

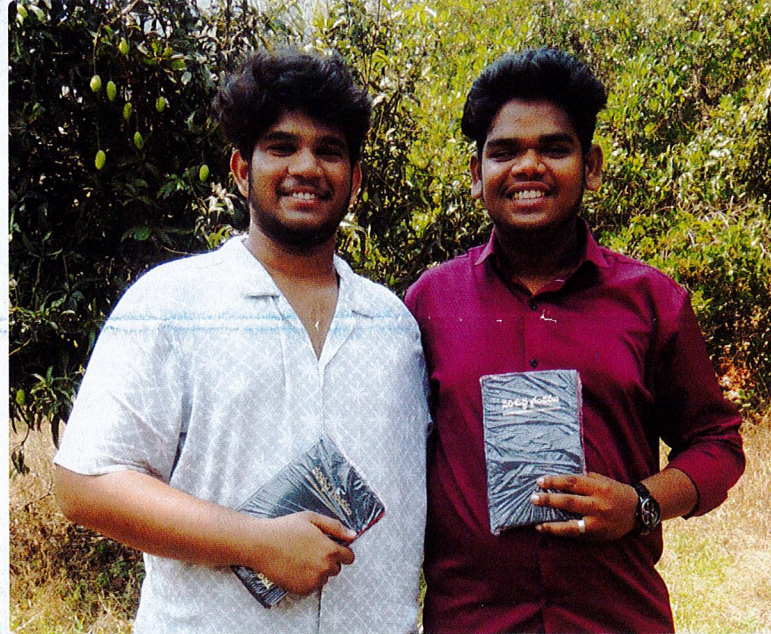
THE SOWERS MINISTRY

NEWSLETTER



THE UNSTOPPABLE WORD

Did you know that owning a personal Bible is considered a luxury in places like Nepal, India, Bangladesh, Myanmar, China, and many other nations? In most of the areas that we work in, people live in severe poverty and struggle to survive. While many of them dream about owning a Bible one day, most of them report feeling like they may never get one in their lifetime. Far too many of our brothers and sisters in Christ are expectantly waiting to hear the Word of the Lord whether in spoken or written format. The Bible performs a vital task in a believer's daily life by laying a foundation of faith, explaining who God is and how He speaks, revealing His character and nature, and teaching how to recognize and stand against false doctrine. As a result, we focus greatly on discipleship and Bible distribution by placing hundreds of thousands of Bibles into the hands of front-line workers, pastors, church leaders, and faithful believers. It is necessary that new and old, young and old Christians have access to God's Holy Word. The Sowers Ministry has been actively involved in the distribution of gospel literature for over 35 years. In China, we hand out between 2,000 and 3,000 Bibles each month. Not many people do this kind of work in Asia and I believe God has paved the way for us to be an exception. However, this is serious and vital work and we must continue it at all costs. The Chinese Church simply does not have enough Bibles. Thankfully, they no longer need to be smuggled into the country like in the past. It is far simpler, faster and cost-effective to print them inland. **Won't you consider giving towards Bibles? Our brothers and sisters are depending on our life-changing prayers and actions.** They are passionate about Bible distribution because it is the main way the church grows, is unified, and is strengthened in solid teaching. The transformation happening in China is proof that Christianity thrives under persecution. Deep in the darkest corners of the country, light is breaking through. Despite intense oppression, the Gospel is spreading. That is where The Sowers Ministry comes in as we



