

Asia Harvest



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

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ANNUAL REPORT

A Renewed Focus for the Peoples of Asia

From the Frontlines

"I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:12-14).

Many Christians found 2020 to be a very difficult and unsettling year, with the Covid pandemic and social and political turmoil combining to disrupt and challenge their lives.

A number of people have contacted us to ask what we think about various political events, social issues, the environment, and a host of other things.

While we understand that the world is shaking right now and people everywhere are under pressure, and if or your family have **any specific prayer requests**, please send them by letter or email and we will join with you by bringing your need before the throne of God in our prayer times.

Here at Asia Harvest, for decades we have learned that the only way to survive and faithfully do what God has called us to do is to have a laser-beam focus. We exist only to serve the Church in Asia, by helping them reach the thousands of remaining unreached people groups, and by providing Bibles to believers in "closed" countries who are unable to access them.

To move forward in ministry, we have found it necessary to focus on our call and to avoid all distractions. The Apostle Paul described his focus this way: ***"Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer."*** (2 Timothy 2:3-4).

As we reflect on an amazing year of ministry in Asia, we have been engaged in an intense spiritual war for the souls of men and women now for over 30 years. Asia is our passion and focus, and we simply don't have the time or energy to get involved with other issues around the world, no matter how compelling they may appear.

As we look forward to what lies ahead, we would appreciate your prayers so that, by God's grace and power, we will be able to faithfully serve Him to the end without being sidetracked.

Even when things in our lives feel unstable, let's remember the words of Jesus, who told His followers: *"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."* (John 16:33).

While 2020 was a year like no other, and all our lives have been disrupted in one way or another, for us the main way that Covid affected us was that we were suddenly twice as busy as usual! The lockdowns caused those we partner with throughout Asia to fly into action to help people survive in their churches and communities.

As a result, a great harvest was reaped of new believers in many locations. In some places, believers were excluded from food distribution by callous officials and villagers. When we provided help, however, the Christians not only welcomed the crucial aid, but they even gave some to their persecutors, which attracted many to the truth of the Gospel and the love of Jesus.

Our policy has always been not to ask anyone for anything except prayer as we serve God. The Holy Spirit leads people if He wants them to give. Remarkably, in a year when much economic stress was felt around the world, the Lord provided more support than any year in our history!

Thanks to your generous support, we were able to help hundreds of thousands of people across Asia, and 2020 became a record year for donations, and we saw an increase of 56 percent from the previous year. We are thankful for everyone who partnered with us to help see the kingdom of God established among the peoples of Asia.



Cover photo: This picture encapsulates the heart of our call. An evangelist whom we support through the Asian Worker's Fund shares the Gospel to attentive tribal villagers crowded into a stone hut in a remote part of the Himalayas. We are privileged to support almost 1,500 evangelists throughout Asia. Last year they led over 117,000 people to faith in Jesus Christ.

2020/21 Annual Report

In the remainder of this newsletter we present our Annual Report, detailing the help Asia Harvest provided to the Body of Christ throughout Asia in 2020.

It has been a privilege to serve the Lord for another year, and we feel greatly blessed to be a link in the chain that resulted in many people coming to know Him. Last year, **more than two million Christians were strengthened** by receiving God's Word through our Bible projects, while the nearly 1,500 Asian evangelists we support led **a total of 117,509 people to Christ among 1,132 different tribes and ethnic groups.**

For over 30 years, our strategy has been to operate with as few overhead expenses as possible, so that the maximum resources will reach the hands of frontline workers—the Asian Christians we are honored to assist and serve. **We thank each person who prayed for and supported our work last year. Without your vital partnership none of these things would have occurred.**

