, west or north, whether it is climbing mountains or crossing seas, cold or hot, whether I am hungry or thirsty, or if I suffer want and persecution, I will follow the Lord to the end and not be disheartened. No one in my family or among relatives and friends will be able to pose any obstacles or cause me to go back on my promise.

This indenture is the common wish of both parties and neither of them raises any objection. I sign it as evidence of my willingness.

Huang Detang.”

A short time after signing his unique contract with God, the boils on Huang’s feet disappeared and he was able to walk freely again.

Over the years, each of the points in Huang’s solemn contract was sorely tested, as God took Huang at his word and stretched his faith by sending him on dangerous adventures that resulted in thousands of people hearing the gospel. From the 1950s to the 1970s he ministered during the darkest days of Communist persecution, and was arrested and tortured by the authorities on several occasions.

Huang’s ministry was characterized by many instances of God prompting him to do things that made no rational sense, but with his indenture in mind, Huang obeyed the guidance of the Holy Spirit and remained true to his pledge, even when it resulted in great personal hardship.

On one occasion when Huang was preaching he heard the inner voice of the Spirit of God tell him, “Love the one in the last row!”

That night he was unable to sleep, and at dawn he met with the pastor and enquired who the person was had been sitting on the last row of the church. Huang was taken to a tiny shack, where he saw a bedridden man with only a tattered blanket on his bed and dirt covering every inch of the room. The man’s limbs were pale, and only when Huang saw the man in the light did he realize he was a leper.

Brother Huang asked the man how many years he had believed in Jesus, but he just shook his head to indicate he was not a Christian. He asked the leper why he had gone to the church service the previous night, and he replied that he had received a dream instructing him to go to the meeting because Jesus wanted to save him. On the day of the meeting he was able to get out of bed for the first time in months, and a neighbor helped him to the church.

Huang Detang didn't know how he could help the man's dire situation, as he was impoverished himself. Then the Lord told him, "Take off your jacket and give it to him." Huang was afraid. His padded jacket was the only one he owned. It kept him warm as he walked through the mountains in winter, and he slept in it while on his preaching journeys. "Surely not, Lord. I have great need of it," Huang argued.

The Holy Spirit said to him: "'If you do not give it to him, what you preach is like a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If you don't have love, what use is it? If you don't have love, you are not serving Me.'

Huang had to obey in tears, but as soon as he had given his jacket away he felt immensely relieved. He was without a jacket for many years and yet not once did he suffer frostbite.

Sometimes the demands that God placed on Huang were too difficult for other Christians to cope with, and they refused to be involved. For example, once the Lord directed him to share the gospel and demonstrate God's love to a dishevelled prostitute, who was near death from syphilis. Huang shared the gospel and provided her with food and clothing. The ladies in the local church, however, did not want to stoop so low as to help such a wretched person, but due to God's love demonstrated by Huang, the woman died a short time later as a follower of Jesus.

Huang continued witnessing for his Lord right up to his death in 1981, at the age of 96. Few people outside his home region in Zhejiang have ever heard of 'Lame Huang,' but in heaven he is known as the man who kept his contract with God.

