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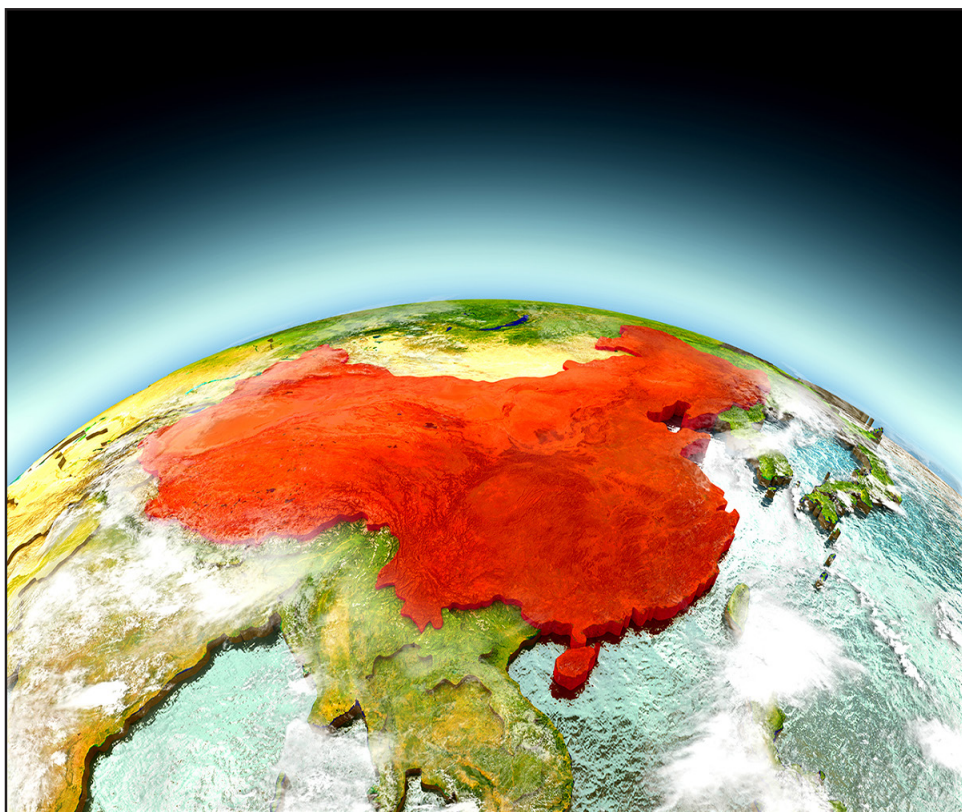


‘Put in the Sickle, for the Harvest has Come!’ (Mark 4:29)

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THE CHINA BIBLE FUND

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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).

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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.

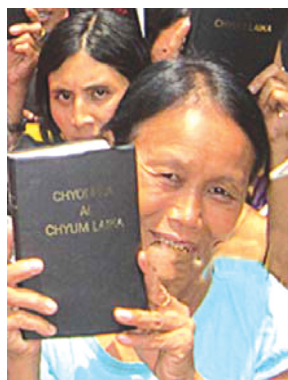
ASIAN WORKERS' FUND



*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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