

# China



## Equipping Christian Leaders

**Project: 71245**  
**Non Tax Deductible**



### Overview

This project is providing Study Bibles and Scripture resources to preachers, Bible school students, and Bible teachers in China who experience poverty and financial hardship. This project equips ministers and church leaders in China with reference books or Bible study tools for their studies and preparation for preaching.

### The Need

China's churches face significant challenges, including an acute shortage of trained pastors, poverty, and the spread of heretical teachings. As the number of believers continues to grow, the lack of training for leaders remained one of the biggest challenges facing the Church in China.

On average, one ordained pastor in China oversees 6,700 believers. Rural areas are home to at least 60% of China's Christian churches, with Bible college students often coming from impoverished farming families. Graduates often return to serve in their communities without a salary as their farming communities lack resources to fund them. Many students in Bible Training Schools also struggle to cover course fees and lack access to study tools. The need for trained preachers and leaders is urgent.

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ratio of ordained pastors to believers

# 60%

of churches are in rural regions

## Goals

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The goal of this project is to provide Study Bibles and Bible resources to students, Bible School teachers and preachers. In doing so, this project will assist them in their study, equipping them to correctly handle the word of God and shepherd the growing number of Chinese believers.

In 2025, the goal is to provide 10,000 sets of Bibles and Bible study resources to students, Bible school teachers and preachers who cannot afford Bible literature and resources. In rural areas, there have been more reports of heresy and false teaching, and sharing biblically sound study resources will help in the faithful teaching of the truths of God's word.

Other plans for 2025 include a comprehensive review of the Bible study resources book list and visiting previously unsupported provinces to assess their level of need for Bible study tools.

## Impact

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The project aims to impact around 1,660,000 people.

This is based on the hope that each of the 10,000 Bibles and Bible study resources shared with direct beneficiaries (preachers, Bible school students or teachers) will have an indirect impact an average of 166 lives.

Many of the students are relatively young. Most of them range from 18 to 30 years of age and come from villages as at least 60% of the churches in China are found in the rural region.

By the providing Bible Study resources, lay preachers, students and teachers can gain a deeper understanding of God's word, benefiting them both in their personal life and in their teaching and preaching ministries. They can be relieved of the heavy cost of Bible Study resources.

## Testimony

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*"No person can fulfil the Great Commission alone. God puts us in our respective positions and gives us different missions, and we do our best in these positions to serve him ...These Biblical books are not always readily available for preachers. My sincere gratitude goes out to the people who donated these valuable biblical resources. May God remember all your generosity, and all the work you have done behind the scenes for Him." — Preacher Ong\*, 34, seminary graduate from Anhui Theological Seminary serving in her hometown church*

*\*Name changed to protect privacy.*

## Prayer Points

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- Pray for the funding of these Scripture resources.
- Pray that more preachers in China could be raised up and be trained to shepherd the millions.
- Pray that they will persevere to preach and teach the word responsibly even in challenging circumstances.