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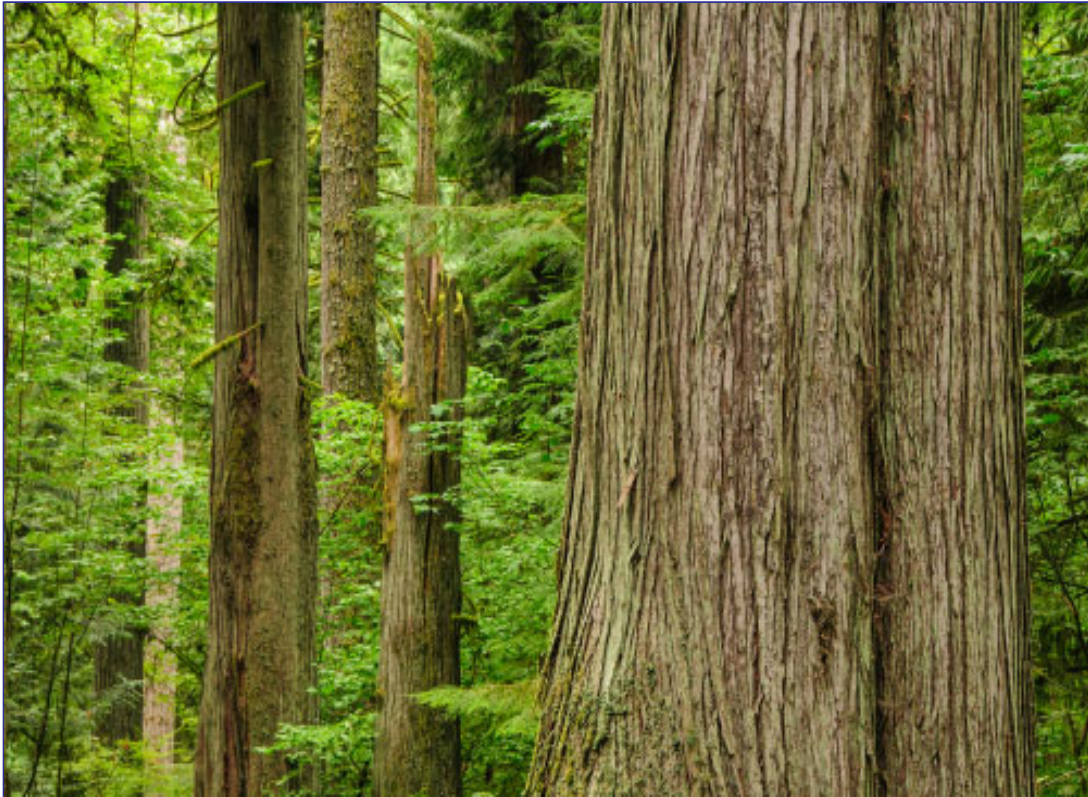


