

Asia Harvest



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

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2011 Annual Report

No Shrinking Back

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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)

It is with thankfulness that we bring you the summary annual report of our activities for 2010. It always humbles us to present such a report because it does not reflect “our” activities at all, for we are merely a link in the chain between you and the expansion of the kingdom of God taking place all across Asia.

Thank you for responding to the opportunities we present to transform lives in Asia through the Gospel. Every Bible placed in the hands of a spiritually-hungry believer, each evangelist and ‘living martyr’ supported, and every life impacted for Jesus Christ occurs because someone on the other side of the world cares enough to pray and help advance the Gospel in the darkest and most needy regions of Asia, where 60% of the world’s population lives and dies.

In recent months we sense the Holy Spirit has been challenging Asia Harvest to take new ground in the work He has called us to. We have been comfortable at a certain level of activity, but it is time to expand and see more people impacted by the Gospel. At the same time, the Lord has been bringing some key people into vital roles within our ministry, to help facilitate this coming growth.

In our experience, expanding to a new level of effectiveness in God’s work is like an army attempting to take an enemy’s island. To start, they must establish a beach-head on the island. Once they have gained a foothold they can expand outwards, until the enemy has been conquered and the captives set free. The most dangerous time is such a battle is always the earliest days. The enemy doesn’t want to surrender an inch of the ground he has held for so long, and the fighting is fierce.

In recent months this is how we have felt as a ministry. We believe, for example, that God wants us to print substantially more Bibles for the house churches in China, above and beyond the 500,000 to 600,000 per year we have been averaging. Experts say that every Bible provided to a Chinese believer results in an average of two to three people coming to know the Lord Jesus, so a marked increase in this project will result in literally millions of people being saved from the clutches of

hell. No wonder Satan is alarmed when God puts such plans in the hearts of His servants! He does all he can to interfere and stop the growth, but he will not prevail because of the power and strength of our Commander in Chief.

We accept this call to be more fruitful, and are willing to submit to God's pruning process (John 15). We realize it is the Lord who fights our battles, and we must be careful not to run ahead unprepared into the fight. By God's grace we will move forward, for the Lord has declared, **"My righteous one will live by faith. And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back.' But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved."** (Hebrews 10:38-39)

We would appreciate your prayer support at this time. Please pray for God's protection and favor, and that multitudes of new people throughout Asia will soon worship the Living God. Pray new regions will be taken for the kingdom of God, and many captives will be set free. Thank you.

We are glad to present our Annual Report. It is a great joy to serve the Lord Jesus in Asia for another year, and we have been privileged to witness many people come to know Him for the first time through the witness of our coworkers. Hundreds of thousands of believers have been strengthened in their faith after receiving Bibles, and hundreds of Asian evangelists we support have led thousands of people to faith in Jesus Christ, among dozens of remote unreached people groups. More than 750 injured or ill Chinese church leaders have been supported through the Living Martyr's fund, and almost 1,200 children in Vietnam received free surgeries through Project Smile.

Our strategy has always been to operate with as few overhead expenses as possible, so that more resources get to the hands of the real frontline workers of God's kingdom—the many Asian Christians whom we are privileged to assist and serve.

We are thankful for each person who prayed for us and our work, who encouraged us, or provided support last year. On behalf of the believers in China, Vietnam, Laos, India, Bhutan, Nepal, Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, and everywhere else in Asia your support has reached, we thank you for your wonderful participation!

*While this world system seems to be rapidly falling apart at the seams, we are determined to serve our soon-coming King until the very last moment, before the sun sets and all labor will cease. The Lord Jesus said, **"As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."** (John 9:4-5)*

On the following pages we present summaries of Asia Harvest projects in 2010. We are acutely aware that without God's guiding hand, and the Spirit-led participation of His people, nothing of eternal value would be accomplished.

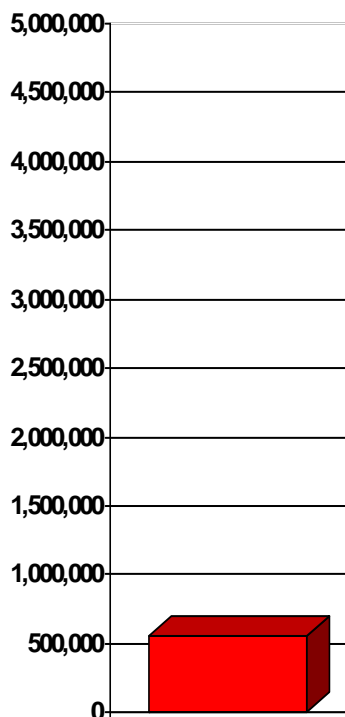
CHINA BIBLE PRINTING

Equipping China's Christians with God's Word

We are thankful to the many people who pray and give so that Christians in China will have access to God's Word. Since we began printing Bibles inside China, we have supplied almost 3.5 million Bibles to the rural house churches, with 560,971 printed and distributed in 2010 alone. This figure represents **1,537 Bibles every day** throughout the year! Yet the need for God's Word remains great, especially in remote areas where the revival is burning brightest. One recent letter from a house church leader in Northeast China said:

"We are so thankful for the care and love of the brothers and sisters who have made Bibles available to us. These additional Bibles have resulted in a flood of new believers in our fellowships. In order to supply each new Christian with God's Word we currently need 340,028 Bibles. It seems that the more Bibles we receive, the more the need grows since the Bibles bring in new believers. I guess we could say this is a good problem to have – God is moving in a mighty way in China and we are privileged to be a part of His great work.

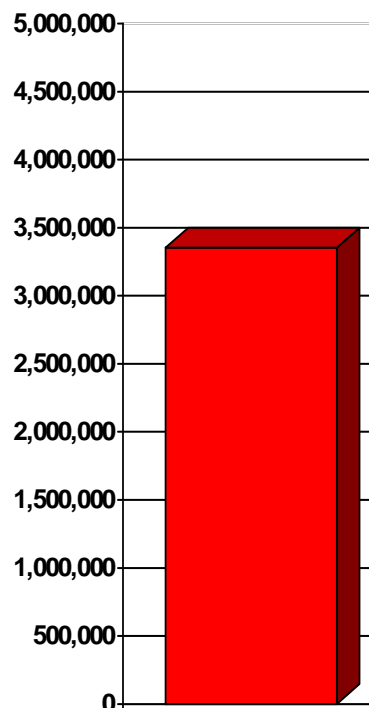
2010 Bibles
printed: 560,971



There remains a critical shortage of Bibles in China because of the massive growth of the church in rural areas. Tens of millions of Christians are still without God's Word. We are partnering with house church networks in China in a long-term goal to print Bibles for these new believers. They are distributed for free to all parts of China, equipping the believers and helping add fuel to the fires of revival that are burning throughout the world's largest nation.

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

Total Bibles since
2000: 3,359,037



SOUTHEAST ASIA BIBLE FUND

*Current Total: 189,577 Bibles printed in 31 different languages.
Each Bible costs an average of \$2.70 to print and deliver.*

Asian countries like Vietnam, Laos, India and Myanmar (Burma) contain hundreds of different tribes, many of which had full Bibles or New Testaments translated into their languages in the past. In some cases, these tribal believers have been deprived access to the Scriptures for decades and their situation is dire.

Last year we continued providing God's Word into the hands of as many believers as possible through the Southeast Asia Bible fund. Among the recent projects we helped with are printing 20,000 Bibles in the Sqaw Karen language of Myanmar (Burma), 12,000 White Hmong Bibles for Hmong believers in northern Vietnam, and 2,500 Bibles in the national Lao language of Laos. In coming months we have plans to provide 10,000 Wa Bibles to the Wa tribe of Myanmar and China; and 5,000 Koho Bibles to Vietnam. The Lord is always bringing new projects to our attention. Please pray for the Southeast Asia Bible fund and all those involved with providing God's Word to these precious tribes.



ASIAN WORKERS' FUND

Partnering with Pioneer Asian Evangelists

Because of your prayers and partnership, in 2010 we were able to support 447 Asian church-planting missionaries — working among 107 unreached tribes and people groups.

The Asian Workers' fund provides support to evangelists in Asia who are involved with strategic and ground-breaking work in areas that have never had a Gospel witness before. We work alongside Asian Christian leaders, helping strengthen their ministries and providing support in a non-controlling manner to those who are serving God wholeheartedly.

The fruit of their work can be clearly seen as thousands of people found faith in Jesus Christ last year, with dozens of churches established in some of the darkest parts of Asia. In China, for example, we are privileged to support many Chinese house church evangelists who are taking the Gospel to the ethnic minority groups in the country, including in Tibet and the Muslim-dominated Xinjiang Region. They have encountered many hardships and persecutions, but have persevered and are now seeing dozens of people come to faith in Jesus.

This work is constantly expanding and new workers are being recruited. You can support one or more of these workers with a gift of **\$25 per month each**. A laminated worker's prayer card is sent to every supporter of this project.



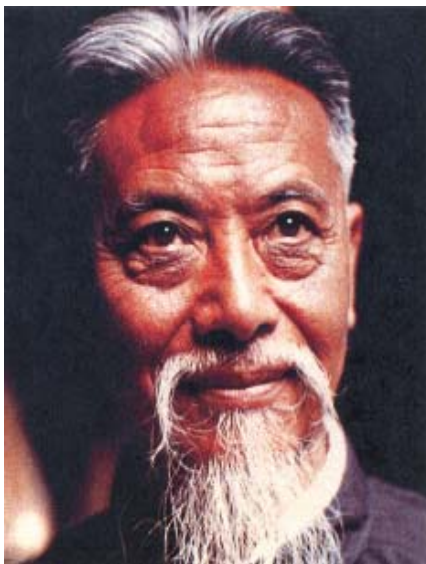
A group of tribal Christians in China, who have come to faith in Jesus Christ because of the work of evangelists we support through the Asian Workers' fund.

