

# Voice of China and Asia

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*Touching Asia for Christ for Over 100 Years!*

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

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***I am the Good Shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. – John 10:14, 15***

Dear Missions Friend,

We are going back to China once again with enough Chinese Bibles to touch 12,000 rural families! While there, our award of Study Bibles and training will forever change the ministries of 1,000 rural preachers. And a record number of motorcycles and electric scooters will be delivered to over 50 rural preachers! What an answer to prayer for them all!

You will have a part in each of these upcoming encounters too! Whether on the ground or in the supply lines, you play a key role in every aspect of this fine-tuned operation. With over ten thousand new believers coming to Christ each day in rural China, your prayers and gracious financial sacrifice are fulfilling their long-held hopes.

As preparations for this trip are underway, I wanted you to know, your powerful response to our last newsletter, describing the impact of motorcycles for rural Chinese preachers, has been so gratifying!

One partner called right away to donate two motorcycles, then on the same day a Christian organization called and asked how they could donate fifteen! It does not take long to provide answers! And I want you to know, no matter how large or small the offering, your gift has counted too! We all have a part in this wonderful work.

As I ponder the impact on isolated believers who can now be visited by Chinese preachers, I am reminded of a service where we once taught over 500 pastors to use their new Study Bibles.

One of the local preachers asked our host if they could express their thanks by preparing us a small dish of food. The host was adamant, "Absolutely not!"

I thought it was a kind and thoughtful idea and felt I had been cheated of the magical taste of authentic Chinese food—until our host told us this story:

"One time, soon after I became a regional church leader, I was visiting isolated believers far from the city. When I arrived a table was



To expand his ministry and vision, this southwest Chinese pastor was awarded a motorcycle.

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completely covered with many different dishes of food. I was escorted to a seat at the head of the table and told to eat.”

“After blessing the food, I thought everyone would sit down and enjoy the feast together. Instead, they all stood back carefully watching to see if I would eat from their dish. After a few bites I felt uncomfortable. Everyone was staring at me. I put my chopsticks down and asked, ‘Why aren’t you eating?’”

“They replied, ‘No, pastor, this is for you!’”

“I implored, ‘It’s impossible for me to eat this much food!’”

“They told me, ‘We have been meeting on our own for decades. We take turns speaking, but you are the first pastor we have ever seen.’ Having no other means to thank me for coming, a small dish of food was all each could bring to express their gratitude! As full as I became, I was careful to take a bite from each one.”

“Now today, if someone among these hundreds of pastors found out food could be brought for you, they would immediately leave to prepare it. To keep from hurting anyone’s feelings, you would be obligated to stay and



Rural preacher loading his motorcycle with Bibles.

taste each dish! This is the Chinese way.”

My friend, with this in mind, can you imagine the impact of a pastor arriving for the first time on a motorcycle at a distant isolated believer’s home? It is truly a monumental event.

After welcoming the pastor, sticks are excitedly thrown on a fire and water boiled.

There is no tea in this dirt-floored household. That’s a luxury. A cup of hot water will be graciously offered as a gift for their honored guest. Perhaps eggs, quickly borrowed from a neighbor, would be scrambled and placed on the table, but not much more.

Nevertheless, their fellowship is sweet. A Bible you sponsored is presented, communion is shared, and



It was at this meeting someone suggested bringing us food!

one more step toward discipleship is taken. The Holy Spirit is present as they join in a final fervent prayer.

The encounter will sustain this precious believer for weeks, maybe even months. Though lacking worldly possessions, they will believe God has come to live among them through the presence of His Living Word. Everyone in their village will hear of the experience.

By sponsoring Chinese Bibles, training leaders, and empowering them, “to go,” these



Isolated Chinese believers, unknown to the outside world receive your Bibles with gladness!

In spite of complex political adversity, the millions who are searching for the truth in rural China are reachable. And each of us can claim a share in the Good News for which their hearts are crying.

As you ponder the impact of your financial gift this month, remember, God is going to multiply its impact upon the saints in rural China. As co-laborers with Christ, because of your gift, lives will be forever changed for generations to come. Thanks so much for sharing in this great work. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours for souls,

Jonathan Brooks  
President



When the road gets narrow, we walk. Jonathan Brooks with VOCA board member Alan Rice.

are the encounters you are creating all over rural China. By God’s grace, along with your prayers and financial gifts, we are determined it will continue as long as the doors remain open.

As we move toward the second half of this year, we are keenly aware that our efforts must be like that of an army, advancing in every season. This prize is too great for retreat.

P.S. Your financial gift this month will empower a rural preacher to reach beyond their limitations and touch one more distant believer. Hearts are open, the soil is fertile, and your gift provides the seed to establish one new preaching point in distant unreached areas. Thanks for your love for souls and claiming your share of this lasting harvest.

## OUR READERS WRITE

### I USED TO LISTEN TO THE RADIO BROADCAST

*I used to listen to your Voice of China and Asia radio broadcast in the '70's. Reconnecting with you has brought back such pleasant memories. Thank you for sending the boxes of Chinese Bibles. We frequent a local Chinese restaurant. One of the workers, who always remembers us, was deeply moved with emotion when he opened his new Bible and saw it was written in Chinese!*

**Mr. J. S. – Missouri**

### THE CORA HAMMOND ISSUE

*I loved the newsletter with Cora Hammond in it. What great sacrifices she went through. She had the true heart of a missionary. To think that her work goes on through Voice of China and Asia today would really thrill her.*

**Mrs. C. V. – Washington**

### THANKS

*Thank you for taking Bibles to our brothers and sisters [in rural China]. God bless you and keep you safe. We are praying for you.*

**Mr. & Mrs. J. L. – Arizona**

### I ALWAYS ENJOY READING YOUR NEWSLETTERS

*I always enjoy reading your newsletters and hearing the great things God is doing! What an awesome God we serve. I particularly appreciated the article on "Lessons From Cross-Cultural Ministry," by Mark Tedford, it was very insightful. Thank you for all you do to further the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

**Mr. & Mrs. D. P. – Virginia**

### MISSION TRIP TO CHINA LAST FALL

*My mission trip to China last fall was a wonderful blessing. I returned home with a great love in my heart for the Chinese people. Special thanks to your staff for the preparation work and attention to detail. I am enclosing a love gift for Bibles for the next group who will go with Jonathan to China.*

**Mrs. C. A. – Iowa**

### I THINK OF YOU OFTEN

*I think of you often and tell my friends about you and your ministry. I enjoy reading your newsletters. It thrills my heart to know my Mother loved the Voice of China and Asia.*

**Mrs. B. P. – Virginia**

## IF WE ARE IN YOUR AREA, BE SURE TO JOIN US AT:

### Harbor Lights Sunday School Class

Sunday, September 17, 2017 – 10:00AM  
The Assembly at Broken Arrow  
3500 W. New Orleans St.  
Broken Arrow, OK 74011  
Contact: Don Love (918) 809-8022

### Yaumati Peniel Church

Sunday, October 29, 2017  
Hong Kong, S.A.R.

### First Baptist Church

Sunday, November 19, 2017 – 10:00AM  
4102 190th St.  
George, IA 51237  
Contact: Dr. Mike Hagan (712) 475-3440



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