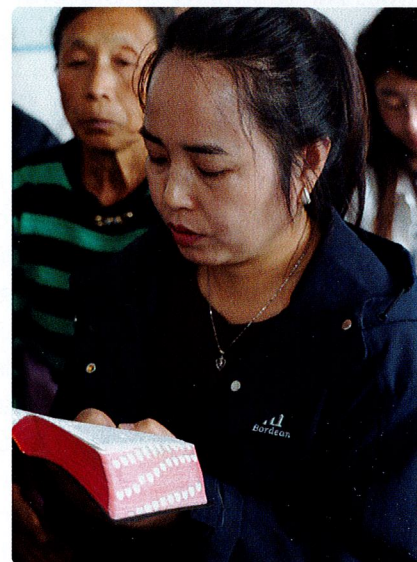
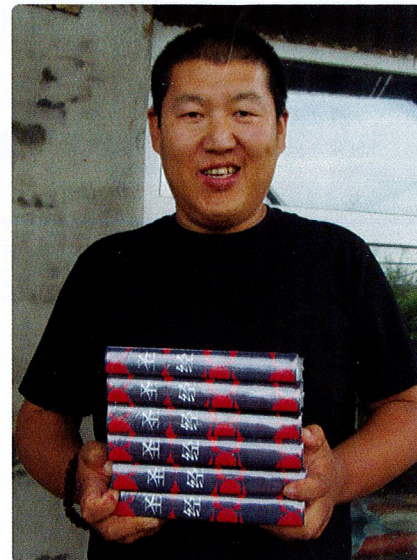
join forces with native pastors and leaders to purchase and distribute new Bibles in the native language or dialect. Each copy has the potential to make a tangible and eternal impact not just for one person but for many. **One Bible costs \$10 USD in Nepal and just \$5 in China and India.** Please pray for this urgent need in China and for the distribution of God's Word to spread to every corner of the nation! Throughout the year we ask our partners to sow into the purchasing of Bibles in order that the Word, which is a seed, can go forth and be planted into good soil. It is incredible to see the impact one such purchase has on a single person, on an entire household, on a whole generation. Consider this your call to action and may the Holy Spirit guide you as you commit to spreading the gospel all over the world! May you feel the Lord's goodness and blessing in a new way,

Neil Anderson
Founder/President



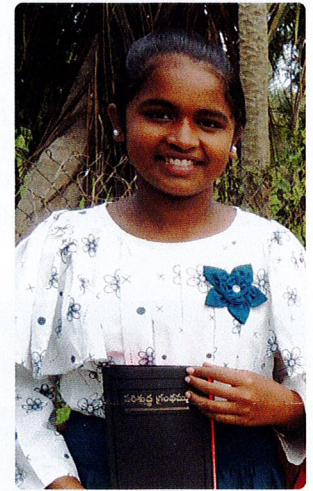
THE ACTIVE WORD OF GOD

My name is Chi Yang and I am 44 years old. I live in Harbin, China, and was raised by parents who practiced shamanism. I have memories of my parents walking around the house worshipping idols and dead bones, chanting loudly, calling upon the dead spirits, and roaming the forest in order to connect with the spiritual world. By the time I was able to walk, they brought me along to participate in their rituals. Even though we followed shamanism, my parents also wanted me to get a Buddhist education and doctrines. My purpose in life was to become a witch doctor who specializes in shamanism and Buddhism. I followed in my parents' footsteps, guiding members of the community into their religious belief systems. People came from near and far to connect with their dead loved ones through me. At the time, I was living a life that glorified death, darkness, and the devil. But God was calling me unto Himself and it all began when I stumbled upon a public account on the WeChat (a Chinese instant messaging and social media app) that played the most beautiful song. I did not know it at the time, but it was a Christian song. I played the song on repeat so that the words could sink in and I listened. Every once in a while, a faithful believer or the pastor would share the gospel. I was in awe of Jesus' teachings and said my first prayer in which I invited Jesus to be my Savior. Then I found and started attending a nearby underground church. The pastor generously gifted me a Bible and explained that it was their last one until they received a new shipment. Sometimes it would take weeks or even months for a supply of Bibles to get into their hands, so this was the most selfless gesture I had ever received. I dove into the Word, committed to attending church and Bible study groups, and changed my occupation. I met my wife at church and we got married early in 2022. Together we help others gain access to Bibles despite increased persecution and government control. Please be in prayer for Chinese Christians across the nation who are standing in unity despite unrest!





