

Asia Harvest



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2005/06 Annual Report

A Year of Opportunity and Partnership

Asia Harvest Report 2005-06

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"The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Now the body is not made up of one part but of many.... God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body."

(1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 18-19)

We pray you and your family enjoyed a blessed and peaceful start to 2006! In this issue we would like to present a brief summary report of the various projects Asia Harvest was involved with in 2005. If there are three words to sum up the year for us it would be challenge, opportunity, and partnership. 2005 started with a tremendous challenge. The Tsunami had just taken place, wiping out hundreds of thousands of lives and displacing millions throughout Asia.

When it comes to effective partnership in God's work the partner we need the most is the Lord Jesus Christ! Without His power and enablement everything we do would be in vain anyway. On the human level, we at Asia Harvest felt we were too small to make any significant difference in the Tsunami relief effort by ourselves, but by partnering with several other Christian organizations including our Malaysian representatives STAMP and our UK representatives AsiaLink, we have been able to play a role in helping tens of thousands of people in Indonesia, Thailand, Sri Lanka, India and the Maldives. Many individuals and churches also participated with financial giving, including a North American mission which specializes in giving aid during natural disasters. Those we work with are all dedicated Christians who share the gospel while helping those in need.

More strategic opportunities came in other projects we operate, such as our China Bible printing fund, the Asian Worker's fund, China Living Martyrs fund, Project Smile in Vietnam, and our new China Children's Project, which helps train and equip Sunday School teachers in China. In October another terrible natural disaster took place when a huge earthquake struck in Kashmir along the India-Pakistan border. Again, through the grace of God and the power of partnership, we were able to assist Christian friends who have been doing an effective work in Kashmir for many years.

All of these are initiatives that require us to partner with various other Christian groups in Asia and around the world. It is a wonderful blessing to see the Body of Christ operate in such a way. As the Apostle Paul said, "God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be?" By realizing that none of us can achieve much by ourselves, we can draw on the strengths and gifts of others. Much more can be accomplished this way.

King David understood the dynamics of successful partnerships. He knew that no one role was any more important than another. All had to work together to get the job done. In 1 Samuel we read that when David's men went in pursuit of the Amalekites, "some stayed behind, for two hundred men were too exhausted to cross the ravine. But David and four hundred men continued the pursuit" (1 Sam. 30:9). After the Amalekites were defeated, some of David's men complained about the 200 who had not been on the 'front lines' of the battle. They didn't want those men to be allowed to keep some of the plunder. David, however, said: "No, my brothers, you must not do that with what the LORD has given us. He has protected us and handed over to us the forces that came against us. Who will listen to what you say? The share of the man who stayed with the supplies is to be the same as that of him who went down to the battle. All will share alike" (1 Sam. 30:23-24).

We want to thank all of you who participated in the advance of the kingdom of God throughout Asia in the past year, whether through Asia Harvest or another organization. Our vision since we started working in Asia in 1988 has been simply to serve as a link between the Asian Church and Christians around the world, so that the Gospel may spread, changing lives throughout Asia where two-thirds of the world's population lives.

From the start our policy has been not to engage in any fundraising schemes at all, but to leave it up to God to supply our needs. The only outlet we have for notifying people of what we do is this newsletter and our website. In 2005 we experienced an increase in finances received for projects of 142% from 2004. Almost half of all income received was designated for the Tsunami relief efforts.

We are acutely aware that without God's guiding hand, and the Spirit-led participation of His people, nothing of eternal worth would be accomplished. Our prayer is that God would be glorified, for He alone is worthy!

We genuinely feel that all those who participate in the work of spreading the Gospel throughout Asia are equal partners in the harvest. The help we receive comes in so many different significant ways; not only in financial giving but in letters of encouragement, prayer and intercession, and hands-on involvement. Thank you and God bless you.

Tsunami Relief

The new year in 2005 commenced with much prayer and discussion as to how we could effectively help the Tsunami relief efforts in Asia.

Stage One was launched to help the victims of the Tsunami initially survive the tragedy. The emergency assistance included food, water, tents, blankets, cooking utensils and medicine. Thousands of people were helped.

Stage Two helped people get back up on their feet. A large boat was purchased to transport up to 50 tons of supplies and medical and building staff around the Aceh coastline to villages that were unreachable by road.