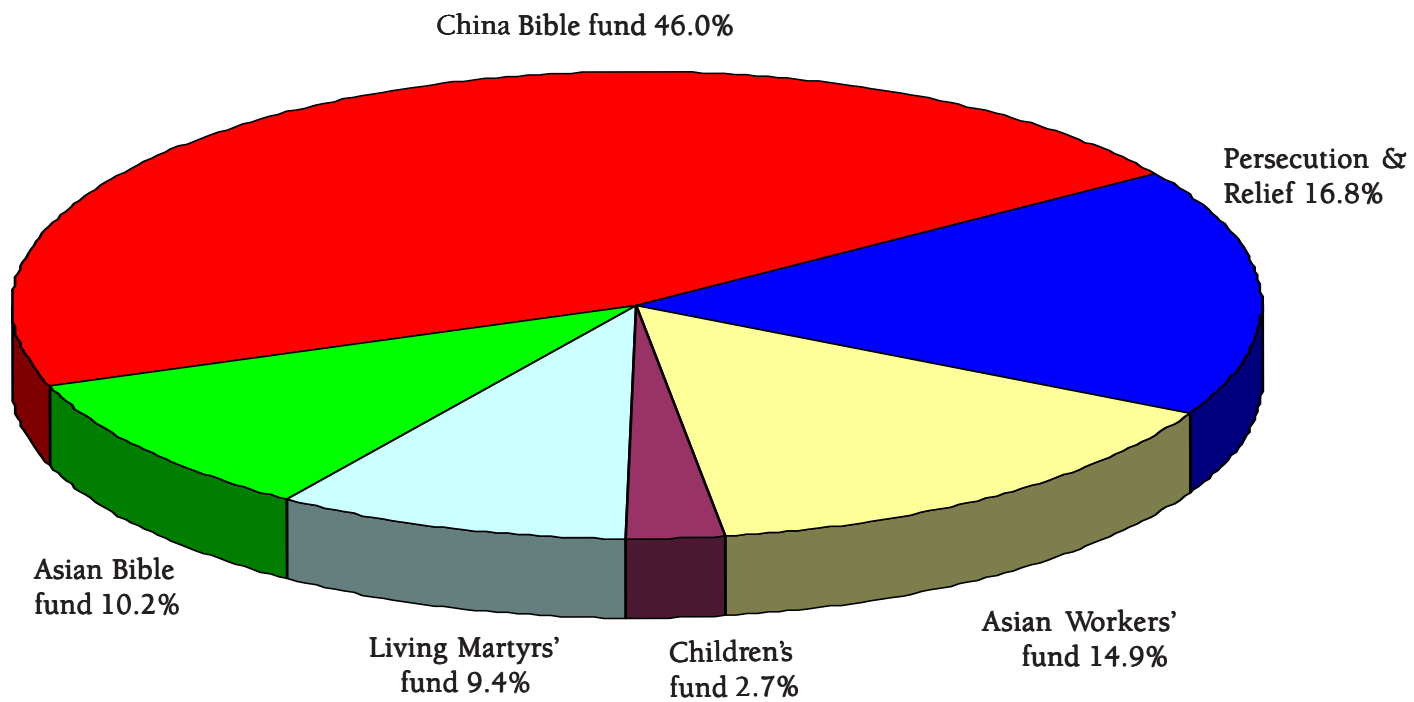


From the time of Asia Harvest's inception in the 1980s, we have desired to be transparent in the area of finances. Our annual financial statements are independently audited each year, and are available for anyone to view on our website.

We thank God that last year we were able to send out substantially *more* project money than we received. Our operating costs are minimal, and are fully covered by non-project donations, and from income generated by book sales. This means that **100% of all project donations are used on the field in Asia exactly as specified.**

To read our audited financial statements, please visit the "Resources" link at our website: www.asiaharvest.org