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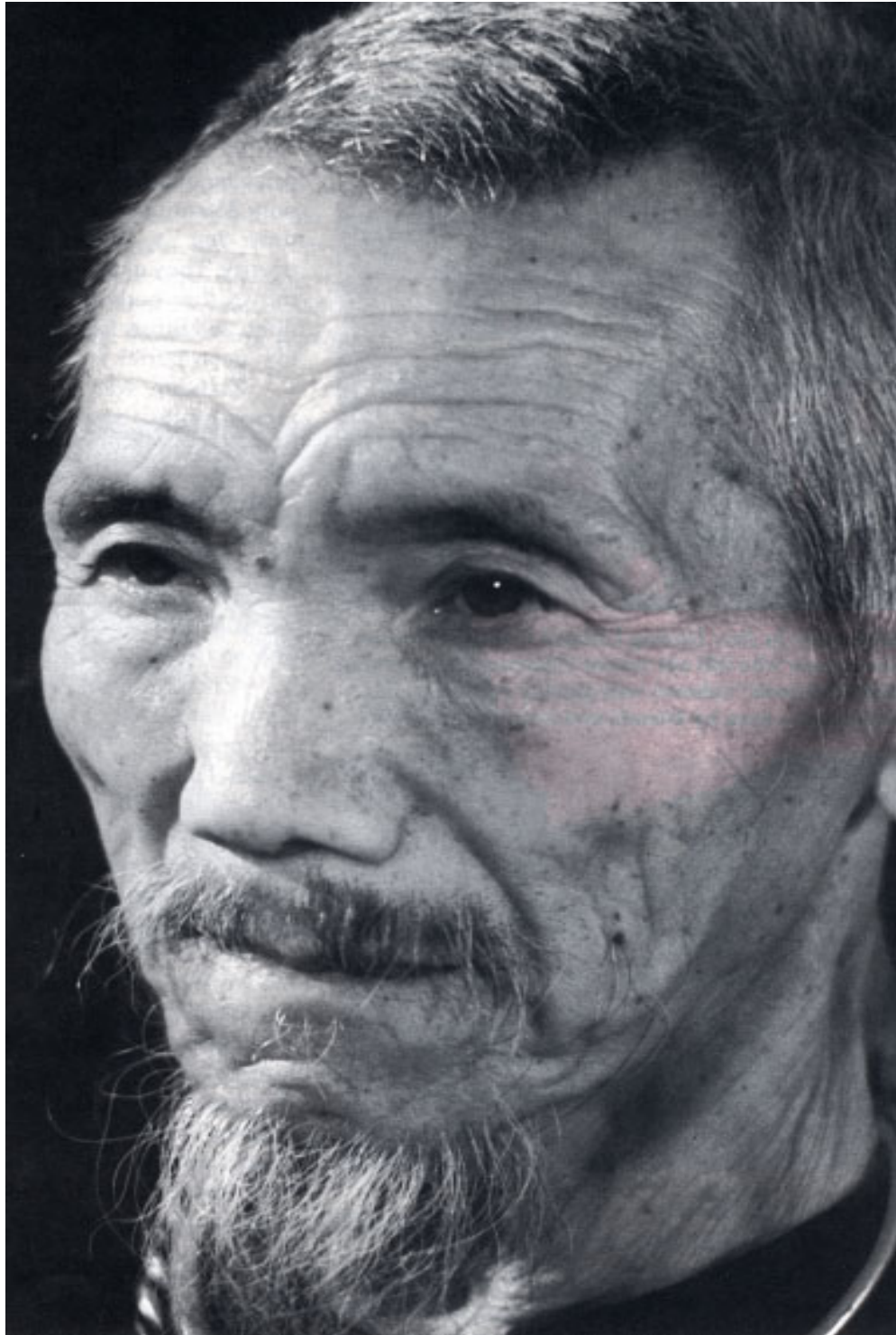
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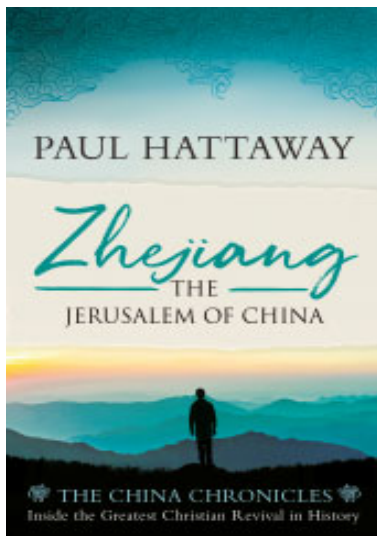


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A Testimony from the Church in China



Miao Zizhong, the 'Cedar of Lebanon'



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from Book 3 of 'The China Chronicles'

In our last newsletter we shared the testimony of Lame Huang, a little-known evangelist from Zhejiang Province in eastern China. We received an overwhelming response to his story, so this month we are sharing another testimony, excerpted from our new book "Zhejiang: The Jerusalem of China".

This time we share the extraordinary story of Miao Zizhong, a house church pastor whose strong leadership and courage in the face of overwhelming persecution earned him the nickname, 'The Cedar of Lebanon' from other Chinese Christians.

Although in China, Miao is much better-known than Lame Huang, few Christians in other nations have ever heard of him, so we pray this glimpse into his life will encourage you in your own walk with the Lord.

We pray the testimony of Brother Miao will also stir up the faith of believers inside China, who are currently going through a dark and excruciatingly examination of their faith. May the example of believers like the 'Cedar of Lebanon' remind them of God's faithfulness and goodness, and that regardless of what wicked men do to them, nothing can ultimately separate them from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

The remainder of this newsletter contains an excerpt from 'ZHEJIANG: The Jerusalem of China'. It shares the testimony of house church leader Miao Zizhong, who provided godly leadership to the Body of Christ for decades before his call home to heaven. To order a copy of the book, please visit our website (www.asiaharvest.org) for details.

