



Bibles for Millions

Overview

Bible Society Australia is supporting the United Bible Society's China Partnership (CP) in this project, which distributes subsidised and free Bibles, ensuring that as many Chinese Christians as possible can have their own Bible.

The Need

There is a great demand for Bibles in China every year. Though there are officially 46 million Christians, unofficial estimates indicate there are 100 million Christians in the country.

An estimated 93% of China's 1.4 billion (or 1.3 billion) population still does not know Christ and has no access to Bibles.

In China today, there are more than 5 million farmers who live on less than US\$45 a month. Poverty refers mainly to the rural poor, and most of the Christian population live in rural areas.

Chinese Christians need to hear and know the word of God, yet do not have the means to own a Bible. In the face of false teaching and heresies, the need is pressing for their faith to be firmly grounded in and strengthened by the Bible.



46m

Christians (unofficially 100 million) in China

93%

of China's 1.4 billion population has yet to come to faith

60%

of Christians in China live in rural areas

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."

Psalm 119:105, NIV

Goals

The goal of this project is two-fold. Firstly, to provide Bible paper to support the Church in China in printing and distributing more Bibles to the growing number of Chinese coming to know Jesus, and to support the outreach efforts of the church by sharing the word of God. These Bibles will be more affordable and will help millions of Christians to be able to purchase their own copy. Secondly, this project aims to provide free Bibles to those who do not have the financial means to buy their own Bibles.

In 2024, the project plans to distribute 70,000 free Bibles (including large print editions) and provide Bible paper to print 1,250,000 copies of affordable Bibles through their partnership with the National CCC/TSPM and Chinese Catholic Church.

Impact

From the establishment of Amity Printing Company in 1987, 91 million Bibles have been printed and distributed in China (according to the latest data from December 2022).

Through this project, Christians in China will be encouraged and have the opportunity to grow in their faith, as well as give Bibles to non-Christian friends or relatives as a form of outreach.

In 2024, 1,320,000 Chinese will be able to own a copy of the Bible, and their faith will be strengthened to resist false teaching and heresy.

Testimonies

"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!" — Yuan, from Hebei Province

"The Bible points to me my life's direction and goals, I started to read the Bible daily. Through reading the Bible, I learn how to pray and live my life," says a farmer from Shanxi Province.

Prayer Needs

- Thank God for the relatively good relationships between the authorities, the Churches and UBS. Please continue to pray for God's favour and blessings in this area.
- Pray for ongoing support for this project, to ensure uninterrupted supply of the Bible to the vast number of seekers and Christians in China.
- Pray for annual approval from the authorities to issue Bible print permits.
- Pray for each Christian who receives a copy of the Bible that they may read and understand the word of God and be nurtured and transformed, and that each non-believer or seeker will have their heart opened to God's word.