Stage Three, which is presently underway, is a longterm goal to rebuild lives and communities in the affected areas. Hundreds of simple houses have been constructed, such as the ones in the picture below.



In total, since the Tsunami struck on December 26, 2004, we thank God that we have received a total of US\$1,072,928 for Tsunami relief efforts. Every cent of this has been sent on to the neediest areas. We did not use any part of it for administration or any other expenses.

Our concern from the beginning was not only for the physical welfare of the tsunami victims, but also for their spiritual welfare. Many of the places where the tsunami struck were strongholds of Islam and Buddhism that had few or no Christians. Our prayer is firstly to see people helped in their desperate need, and secondly that in the near future many thousands of tsunami survivors would receive Christ because of the loving witness of those who helped them.

Kashmir Earthquake

In early October a huge earthquake struck Kashmir - one of the most unreached and needy places in the world. Approximately 100,000 people were buried alive and hundreds of thousands more faced a hopeless future with no homes, jobs or schools. In an instant everything in their lives were gone. For the last eight years we had been working with an Indian ministry that takes the Gospel into Kashmir. After the earthquake we immediately contacted them and together launched a plan to help the Kashmiri people. Food, water, tents and medicine were taken into the mountains by our coworkers. The picture below shows a van used to travel into remote areas and distribute this aid to the needy people.

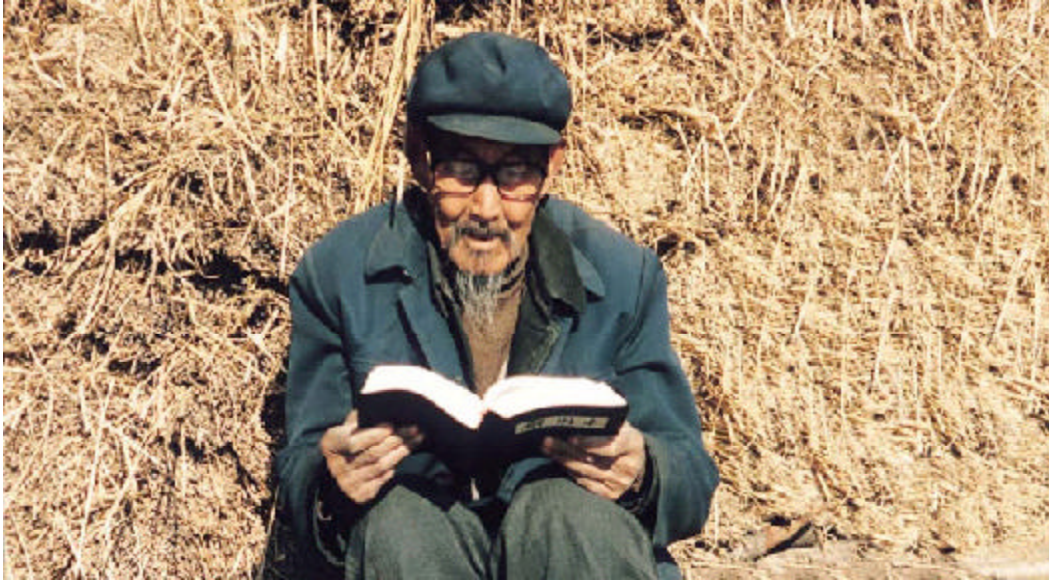
Thanks to your prayers and generosity, we have received more than US\$ 70,000 in our Kashmir Earthquake fund. At the moment the harsh winter has set in, with temperatures plummeting to well below freezing. Plans are underway now for long-term help such as rebuilding homes.

Please pray that this needy Muslim area, where people have lived for countless centuries with no knowledge of Jesus Christ, would open up through this disaster and bring forth a strong and growing Kashmiri church.