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On the night of October 17, 1989, more than 1,000 tearful Christians gathered outside a small village in Wencheng County, a mountainous area near the city of Wenzhou. As the brothers and sisters respectfully sang 'Waiting for the Lord's Return to Meet Again', the body of Miao Zizhong was lowered into a grave. This man, who had gone to be with his Lord at the age of 73, was so highly respected that he had earned the nickname 'The Cedar of Lebanon' from his fellow believers.

In the 1950s a total of 49 Chinese pastors from the Wenzhou area were arrested and sent to prison labor camps in northeast China's frozen Heilongjiang Province. Of these men, Miao Zizhong was the only one to survive the ordeal and return home alive.

Miao grew up without knowing the gospel, and he regularly hurled foul-mouthed insults at the servants of the Lord. He became an angry man, bitterly lashing out at other people without provocation.

Everything began to change in Miao's life in 1948, one year before China became a Communist country. When he was 32 he contracted a serious disease, and when he went to the largest hospital in Wenzhou they declared his case incurable and advised him to return home and prepare for death. News got around that Miao was perishing, and a relative visited and pleaded with him to believe in Jesus Christ. He accepted the gospel and repented of his sins.

From the moment Miao received God's offer of salvation, his physical condition improved, and after a while he was completely healed. Overcome with gratitude to the Lord for sparing his life, Miao surrendered his future to God's service, and he immediately traveled to another district to preach the gospel.

For the next six years Miao continued to proclaim good news to the spiritually hungry people of Zhejiang, until the authorities caught up with him in the winter of 1954. He was hauled in front of a 'struggle session' by the local people's militia, and was lectured about the evils of Christianity and commanded to sign a statement renouncing his faith. With a calm demeanor, Miao looked his persecutors in the eyes and declared:

"Jesus is the Savior of my life. I would be ungrateful to deny Him and as such I would go to hell. I cannot do this.' Upon hearing that, the cadres began to gnash their teeth and with their fists they started beating Miao viciously. He prayed fervently, asking the Lord for help. The evil men used every method, but in the end were unable to coerce him into submission."

Miao was declared a 'counter-revolutionary,' and a few months later he was falsely charged with the crime of 'collaborating with overseas counter-revolutionary organizations.' He was sentenced to five years reform through labor near the border with Russia.

Miao struggled with the bleak conditions and the incessant back-breaking work at the prison camp. He had no hope in this world, and reasoned that if he was destined to die in that place then he should die sharing the gospel with his fellow inmates. When the prison authorities discovered he was still propagating his faith they flew into a rage and added ten years to his sentence.

Miao's Lowest Point

The greatest difficulty Miao Zizhong experienced during his first year in prison was the bitterly cold winters in Heilongjiang. One day, a group of more than 70 elderly Christian prisoners were forced to walk to another place to work. To reach their destination, they had to cross a frozen river. When they got to the middle of the river the ice cracked from the combined weight of the men and they plunged into the frigid water. Although most of the men were able to scramble up the riverbank, their wet clothing soon caused all but one to die of hypothermia.

On one occasion, the cruel prison wardens tortured Miao by removing a heavy iron grate from the oven and hanging it around his neck. He was forced to parade around the prison courtyard with the grate—which weighed more than 40 pounds (20 kg)—dangling from his neck. When they had finished mocking him that day, Miao was placed in stocks and thrown into solitary confinement for several months.

Despite the intense beatings, loneliness and deprivation, Miao experienced his most difficult moment during his second year of incarceration. His wife back in Zhejiang had been his best friend and a faithful companion since their wedding, but one day the prison officials delivered a letter from her requesting a divorce. She had heard that Miao's sentence had been extended to 15 years, and she gave up all hope of seeing him alive again. She decided it was better to make a fresh start as a single woman.

Miao was in a state of shock after reading his wife's letter, and after her words sank in he became so angry that he fainted. He had reached his lowest point. Miao considered his miserable situation and felt he had nothing to lose.

