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The Monthly Newsletter for our Co-laborers and Friends of the Voice of China and Asia

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As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country. – Proverbs 25:25

We have just returned from rural China. Our team of three doubled our normal output and in four days distributed 11,000 Bibles in 15 churches. In another four days our focus was training the recipients of 1,000 Pastor's Study Bibles. And in between we awarded 30 more motorbikes! As we attempt to express the eternal impact we have experienced with mere words, our best expression is, "Our hearts are full."

Our words seem so limited when we try to express the surprise of isolated rural Christians watching hundreds of coveted Bibles being stacked at the front of their church. And how do we best express in words the baffled look upon these saints' faces as we place Bibles into their hands?

The idea of a foreigner coming to their humble villages to bring Bibles is so far beyond



Waiting a lifetime for God's Word. A rural Chinese grandmother with Dr. Jonathan Brooks.

comprehension, it does not even cross their minds to pray for such a miracle. They continually tell us, "You don't know us! Why would you come so far, and why would you bring us a gift?"

As we look into their eyes and tell them, "Yesu ai nee! (Jesus loves you), or "Shang-di ju fu nee!" (God bless you), then place a Bible into their

hands, their responses of laughter, tears, and startled amazement reveal how deeply they have been touched.

In many churches, by the time the 60th or 70th Bible leaves our hands we too get overwhelmed. As we move throughout packed-out standing-room only crowds, we sense the Divine flow of God's approval charging through our mortal bodies. Team members often tell us, "I can't describe it, but I've got to come back!"

We do our best to capture each encounter in pictures, but our hands are usually full of Bibles. The best we can do is file them in our hearts. The transaction is completed by the touch of a believer's calloused hand or a heartfelt glimpse of their eyes. Most simply said, it is heavenly when that which was hoped for becomes a reality, something that you as a co-laborer made possible.

During a break from our distribution activities, a leading pastor shared, "I want you to understand what has happened to our people today. They are



The joy of receiving a Study Bible.

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overwhelmed God has remembered them by sending Bibles through strangers from the other side of the world. This will keep many of them from sleeping for two or three days. Others who can sleep, will hold their Bible tightly in their arms, or use it as a pillow under their head.”

God wants His Word in the hands of those who love Him. He could have sent angels to do the job, but instead He has chosen to work through you and me. As co-laborers with Christ, let’s believe He will empower us to get this job done.

I am truly grateful and want to thank you for your friendship in the Lord. Your continued gifts and offerings are transforming entire Chinese families for generations to come. You are powerfully touching a nation that resists foreign preaching of the gospel, but yet approves for its citizens to own legally printed Bibles.

Each day as you arise, believers you have touched in rural China will be preparing for bed. The last thought of many will be, “God bless the person who sent my Bible to me.” I join with them and pray He will abundantly bless you.

Yours for souls,



Jonathan Brooks
President

P.S. Rural Chinese believers are overwhelmed you would think of providing them a Bible. For as little as \$6.00ea. a Bible placed in their hands will transform an entire family for generations to come. Thank you for your generosity, and for transforming China one Bible at a time!

A Special Thanks!



Rev. Rich Hartman with joyful rural Chinese believers.

The Voice of China and Asia family extends a special thanks to Rev. Rich and Kathy Hartman, of Cibolo, TX, for voluntarily recruiting sponsors for 2,000 Chinese Pastor’s Study Bibles during the last two years.

In between Bible distribution trips to China they are active throughout the USA and Canada in children’s and youth evangelism with “Kids Around the World Ministries.”



Hartman Family. Back: Asher, DeZion, Rich, Kathy, Destinee, Judah. Front: Zoe & DeAsia.

After raising their own children, as empty nesters, they adopted six more children—five from China! The oldest, Destinee and Judah have already been with us on Bible distribution trips.

We appreciate them for their zeal for God’s Word and desire to touch rural preachers. Thank you Rich and Kathy and family. We are blessed—and China is blessed—through you!

God's Timing - for Them and for Me!

By Rev. Geof Jackson

The following testimony was shared at our Voice of China and Asia Peniel Seminary in Busan, Korea on March 27, 2017. Watch next month for excerpts of Rev. Jackson's sermon "Epaphras - the Man Who Wrestled in Prayer." You may visit his website at geofjacksonministries.com

In 2012, Dr. Brooks invited me to join him in China. He knew my specialty was preparing students for the ministry and asked if I would help the Voice of China and Asia with their new venture training rural Chinese preachers. He had no idea the Lord had prepared me for China long before.

During a church service in 1980, I went forward for prayer. As someone prayed for me, in a vision I saw myself standing before multitudes of foreign people. As I looked upon their faces, the Lord revealed each nationality. One of the groups were Chinese.

At the time, I was young in the Lord and it seemed impossible I would touch so many for Christ. Looking for some ray of hope, I shared my vision with friends and other

ministers. They would laugh and say, "You can't go to Communist China!" They discounted my experience, but such a genuine encounter could not be easily removed when I knew it was real.



Before 800 rural preachers, I fought back the tears.

before. This was God's timing—for them and for me.

I've just completed my 13th trip to China with Dr. Brooks. Together, we have taught many thousands of



Geof Jackson, rural Chinese Bible school.

untrained rural preachers to use their new Study Bibles. You would be astounded at the low levels of training most of them have, even though they often serve hundreds of believers in multiple locations. It is such a privilege to serve them.

It is also a privilege to join with you and the partners of the Voice of

China and Asia. I love your vision for China. How grateful I am to continue in this great work among those my heart knew so many years ago.



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