China



Bibles for Millions

Project: 71228 Non Tax Deductible



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

Overview

Bible Society Australia is supporting the United Bible Societies China Partnership (UBSCP) 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 need access to the Bible to know more about the Christian faith.

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.

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 2025 the project plans to provide Bible paper for 1,300,000 copies of Bibles to support the Church in China in printing and distributing more Bibles. The project will also provide 70,000 free Bibles to those who cannot otherwise access a Bible.

Impact

Since the establishment of Amity Printing Company in 1987, 95 million Bibles have been printed and distributed in China (according to the latest data from December 2023).

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 2025, at least 1,370,000 Chinese will have access to their own a copy of the Bible, and their faith will be strengthened to resist false teaching and heresy.

Testimony

"Owning a Bible is not merely a desire; it is a spiritual necessity ... The Bible contains God's teaching, and without it, my faith would be weak and incomplete, like a vessel floating on uncertain waters. I would feel like a sheep without a home." — Li*, Chongqing, China

*Name changed to protect privacy.

Prayer Points

- 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 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.