Taking no notice of the cold, Miao opened the cell door and ran to a grove where he fell to his knees on the snow-covered ground. With loud sobs he wept before the Lord. He was unable to suppress his grief and tears flowed like a fountain. Suddenly he heard a very clear, personal and tender small voice from heaven saying, 'You must be patient that you may fulfil God's will and obtain the promise.'

Miao Zizhong received comfort and strength from the Holy Spirit as he emptied his soul before God, and he realized that Christ alone would never leave or forsake him. He returned to his cell and replied to his wife's letter, telling her to proceed with the divorce if she wished.

An Angelic Encounter

The overcrowded prison camp was home to 1,300 men from across China, including many church leaders. The unhygienic conditions provided a fertile environment for disease. During one especially cold winter, when the temperature plummeted to minus 45 degrees, a plague swept through the labor camp. Within hours, hundreds of men had come down with severe fever. Their eyes bulged from their heads and many went into convulsion and died. Bodies were dragged out of the cells and tossed into a giant pit, and within days 1,050 of the 1,300 men had perished.

Miao was also infected by the horrible plague and was taken to see a doctor, who shook his head and said, "Here is another one." He was put in a room where corpses were stored before being taken for burial. As Miao lay among many dead bodies he prayed, "Lord, I ask you to save me. Please don't allow me to die here where your Name will be reproached. If you heal me and allow me to return home in peace, I will serve you all the days of my life and will do the work of an evangelist."

Suddenly, an angel dressed in a glorious white robe appeared and tenderly said, "Do not fear. Only believe." In his own words, Miao recalled what happened next as he teetered between life and death:

"The angel stretched out his right hand and took hold of my left hand and led me out of that building. I was taken to a beautiful room, pure white beyond description. The angel had me sit on a chair and he took a stethoscope from around his neck. He then took a white tube and put it in my mouth. When the angel blew into it I felt a cool sensation which made me feel comfortable.

When I came to, the sickness had left me. I knelt among the dead bodies and loudly praised the Lord, rededicating my whole life to Jesus. I was hungry, so I went back to

the doctor to ask for food. When the doctor saw me entering he was so shocked he broke into a cold sweat and stumbled backwards, crying out, 'Are... you... a... ghost?'

I laughed and told him, 'Don't be afraid. I am Miao Zizhong. My God has healed me and saved me from death. He has sent me to proclaim the way of salvation to you. Therefore you must believe in Jesus.' The doctor immediately knelt down, saying, 'Your God is true. Jesus is truly alive. I now believe and ask Jesus to receive me.'"

Return to Trouble

The years went by, until Miao found himself the longest-serving inmate at the Heilongjiang prison camp. Thousands of men had come and gone, and conditions were so harsh that even young prisoners only managed to survive a few weeks before they died. Yet through it all, Miao had endured, and his faith in Jesus Christ remained intact. One secret to his survival was that he often slipped away from his cell late at night, when the other exhausted prisoners were asleep. He would go to a small grove near the compound where he knelt down and prayed to God. The Holy Spirit always met him in that blessed place, giving him strength and encouragement to endure another day.

In 1969, Miao completed his 15-year sentence and was placed on a train back home to Zhejiang Province. He was unaware at the time, but he was released at the height of the Cultural Revolution, when Red Guards were terrorizing the land and Christians everywhere were under intense pressure.

As soon as the local officials discovered that Miao had returned home, he was called in for questioning. When asked if the last 15 years had changed his religious beliefs, Miao boldly replied, "These 15 years of labor reform have not changed my belief; moreover, my relationship with Jesus has been strengthened and my faith is stronger than ever!" The officials flew into a fit of rage, pushed him to the floor and beat him with their fists and batons.

The following year Miao was ordered to attend re-education classes by the local authorities, along with dozens of criminals and gangsters.

One hot summer afternoon, Red Guards came and bound Miao's hands tightly behind his back. After being dragged to a place where a high wooden platform had been erected, officials accused him of "hideous crimes" against the nation.

They commanded Miao to publicly deny Jesus, and finished by snarling, “Today, if you continue to believe in Jesus, we will beat you to death!”

