"PUT IN THE SICKLE, FOR THE HARVEST HAS COME!" MARK 4:29

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20 MILLION MIRACLES

...and counting!

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"The greatest missionary is the Bible in the mother tongue. It needs no furlough and is never considered a foreigner."

— Cameron Townsend, Founder of Wycliffe Bible Translators

SOME OF THE MORE EAGLE-EYED READERS of our newsletter noticed that several months ago **we passed the milestone of 20 million Bibles** printed and distributed throughout Asia! The vision of bringing Bibles to Christians in Asia who can't access them has been an integral part of our foundation since God first called us to carry Bibles into China in 1988.

"They were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away.... Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things."—

Psalm 107:5, 8-9

Over the years our vision has expanded. **While by far the most Bibles we have provided have been used to fuel the mighty Chinese house church revival, God has enabled us to print and deliver His Word in 167 different Asian languages**, often to believers who receive the Scriptures in their heart language for the very first time. For us, there is no greater honor and privilege than to be part of a chain that impacts entire ethnic and language groups.

Cameron Townsend, whom we cited above, also said this great quote that may help people understand why we have such a sharp focus on providing the Scriptures in so many obscure languages. He said: *"Understanding Scripture in a language other*

FRONT COVER: The Asia Bible Fund provides Bibles to all Asian believers who hunger and thirst for God's Word. In this photo from about 20 years ago, two teenage soldiers with the Karen Liberation Army are glad to receive Kachin Bibles before being deployed to the frontlines in their battle against the Burmese military.

BACK COVER: We have found that often the people most eager to read the Bible and learn about Jesus are strict Muslims.

than the heart language in which we think and experience emotion is like trying to eat soup with a fork. You can get a little taste, but you cannot get nourished."

In this special *Asia Harvest* newsletter, **we give thanks to the Lord Jesus Christ, who has enabled His Word to go forth and has transformed entire communities and millions of lives** through the *Asia Bible Fund.*

One of our most touching testimonies over the years came from this dear 84-year-old Karen sister in Myanmar, who had been praying 71 years for her own Bible!

She was overcome with emotion when our co-workers delivered Bibles to her village in 2016.

Many other Karen had been praying decades for a Bible. In response, Asia Harvest has provided more than 320,000 Karen Bibles to believers in Myanmar.





All hands are needed to move tons of Bibles from Burmese "long boats" to the villages.

OUR SECRET FUNDRAISER

THE FAMOUS MISSIONARY TO CHINA, Hudson Taylor, once wrote, "God's work, done God's way, will never lack God's supply."

Some people who read that we have provided over 20 million Bibles may wrongly assume that we are well-connected to some wealthy people or foundations.

God has had a far better plan for us, and the Lord Jesus Himself decided to be our fund-raiser! As this crucial project blossomed, *the Holy Spirit moved on the hearts of many people to pray and give* so that Asia's Christians—especially new believers living in impoverished rural areas—would have access to His Word.

Instead of connecting us with a *few* large donors, the Lord chose to link us together with *hundreds of normal believers* throughout the world.

We marvel at the wisdom of God in leading us to function in this manner.



Sometimes road conditions make transporting Bibles a challenge!

A few individual snowflakes can easily be brushed aside, but a multitude of snowflakes can join together to stop trucks and derail freight trains.

Over the years, the median size donation we have received is $52, as the Holy Spirit has connected us with many members of the Body of Christ.

This way, the number of Bibles we have been able to provide has grown rapidly, and the Lord has gained much glory for His Name.



In the early years, Bible printing in Vietnam was done on secret presses like this one.



Akha women from Laos proudly display their new Bibles.



The Kalash tribe in northern Pakistan are overjoyed to have the Word of God.

HEADWINDS

RIGHT NOW, THE *ASIA BIBLE FUND* FACES STRONGER HEADWINDS THAN EVER BEFORE, with persecution, invasive technology, and other challenges such as war combining to create new challenges to all ministries who attempt to provide large quantities of Bibles to God's people across Asia.

Over the decades about **a dozen Asian believers have been killed for their involvement in this project**, especially in China. Dozens of others have been imprisoned for years, including some who are behind bars right now.

This project has experienced every kind of stress and problem you could imagine. **Satan despises the Word of God and particularly hates it when a tribe or group of believers who hunger for Bibles finally gain access to them.**

The 20 million Bibles we have provided are physical, paper Bibles. Some people ask why we don't focus on Bible apps and various forms of electronic Bibles. It's not so simple. For example, a few years ago the Chinese government **blocked access** to Bible apps and websites, willingly aided by Google and Apple.

A **bigger** potential problem is that the Communists are now writing their own socialist version of the Bible, and a future app update may automatically replace God's Word with their perverted version, with new believers not even noticing or being able to discern the difference.

Please pray for us and all who are involved in this project. **As long as the Lord Jesus gives us strength, we want to continue to do everything possible to get God's Word to believers in Asia so they can be nourished, strengthened, and empowered by the Bread of Life.**

TO EVERYONE OVER THE YEARS WHO HAS PRAYED AND GIVEN TO THE ASIA BIBLE FUND SO THAT OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS THROUGHOUT ASIA WOULD HAVE ACCESS TO GOD'S WORD:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CRUCIAL PARTNERSHIP IN THE GOSPEL!

WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT ONE DAY IN HEAVEN **MANY** PEOPLE YOU HAVE NEVER MET WILL CALL YOU BLESSED FOR FEEDING THEM WHEN THEY WERE HUNGRY.



Here an Indian believer with leprosy, that we support, studies God's Word that was provided to her from the Asian Bible Fund.





ASIA BIBLE FUND (ABF)

CURRENT TOTAL: 20,324,021 BIBLES PRINTED IN 167 LANGUAGES

The Asia Bible Fund provides the Scriptures in numerous languages in China, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, and anywhere Asia that God's people need His Word..

Each Bible costs just $3 to print and deliver. We also print millions of Gospel booklets for evangelism through this project.



ASIAN WORKERS' FUND (AWF)

WE CURRENTLY SUPPORT 1,734 ASIAN EVANGELISTS AMONG 1,270 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 reportedly led 1,669,209 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 supporters of this project.



MINISTRY TRAINING FUND (MTF)

THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT WE HAVE HELPED TRAIN AND EQUIP 39,813 ASIAN BELIEVERS TO EFFECTIVELY SERVE GOD

The Ministry Training Fund helps the Asian Church disciple and train believers to be effective ministers of the Gospel among the unreached.

Often workers live in remote places and coming together once or twice a year is the only outside fellowship and teaching they receive. We cover travel, food and other costs associated with the meetings. To train each worker costs an average of $50.



LMF LIVING MARTYRS' FUND

BECAUSE OF YOUR PARTNERSHIP WE ARE CURRENTLY SUPPORTING 943 LIVING MARTYRS

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 and their families face extreme poverty and hardship. Through a gift of $25 per month you can help support one of these living martyrs.



TCF THE CHILDREN'S FUND

YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT HAS REACHED 226,640 CHILDREN THROUGHOUT ASIA SO FAR

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 help reach a child for Christ.



PRF 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 lepers, communities and families throughout Asia who are in desperate need.

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