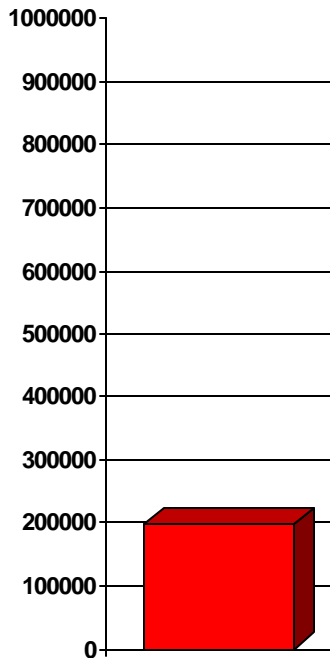


CHINA BIBLE PRINTING

Helping Equip China's Christians with God's Word



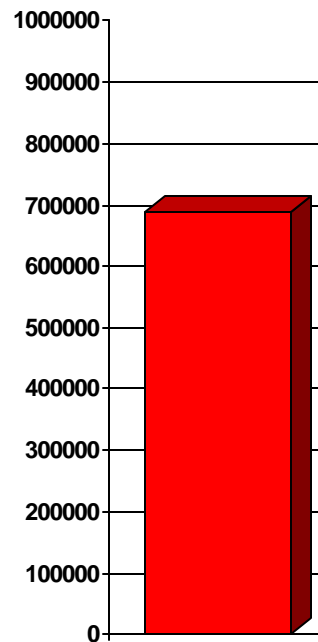
**2005 Bibles
Printed: 196,190**



Although a limited number of Bibles are now allowed to be printed inside China, there remains a serious lack of Bibles because of the tremendous growth rate of the church in China. 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 the church. These Bibles are distributed 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 US \$2.25 to print and deliver.

**Total Bibles since
2000: 688,476**



CHINA LIVING MARTYRS

Supporting pastors Disabled by Persecution and Torture

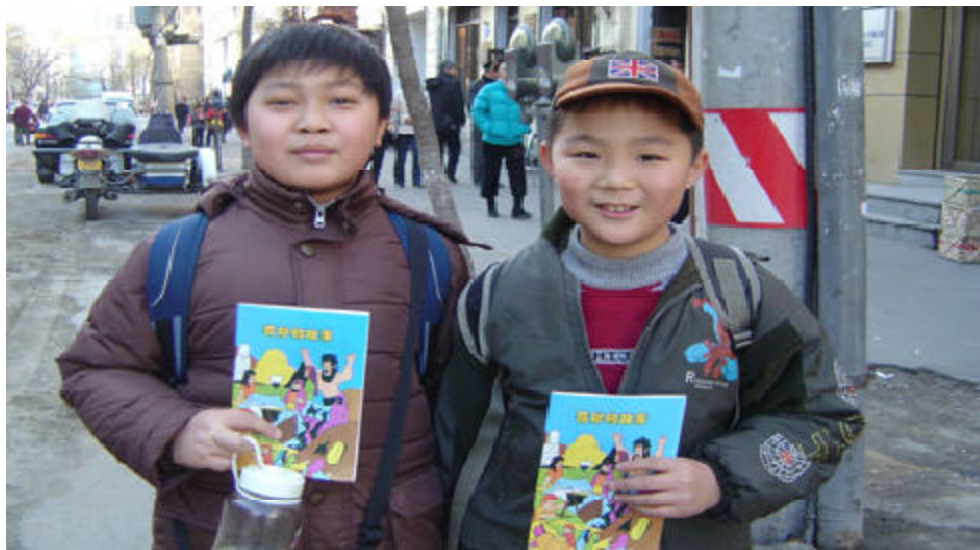
Because of your prayers and support we were able to support 985 living martyrs every month throughout 2005. This has been a tremendous blessing to the Church in China.

In China today Christians are regularly beaten, tortured and some have even died because they love Jesus. House church leaders have given us details of more than 1,000 Christian leaders who have been disabled or faced with longterm illness or injury as a result of torture. 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 support is given through house church leaders of various groups in China. You can support one or more of these living martyrs with a gift of \$25 per month each. A prayer card is sent to every regular supporter of this project, with information about a living martyr to remind you to pray.

CHINA CHILDREN'S PROJECT

Equipping House Churches to Reach China's Children

Although we only launched this project recently, by the end of 2005 sufficient funds had been received for the Chinese house churches to train and equip 1,001 Sunday School teachers. Each teacher is expected to train an average of 100 children.



ASIAN WORKERS FUND

Partnering with Pioneer Asian Evangelists

Because of your prayers and partnership we were able to support an average of 419 Asian church-planting missionaries every month throughout 2005.