Asia Harvest Projects Supported in 2020



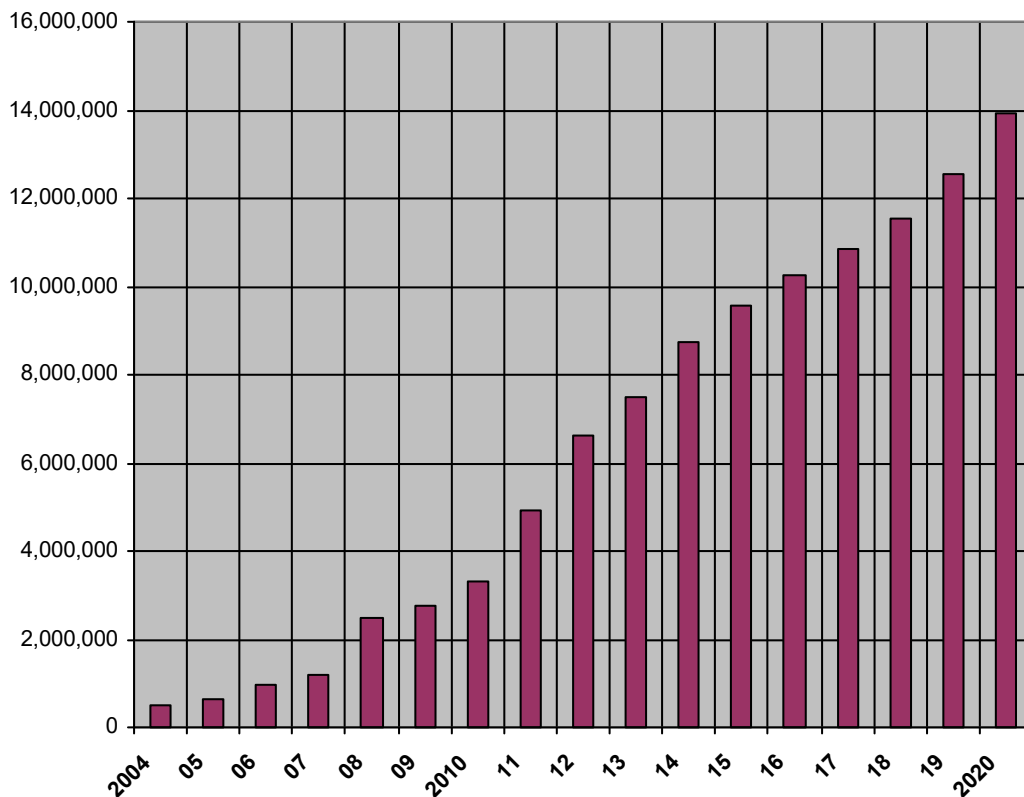
CHINA BIBLE FUND

Equipping China's Christians with God's Word

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

By God's grace and power, since 2000 we have printed and distributed almost 14 million Bibles to house church believers in China, with **1,462,778 in 2020 alone**. This equates to **4,008 Bibles every day, 167 per hour, or one full Bible every 21 seconds** throughout the year. Each one is a miracle. Thanks for praying and giving.

Accumulative Graph showing Chinese Bibles printed and distributed by Asia Harvest: 13,934,669



ASIAN WORKERS' FUND

Partnering with Pioneer Asian Evangelists

*Because of your prayers and partnership, we ended 2020 supporting **1,484** Asian missionaries, serving among **1,132** unreached people groups. A reported **117,509** people experienced God's salvation last year.*



A Mongolian mother reads the Gospel for the first time inside her family's yurt (tent).

The Asian Workers' Fund supports 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 seeing breakthroughs among many groups.

In 2020, those we support through the project led **117,509 people to salvation in Jesus Christ** (an average of 79 per worker). A total of **546,800 conversions** have been reported since this project commenced. Hallelujah! This is remarkable considering most of the workers serve in the darkest and most unreached areas of Asia, including among numerous Muslim, Hindu and Buddhist 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 the project.

ASIAN BIBLE FUND

Providing Bibles to Asia's Christians

Current Total: 1,232,362 Bibles printed in 125 different languages.
Each Bible costs an average of \$2.70 to print and deliver.