CHINA LIVING MARTYRS

Supporting Christians disabled by Persecution

Because of your prayers and support we were able to help 760 living martyrs throughout 2010. This strategic project has been a tremendous blessing to the Church in China.

"A martyr is 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 Voice of the Martyrs)



In China today, many house church Christians are still beaten and persecuted because of their faith. House church leaders have provided us with details of more than 1,000 Christian leaders who have been disabled or are faced with long-term illness or injury as a result of persecution and imprisonment.

The **China Living Martyrs Fund** assists many pastors and evangelists who are now unable to work because of persecution. They and their families face extreme poverty and hardship. The families of imprisoned Christians are also

supported. A house church leader wrote, "The Martyrs' fund is very important. It helps many who are not able to support their families because they are in prison or disabled and unable to work. It also helps the Church provide for the families of martyrs. Many of them have no other means of income."

You can support one or more of these living martyrs with a gift of **\$35 per month each**. A prayer card is sent to every supporter of this project, with information about a living martyr to help you pray.



PROJECT SMILE

Helping Children in Vietnam

Your generous gifts helped bring a smile to the faces of 1,199 children in Vietnam in 2010 (9,037 since 1999).

Project Smile helps children from poor families in Vietnam who were born with cleft palate or cleft lip disabilities, various forms of cancer, burns, club-feet, and other deformities. Many lives continue to be dramatically changed by this project. We received the following testimony from our colleagues in Vietnam:

In all we do, the saddest thing we encounter is children who have been deformed through the use of Agent Orange chemicals that were sprayed during the Vietnam War. More than 40 years on, these toxins remain both in the ground water and food chain of the areas that were sprayed, and will remain for hundreds of years. The deformities of children affected by these poisons are so severe that they usually cannot be corrected by surgery.

Mr. Tam's son was one such case. The boy had twisted limbs which mean he will never walk, and a distorted face which means he will never speak. When we sat in the Tam family's tiny home, we saw a great tenderness and love towards the boy from his parents. Although faced with grinding poverty and raising a severely handicapped child, the love they displayed to their son touched our hearts. We provided the Tam family with a grant, to help them cope with the crushing weight of their circumstances. It will help alleviate their immediate needs, but also allow them to invest in a small enterprise to raise chickens and pigs, which will provide a vital ongoing income.

Most of all, we shared the Good News with them, telling how God sent His own beloved Son into the world to bring salvation to people just like Mr. and Mrs. Tam and their precious son.



It costs just \$60 to help put a smile on the face of a child in Vietnam through Project Smile. Your prayers and support make a great difference to the Tam family and many others like them.

BACK TO JERUSALEM

Equipping Chinese Christians to serve as Missionaries



We continue to serve the Chinese Church as they train and send cross-cultural missionaries to unreached people groups in Asia. This God-given vision to preach the Gospel to the unreached world is known in China as “Back to Jerusalem.”

One of the main ways we assisted this work in 2010 was by providing funds for training centers that are run and operated by the Chinese believers. These training centers are not merely theological schools like in other countries (although of course God’s Word is at the center of all activities), but they are practical places for equipping the saints so they can be the most effective ambassadors of Christ possible as they penetrate other cultures with the Gospel. They are taught foreign languages, acquire cross-cultural skills, and depending on their intended field of work, they learn how to effectively reach Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists.

In addition to the training centers, we continue to provide support to many Chinese missionaries on the field, and help in other practical ways such as providing resources for spreading the Gospel, buying motorbikes or bicycles to evangelists who serve in remote areas, etc.

Thank you for your participation in this strategic work. Please pray the Chinese Church will continue to take up the challenge to spread the light of Jesus Christ to the darkest corners of the earth.



From our Mailbox

"How are you? I just wanted to bless our brothers and sisters in China with more Bibles. I passed up buying some cookies and soda and instead have sent the money for nine Bibles. I don't tell you this to brag, I just try to think of creative ways to get the desperately needed Bibles into the hands of dear believers. I know I can't solve the problem on my own, but when I think of how precious my Bible is, I just want to do all I can. I try to encourage others to contribute to Asia Harvest for this reason also."

Rich, New Jersey

"Enclosed is a \$25 gift from our 2 year-old daughter. She desired to purchase Bibles for the Chinese believers with money she received for her birthday. God bless your work in Christ."