Out of the various Asian evangelists we support in countries like China, India, Nepal, Myanmar (Burma), Thailand and Bhutan, one of the groups that is doing the most strategic ministry are those from Nagaland, a state in northeast India where the majority of inhabitants are Christians. These evangelists, most of them young, are reaching into other less fortunate states in India and surrounding nations, and are seeing God's kingdom established among tribes and people groups that previously had no knowledge of the Gospel.

Some of the best fruit has taken place in the remote Himalayan state of Arunachal Pradesh, where many of the Asian workers fund evangelists have gone. The following table shows the number of Christians at eight locations where Asian Worker's fund evangelists are working:

Location	New Believers	Total Believers	Fellowships
Tawang	45	45	3
Seppa	43	43	1
Tali	72	250	4
Bomdila	28	200	4
Tirap	35	180	3
Kaying	33	250	5
Yachuli	180	180	4
Anini	32	32	2
Totals	468	1,180	26

The advance of the kingdom of God has not gone unnoticed by the devil. At Kaying, where 60 families now follow the Lord, a key leader of the Donyi Polo (Sun-Moon worship) religion believed in Christ after he experienced a supernatural healing. His whole family also believed. As a result the angry village chief burned down the Christians' meeting place.

Through your prayers and generous gifts, we were able to support many new evangelists in 2005. This work is constantly expanding and new workers are being recruited. You can support one or more of these workers with a gift of US\$25 per month each. A laminated prayer card is sent to every supporter of this project.

PROJECT SMILE

Helping Children in Vietnam

Your generous gifts helped bring a smile to the faces of 1,062 children in Vietnam in 2005 (3,447 since 1999).



You are probably aware that Project Smile helps children from poor families in Vietnam who were born with cleft palate or harelip disabilities. What you may not know is that we are now also helping children with various forms of cancer, burns, club-feet, and other such conditions. We received the following testimony from our coworkers in Vietnam about a girl named Huong:

Huong had been taken to the cancer hospital as a last resort. Her parents had sold all they had, their bicycle, their cooking pots, everything to try and have their daughter treated.

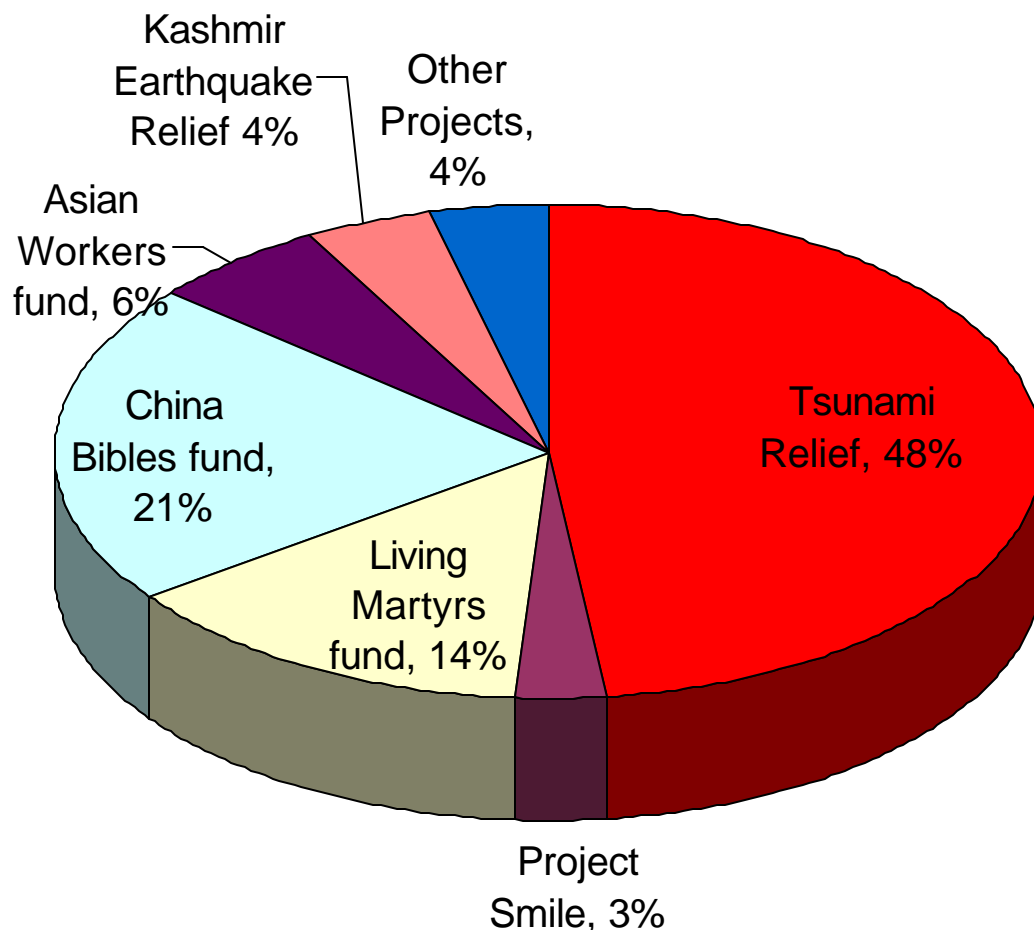
After spending what little they had at a provincial hospital they were bluntly told, "Your daughter has cancer, you must take her to Saigon, it is her only hope."