Miao Zizhong had walked with God for many years by this time, and he was not going to throw away everything he had stood for. His life meant very little to him, but his faith and the presence of the Holy Spirit meant everything. He looked down from the platform at the large crowd that had gathered, and with a loud voice he made a speech which has gone down as a seminal moment in the annals of Christianity in Zhejiang. Miao declared:

“Fellow countrymen, because of belief in Jesus I have already spent 15 years in the Heilongjiang labor reform prison, where I was ‘struggled against’ and beaten, yet my faith is stronger than ever. Why is that? It’s because the Lord Jesus whom I believe in is the true and living God. He is the Son of God, the Creator of heaven and earth. He was born for us, and because of our sins He was crucified on the cross. Therefore all of you should repent, leave your idols, cease from violence and believe in Jesus that you may obtain eternal life.”

As soon as these words left Miao’s lips a mob of brutal men rushed onto the platform, and proceeded to kick and beat his head and entire body. As he slowly collapsed to the ground, his voice could be heard above the commotion, saying, “Lord, please forgive them. I commit my soul to you.”

Miao was seriously injured. His ribs and other bones had been broken, and he was covered in welts and bruises. Tufts of hair had been ripped from his scalp. He slowly recovered, however, and several months later he was back preaching the gospel.

During another public humiliation meeting later that year, Christians who were present testified that Miao’s face shone with glory, like that of an angel. He even taunted his persecutors who demanded to know the secret of his stubborn resistance by telling them: “Why don’t you get a knife and cut out my heart? Then you will know what’s in it.”

Countless more persecutions continued, including one episode when Miao was hit on the head with a small iron hammer after he refused to deny Christ. After several blows his head swelled to the size of a gourd, but his integrity and love for Jesus remained intact.

The Final Lap

After all the abuse Miao Zizhong had endured over the years, people were sure he wouldn't live long, but the Spirit of God helped him complete his race and finish the work entrusted to him. The authorities in Zhejiang didn't know what to do with this man. They had treated him with extreme violence, yet he continued to believe in God and encourage others to do the same.

Instead of persecuting Miao themselves, the local government officials hired a group of thugs to do their dirty work for them. As they the man of God through the streets, they tortured him with knives and kicked him to the ground. When they passed a cesspool full of human waste, they threw Miao's hat into the muck, then retrieved it with a bamboo pole and placed it back on his head.

To howls of laughter, the excrement ran down his face and soaked his shirt. Then, according to an eye-witness, one of the thugs picked up a lump of dog excrement and stuffed it into Miao's mouth. He shut his mouth tight, but they smeared his mouth and lips with it. He tried to spit it out, but all that came out were several mouthfuls of fresh blood.

As Miao Zizhong aged into his sixties, many Christians wanted to know the secret to his victorious faith. One visitor shared that each time Miao received a revelation from the Bible, he would jump up and dance with great joy. He remained single after his wife divorced him, and although he experienced much bitterness in this life, he was full of joy. In every home he stayed there was always the sound of singing, and often he would sing, cry and laugh until tears flowed.

Finally, in October 1989, the 73-year-old Cedar of Lebanon fell, not to rise again until the resurrection of the dead. Miao Zizhong left behind no children, except the thousands of spiritual children he had led to the Lord and nourished with God's Word.