Nathan, Minnesota

(In response to Asia Harvest helping earthquake victims in Tibetan areas of China):
"Dear Asia Harvest: The Chinese own America. Let the Chinese government provide the money. They and the Indians have the most cash now. We will serve our missionaries instead."

Carrie, Texas

"I have been trying to encourage the girls in our church about missions. One day we went for a walk and I prayed with the girls for God to bless our efforts to find a lot of pop cans to recycle. We are all rather poor, so if we want to have any money to send to missions work we must be creative. While we were looking for cans, an elderly couple stopped us and gave us cans to take in. They said they felt led to stop and give us these cans, and also gave us \$3 to add to it. We witnessed to them about the Lord and missions. So enclosed is our humble contribution. May God bless the work you do for Him. I'm sorry to say we are not sending much – just \$15.15, which we would like to be used to print Bibles for Christians in China. It is the total of what we got from recycling the cans and donations from the girls. They are 5, 7, 9, and 12."

Elisabeth, Michigan

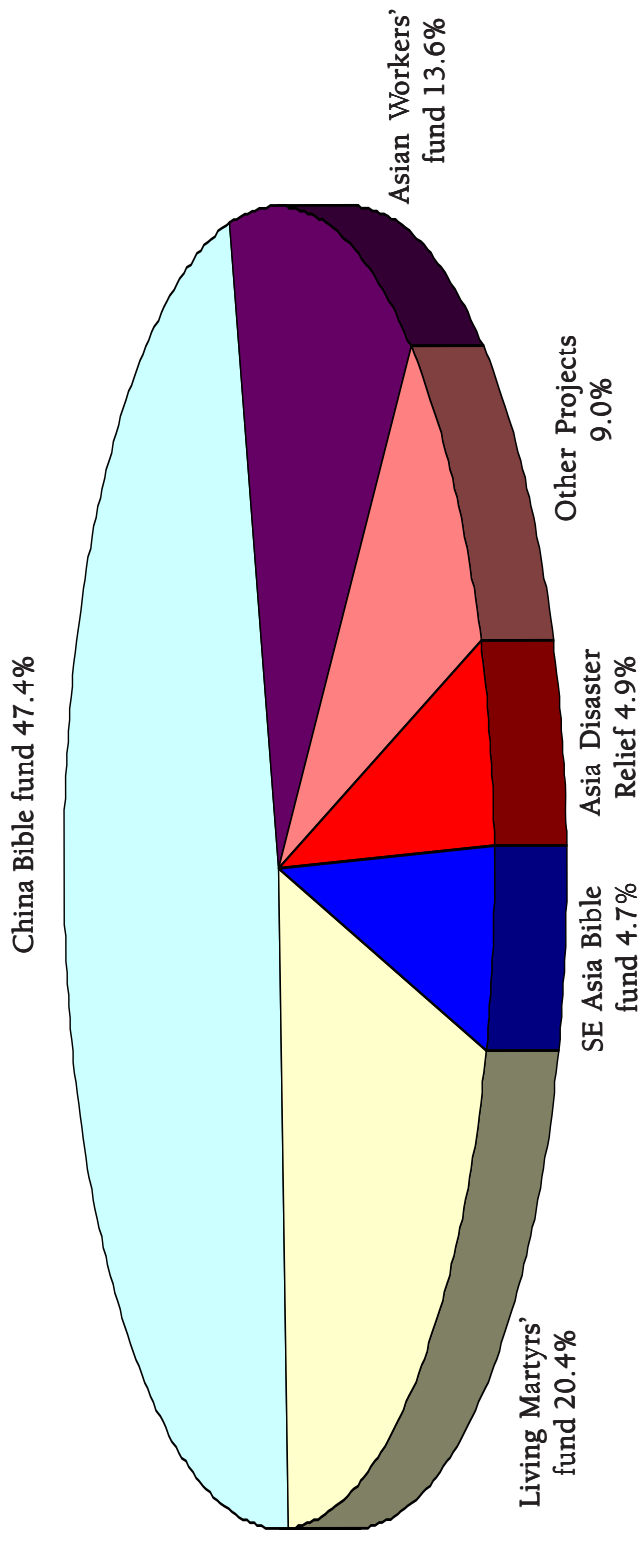
"Remove me from your newsletter list immediately. I read your article called 'Chocolate Soldiers' and am offended. I find it condemning and my God is not like that."

Pam, Canada

"I want to confirm that the article 'Chocolate Soldiers' in your newsletter is anointed of God. The Lord ministered to me just reading it tonight while I was eating my dinner. He told me He is with me in a mighty way. Thank you for your obedience."

Rob, Texas

Asia Harvest Projects Supported in 2010



2010 Financial Statement

Asia Harvest desires to be open and accountable in the area of finances. Our financial statement for 2010 will soon be available to those who request it. Please write and ask if you would like to receive a copy.



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