Asia is home to many groups where people have been prevented from accessing God's Word, sometimes for decades. Whereas our China Bible Fund is separate and focuses only on China, the **Asian Bible Fund** provides the Scriptures in numerous languages throughout South-east Asia, the Indian subcontinent, and elsewhere.

In 2020 we printed and distributed 206,549 Bibles in 36 languages—the most Bibles we have ever done in a single year. For many people groups it was the first time in history they had Scripture in their



language. Often, the Bibles were the answer to years of prayer by desperate Christians, who were hungry for God's Word but unable to access it. All glory to the Lamb of God!

Please pray for this project and for all who are involved in providing God's Word to the precious Christians of Asia. In 2020 we printed Bibles through the Asian Bible Fund in the following languages:

Ahirani, Bareli Palya, Bengali, Bengali Musalman, Bodo Parja, Chin Asang Khongca, Chin Ngawn, Chin Tapong, Dhankavi, Desiya, Didayi, English, Gujarati, Hindi, Hindustani, Holiya, Indonesian, Juray Saora, Kacchi, Kannada, Karen Sqaw, Konda Dora, Koya, Kukna, Kuvi, Lodha, Lodhi, Mundari, Nahali, Nepali, Odia, Pengo, Telugu, Vasavi, Urdu, Vietnamese

FROM PERSECUTOR TO PASTOR

A Life Transformed by God's Love

Each year we receive hundreds of powerful testimonies from across Asia, but we are only able to publish a few. We would like to share this testimony from Ramesh in Nepal, whom we support through the Asian Workers' Fund.

"My name is Ramesh, and I was born into a middle-class family. Despite having Christian parents, I always protested their faith and cursed them for leaving our ancestral religion. I was anti-Christ.

Whenever I saw a Christian, intense anger welled up in my heart. I beat many believers, threatened them, burned down their homes, dragged them out of the village, and spat on them. I even used to sit and wait for Christians on their way home from church so I could rob them.

Over time I led a gang of anti-Christian thugs, who did evil activities each day. Because of our violent acts, many persecuted believers moved away from our village.

No matter how much I mistreated the Christians, my parents continued to pray for my soul, asking God to humble me so I would accept Jesus Christ. One day I had to travel to Kathmandu, and on my way out the door my mother said she would pray for my safety. I angrily scolded her and told her to stop praying. On my way home, the bus I was riding in collided with a truck, and our vehicle plunged over a cliff. There were 43 passengers on the bus, and 42 died. I was the lone survivor.

I knew that God had spared my life thanks to my mother's prayers, and I realized the power of Jesus Christ is real. When I returned home, I immediately thanked my mother and repented of my sins. I cried out to the Lord Jesus and submitted the rest of my life to serve Him.

Today, I minister among many of the believers I once persecuted. They forgave me and accepted me as a member of God's family, and after I had learned more of the Bible, they asked me to become their pastor.





The Living God has greatly blessed me. My wife and I adopted a beautiful daughter, and we want to win as many souls as possible into the kingdom of heaven. We are now reaching out to several mountain tribes with the Good News of salvation.

Thank you for supporting me. No matter what hardships may occur in the future, I know that my second chance in life is a gift from God, and I owe everything to Him."



LIVING MARTYRS' FUND



*Because of your partnership we are currently supporting **1,691** 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 Christian widows and church leaders and their families throughout Asia who are unable to work because of injuries or illness caused by persecution. They face extreme poverty and hardship. Through a gift of **\$25 per month** you can help support one of these living martyrs.

THE CHILDREN'S FUND



*Your generous support has so far reached **173,756** children throughout Asia.*

The **Children's Fund** introduces children to Jesus in India, China, Vietnam, Indonesia, and a host of other Asian countries. Activities include printing and distributing Gospel literature designed for children, funding Sunday school training classes, providing free surgeries for those with special needs, and generally lifting children out of spiritual and physical poverty. It costs an average of just **\$10 to 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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