

Bibles for the Millions of Christians - *Bible Distribution in China*

Overview

Each year, this project aims to see Chinese people own their own Bible. It does so by providing Bible paper to support the printing and distribution of Bibles to a growing

number of Christians in China, and to offer free Bibles to those who cannot afford to buy their own.

The Need

Mainland China continues to be a powerhouse of Christian growth in the 21st century. Officially, there are 46 million Christians (both Protestant and Catholic), and some unofficial numbers report 100 million Christians in the country.

This represents between 3 to 7 per cent of the population. The demand for Bibles increases each year.

Since the establishment of Amity Printing Company in 1987 until the end of 2020 over 88 million Bibles have been printed and distributed in China.

However, when compared to the 100 million Christians believed to be living in China, we know there are still many without their own Bible. The majority of the Christian population live in poorer, rural areas with limited to no means to purchase a copy of their own at full price.

Chinese Christians believe they need to hear and know the word of God. They acknowledge that the Bible is the basis of faith and the means to draw wisdom for their daily life.

In the face of increasing threats from false teachings and heresies, the need is pressing for their faith to be firmly founded and strengthened by the Bible.



Strategic Goal and Impact

This project has a target of printing 1.46 million copies of Scripture materials in 2021.

The Bibles will be distributed with the purpose of:

a) Helping the millions of Chinese Christians in mainland China, particularly those in the rural areas, to purchase a copy of the Bible at an affordable price.

(b) To provide free Bibles to 60 000 people who are unable to afford their own Bible.

Impact

Millions of Christians in China will be encouraged by receiving their own copy of the Bible. They will have the opportunity to grow in faith and to mature in God's word. Chinese Christians also give Bibles to non-Christian friends or relatives as a form of outreach.

Hence, printing more Bibles will help support their evangelistic efforts.

Their faith will also be strengthened to resist false teaching and heresy, which is an identified problem in the Church in China.

Testimony

Yuan Guiying, a 65-year-old woman from Hebei Province.

"This is my first Bible. I was a little overwhelmed when I held it in my hands, thinking to myself that this is no ordinary book, it is the word of God!"

Prayer Needs

- Pray for the millions of poor rural Christians who still do not have their own Bible.
- Pray that each Christian who receives a copy of the Bible may read and understand the Word of God, and be transformed by it.
- Pray that each non-believer or seeker who receives a copy of the Bible has their heart opened to the word of God.