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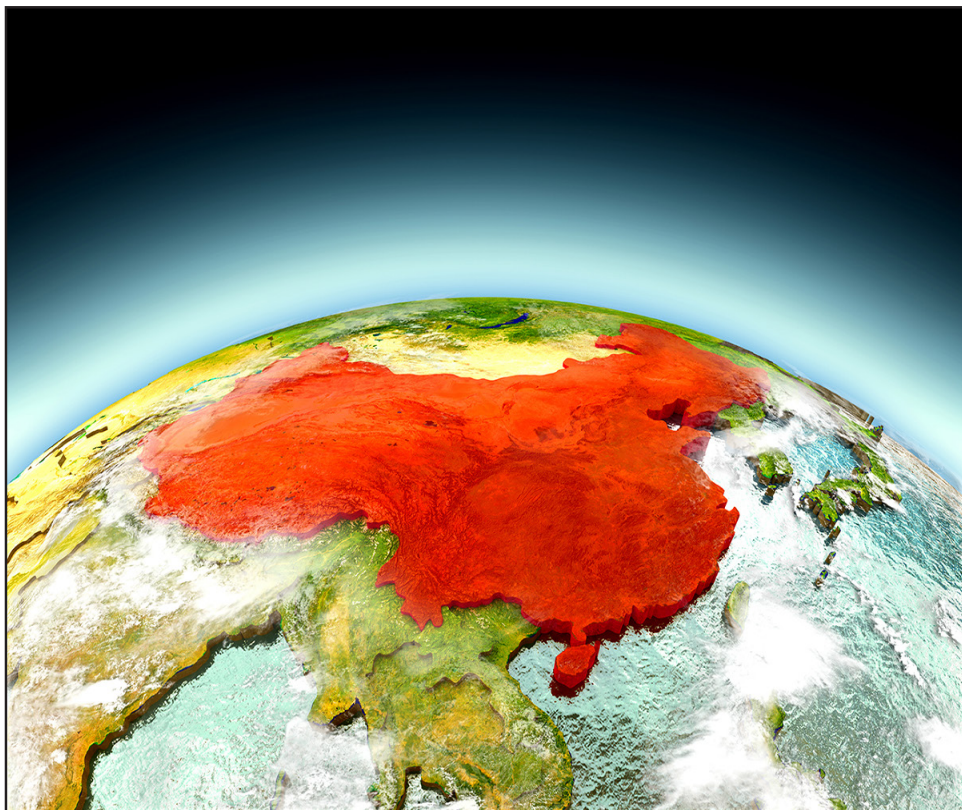


‘Put in the Sickle, for the Harvest has Come!’ (Mark 4:29)

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THE CHINA BIBLE FUND

12 Million Bibles and Counting

From the Frontlines

“Then God said, ‘Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you’.” (Genesis 22:22).

Sometimes if we read the Bible too quickly we miss important things that the Lord intends us to pay attention to. For example, in the famous verse above, God tells Abraham to take his **ONLY** son, Isaac, and sacrifice him. Did you ever realize that Isaac was actually Abraham’s second son? Ishmael was born first, yet in God’s sight Abraham only had one son, and that was Isaac. Thousands of years later the Apostle Paul expanded on the story: *“His son by the slave woman was born according to the flesh, but his son by the free woman was born as the result of a divine promise”* (Galatians 4:22-23).

Ishmael was produced as a result of human desire and fleshly effort, whereas Isaac was the miraculous result of God’s promise. The same principle applies to Christian work today. **God is not interested in what we can do for Him!** He’s only interested in what He can do through vessels that are yielded to the Holy Spirit. Unfortunately, much of what passes as Christian activity today is mere human striving, not motivated by the love of Jesus Christ or empowered by the Spirit. Such activity invariably produces frustrated, spiritually barren and burn-out people.

As Christians we can easily start out serving in the power of God’s grace and His indwelling life, but somehow we are deceived into thinking we can continue on by ourselves. The Lord Jesus clearly laid out how much we can achieve for God’s kingdom apart from Him when He said, *“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing”* (John 15:5); and again, *“The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing”* (John 6:63).

We know that many people who read our newsletters are involved with ministry work of one kind or another. We encourage you to slow down and make sure you are always connected to the true vine, for only those activities done under the leading and power of the Holy Spirit are useful to the Lord’s kingdom and will have eternal value. The rest is wood, hay and stubble and is destined for the fire (1 Corinthians 3:12).

THE CHINA BIBLE FUND

12 Million Bibles and Counting

Recently, by God's grace and divine enablement, Asia Harvest passed the milestone of having printed and distributed 12 million Bibles to house church Christians in China since the project commenced.