They had managed to borrow the bus fare, only to find that the hospital in Saigon could not take charity cases, for it was struggling even to pay it's own staff. Yet God was making a way, for that morning we

happened to visit the cancer hospital and saw Huong's parents clutching their precious daughter as they wept in desperation, for their poverty had crushed their hopes of saving Huong's life. We quickly made arrangements with the hospital's director, and little Huong was admitted for treatment. Their tears of sadness turned to tears of joy as they heard the news that God loved their daughter, and had sent us to provide the treatment. But the question remained: What happens to the children who come the days we do not visit the hospital? The answer was simple, they were sent home to die.

God in His great mercy made the way for us to establish an emergency fund for children just like Huong. Now, when a desperately poor family arrives and is unable to pay for treatment the hospital calls our representative, who goes straight to the hospital to investigate and release the funds for each needy case. The fund means there will be far fewer tears shed by desperate parents whose hope of treatment for their child has been dashed. It means less pain, less suffering, and the blessing of life with the glory given to God. We were able to establish this fund because of the compassion of our partners. Thank you for being a channel of God's compassion.

Summary of Asia Harvest Projects Supported in 2005



2006 Financial Statement

At Asia Harvest we desire to be open and accountable in the area of finances. Our financial statement for 2005 is now available upon request. Please write and ask if you would like to receive it.



From our Mailbox

"My family read about the house churches in China. It blessed us so much and filled us with joy. Are there believers such as these right here in our country? Believers who really do see the power of God in their lives? Believers who truly see healings, signs and wonders and hear from the Holy Ghost themselves? Believers who really know Jesus?"

Diane F., USA

"I find your mission very misleading, narrow-minded, and in some ways downright ignorant and offensive. People in Asian countries do not necessarily need YOUR faith, what they need and deserve is the right to choose their own. Why don't you try spreading democracy and freedom of expression instead of pushing your ideologies on the impoverished and malnourished citizens of the world? If you love the people of Asia, then you need to love them for who they are and what they believe. Pushing a specific religion on them is the last thing they need. You're not doing them any favors by trying to colonize their minds with western doctrines. Take a minute to think, and then go find yourself a real job. Jesus was a rebel, so take example from him and try thinking for yourself."

Philip B., Notre Dame University, USA

"Greetings from Mindanao, Philippines. I have been receiving your newsletter since May 2003. The stories and accounts of how God has been working in the lives of people in China have encouraged me to share the Gospel in this part of Mindanao where we Christians coexist with Muslims. Inspired by your newsletter, I and two of my friends wrote an article to encourage believers here. I would like to know if I can send a donation to support one of your projects? I cannot afford the least amount specified in the response form. I am just a young woman struggling to balance school and work but I have it on my heart to support God's work in Asia. I could give about 300 pesos (US\$6 per year), each December, if that is OK with you."

A sister in Christ, Philippines

"The latest issue of the Asia Harvest newsletter arrived yesterday. As with each issue received, I read it through in one sitting – praising God for his work in this land generally hostile to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Clearly God is doing many miraculous things through his beloved children to open the way for many others to come to faith. Thank you for your ministry enabling people to persevere in their faith under the most difficult circumstances. Jesus equips, you help. Please take this small offering for the work in Asia. May the Lord multiply it."

Margery N., Pennsylvania, USA