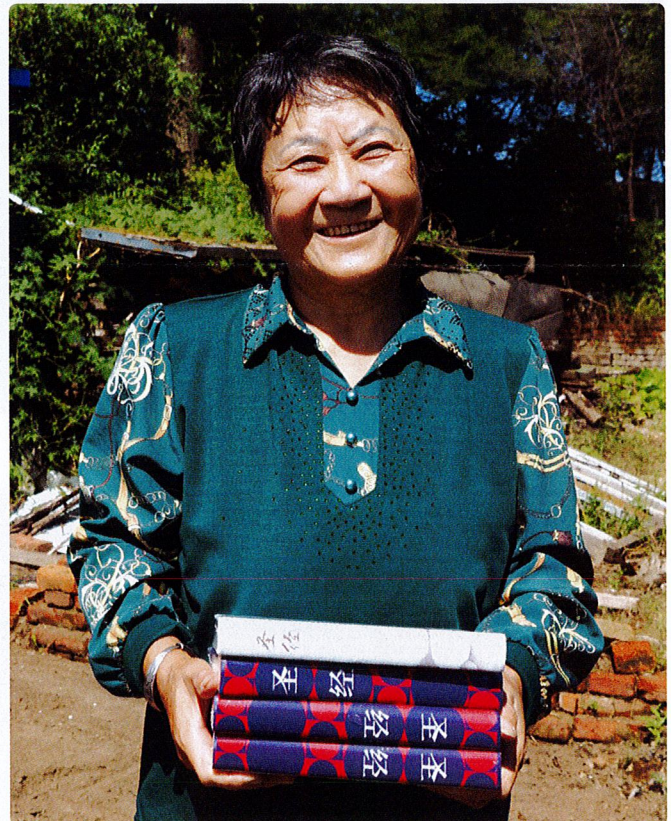
Believers in India read their new Bibles aloud outside together.



THE BIBLE FOR ALL AGES

Song Qin is 55 years old and lives in northeastern China. She comes from an idol-worshipping family of farmers. Their main crop is corn and garlic. When she was only 12 years old, Song's younger sister had a fatal accident that shocked the family and sent them into a deep depression. It would be many years before this spirit of heaviness left them. Song grew up very serious and stoic because of what happened. She was not sure she had a bright future, but then she met her now-husband, a follower of Jesus, and her life changed for the better. After her conversion to Christianity, the couple got married, had two children, and started serving in church. For the past few years, Song has had a big heart for the elderly because she had been her mother's primary caretaker before the woman died from suicide brought about from mental illness. When Song's mother tragically passed away, she was determined to help others who were suffering and left without the gospel of Jesus. The Lord gave her a vision to start a Bible study group for the elderly to gather. This allows them to do some crafts to stimulate their mental health, participate in a social event that helps them fight loneliness, and it gives Song the opportunity to read the Bible to them and share Scriptures in such a way that it resonates with these elderly people. What a wonderful ministry and way to share the Word with them. Some of them have asked for their own large-print copies so that

they can read on their own and share with their families, friends, and caretakers. Song has been making disciples and gifting them with Bibles, which, she believes, uplifts and encourages senior citizens. God is moving in China and age is not barrier to the spread of the Good News and precious Bibles!



Whereas we take our Bibles for granted, Chinese Christians do not. They know how much effort and sacrifice it took to make the Bible available in their language. They remember how for decades most believers did not have access to Bibles and those who did had to hide them carefully. They may have had to memorize long passages from scripture before they were allowed to get on the Bible waiting list, as only believers who demonstrated their dedication to the Word would be considered for one of the few copies that would become available. They may well remem-

ber the joy of holding their very own Bible for the first time. They have had the words of scripture comfort and sustain them through persecution. And they know that even now, their Bible can be taken away from them. As long as there are still believers waiting for their own copy of Scripture, we will continue to help our Chinese friends obtain as many as they can. Now more than ever, your commitment is crucial as we keep pressing forward to reach the unreached across the nations of Asia.

PRAYER FOR THE SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL IN CHINA

Heavenly Father, we lift up the nation of China and ask for the continued advancement of the gospel. We pray for all the believers who find Your Word more precious than any physical possession, sometimes waiting decades to receive a single copy of the Bible. Lord, we ask that You make Your Word freely available to all Christians, from the largest cities to the most remote rural villages. Grant creativity, strength, and determination to those on the front lines of ministry so they may continue to share the Good News despite cultural and political barriers. We ask for a protection over house churches so they find safe ways to gather and worship away from invasive surveillance. We pray for the spiritual awakening of the Chinese people, including university students, those in remote mountainous regions, and even national leaders. Lord, sustain those currently in prison for their faith and experiencing persecution. Guard their minds, heal their bodies, and give them opportunities to witness to their captors. Jesus, Your Word cannot be chained. Let the light of Christ shine brighter than ever in the midst of darkness, and may the Church in China emerge from this season refined, united, and prepared for a great revival, Amen!



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