Those who have served God in China, especially in recent years, will know that such a milestone can only be reached by the supernatural hand of God. To print a single "illegal" book of any description in China today is practically impossible, with the Communist Party controlling every aspect of society and crushing anything that doesn't line up with their atheistic philosophy.

While we cannot share any specific details of how the project functions, it would not be an exaggeration to tell you that *the latest million Bibles, produced over the last 18 months, were probably more difficult to do than the previous 11 million combined!* Many Christians have paid a very dear price for their involvement in this project, and some have even been called to lay down their lives for the gospel.

Please pray for this vital project. It seems almost every other Christian ministry that has been providing Bibles to the 60+ million house church believers in China has been shut down in recent years. Church leaders in China are amazed that we are still able to function and provide God's Word to the hungry new believers in their fellowships.

To each person who has prayed and given so that the Christians in China have been able to access God's Word, we say thank you on behalf of the Chinese Church!

By His grace we intend to serve the believers in China for as long as the Lord holds the door open for us to do so.

Please join with us in lifting up the China Bible Fund before the throne of grace, because without His empowerment and protection the project would not continue for a day. Thank you.

CHINA BIBLE MAP



Thanks to the grace of God and your prayers and generous support, Asia Harvest recently passed the milestone of **12 million** Chinese Bibles printed and delivered to the house churches in China. Our co-workers provide 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	1,151,234
2	Anhui	1,066,087
3	Henan	1,033,209
4	Inner Mongolia	1,020,270
5	Shandong	968,968
6	Zhejiang	707,895
7	Jilin	593,500
8	Liaoning	540,716
9	Shanxi	491,981
10	Sichuan	464,718
11	Shaanxi	413,971
12	Jiangsu	413,806
13	Hebei	407,126
14	Hubei	393,417
15	Gansu	373,775
16	Guangxi	309,004
17	Jiangxi	288,562
18	Xinjiang	254,661
19	Qinghai	231,288
20	Shanghai	219,218
21	Chongqing	212,768
22	Fujian	164,998
23	Hainan	164,222
24	Guizhou	91,594
25	Guangdong	88,614
26	Hunan	83,111
27	Beijing	78,718
28	Yunnan	69,331
29	Tibet	8,832
30	Ningxia	7,921
31	Tianjin	5,342

TOTAL

12,318,859



CHINA BIBLE FUND



*Current Total: 12,318,859
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.

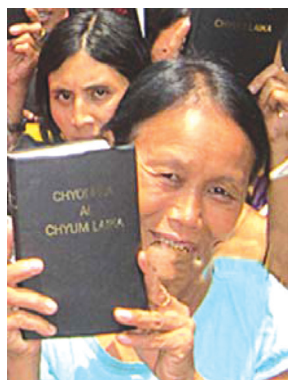
ASIAN WORKERS' FUND



*We currently support 1,350 Asian evangelists
among 1,036 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 led **422,990 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 donors of this project.

ASIAN BIBLE FUND



*Current Total: 1,005,403 Bibles printed
in 104 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 362 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 church leaders and widows in China, Vietnam and elsewhere who are unable to work because of injuries or illness caused by persecution. A gift of **\$35 per month** you can help support one of these living martyrs. A prayer card is sent to every supporter of this project.

BLESS THE CHILDREN FUND



Your generous support has so far impacted 153,832 children for Jesus throughout Asia.

The **Bless the Children Fund** introduces children to Jesus Christ in India, China, Vietnam, Indonesia, and a host of other countries. Activities include printing and distributing children's Gospel literature, providing free surgeries for those with special needs, and generally lifting children out of spiritual and physical poverty. The results of this project have been staggering. It costs an average of just **\$10 to impact a child for Christ**.

PERSECUTION & RELIEF FUND



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

This project provides assistance to the victims of natural disasters in Asia, by providing medicine, tents, blankets, food and water, rebuilding homes etc. The Asian Christians we partner with take every opportunity to share the Gospel, and multitudes of people have come to know the Lord Jesus. This project also provides physical and spiritual relief to Christian communities and families that have been affected by persecution.



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