

Voice of China and Asia

MISSIONARY SOCIETY, INC.



Touching Asia for Christ for Over 100 Years!

The Monthly Newsletter for our Co-laborers and Friends of the Voice of China and Asia JANUARY 2018

*Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:
Casting all your care upon him: for he cares for you. –1 Peter 5:6-7*

Dear Missions Friend,

I hope on these pages you can sense the joy in my heart for all the Lord accomplished through our labors together last year. As the months progressed the testimonies from the foreign field increasingly solidified our resolve. We were right on target through our Bible-based ministries to rural China.

We also praise God that last year was a defining year of financial increase. An 18% increase to be exact! I cannot help but be moved by this blessing from God and the unity in purpose that has descended upon us. Thank you so much for your part in it.

Looking forward, on the home front, our Board of Directors Team is deeply committed to propel our ministry forward this coming year. I am so grateful to work with them as they lead with both wisdom and personal sacrifice to ensure our future and the effectiveness of our mission.

I am also happy to share we began the New Year by adding a Partner Care Dept. in our headquarters office. It is our desire to better focus on the prayer needs of friends like you who so faithfully sustain this work.



Our Distribution Teams delivered over 25,000 complete Chinese Bibles to rural believers in 2017.



Voice of China and Asia partners provided ninety-six motorcycles to rural Chinese preachers in 2017.

I love what you and I accomplish together. Every aspect of it retains Jesus Christ and His Word as its central focus. Our work is life changing and eternal. Should the time come where we were denied access to any of our fields of service, the Word of God would continue to grow and prosper in the hearts of those you and I have touched.

Your participation as a co-laborer in this work is such an encouragement to me. As such, I want you to know there will be some missions challenges in the year ahead. It may not affect us as much as it will those we serve overseas. I will briefly explain.

As a nation, we used to demand the protection of human and religious rights in exchange for foreign trade. For decades this has declined as the drive for economic gain took precedence.

Unfortunately, this has led to a broader hand of foreign governments spreading their tentacles into the most remote corners of many Asian countries. Pressures upon rural believers are growing, because Christianity is considered a foreign religion and its influence is growing “too fast!”

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Our teams seek to diminish this pressure by being sensitive to the changing political realities of those we seek to serve. The challenge before us is to walk in greater wisdom as there are millions yet to reach with God's Word.



Over 2,000 pastors and church leaders were trained to disciple their congregations using a Chinese Pastor's Study Bible in 2017.

But I find such encouragement in the fact that this ministry has been through two World Wars, the Korean Conflict, the threats of invasion with its waves of refugees, along with recessions and the Great Depression. And, through it all we have continually moved forward with the Good News of Jesus Christ! Together, we have developed into quite an effective team!

As we focus on the year ahead, the Apostle Peter's words fit so perfectly. Whether as foreign missionaries or right where you are as a home missionary, sometimes the world's problems spill over and try to envelope us. When they do, we can always look to Jesus and cast our cares upon Him.

In the months ahead, I want to encourage you to walk in confidence. God is preparing you for every situation that will come your way. He will provide His wisdom at just the right time, and will lead you by His spirit, because "He cares for you."

Yours for souls,

Jonathan Brooks

YOUR GIFT TODAY!



Your gift of \$100.00

Will purchase, transport, and deliver 20 Chinese Bibles. Each one will be shared by up to four believers who will in turn lead two new believers to faith in Jesus Christ!



Your gift of \$250.00

Will purchase 25 Chinese Pastor's Study Bibles and provide training seminars to rural Chinese preachers. They in turn will disciple up to 100 believers each week with new-found depths of God's Word.



Your gift of \$1,200.00

Will purchase a motorbike for a circuit-walking rural Chinese preacher/evangelist, who will travel on-time to distant villages, disciple isolated believers and establish new congregations.

We Can Go to Them

By Rev. Wu



Rev. Wu receiving the keys to his motorcycle from Mary Hansen of San Diego, CA.

My father was an idol worshipper. He had never heard the Truth until one day he passed a church. He heard the singing, entered the service and accepted Christ. Eventually he became a pastor, so I grew up in a Christian home. However, I did not follow my father's beliefs.

The kids at school used to tease and make fun of me. To avoid them I would sleep-in and arrive late for school. This made my teachers furious. By fifth grade I realized something had to change, but I did not know

what to do. My father had told me, "When you are sad or in trouble, pray." So I asked the Lord to help me.

The next day I awoke early. This never happened to me. Then it happened again the next day. I knew God was doing this and accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior.

Later on, the Lord called me into the ministry. I graduated from seminary in July 2016. God directed me and my wife (also a seminary graduate) to work about 40 kilometers from the capital [here in central China].

There are 300 believers in our church. Unfortunately, two-thirds of them live on distant farms and have a difficult time traveling to church. So, we have arranged for them to worship in the homes of their closest Christian neighbors. Our furthest group meets 50 kilometers away.

Because of the motorcycle you provided us, instead of all the believers struggling to come to us, we can now go to them. In the future, many of these groups will grow to become established churches. Thank you for helping us make disciples among our church family.



Rev. and Mrs. Wu, co-laborers together with us in rural China.

Looking Ahead!

April 19-20, 2018 – Chinese Pastor's Study Bible Training and Motorcycle Awards

May 4-6, 2018 - 60th Anniversary Celebration, VOCA Mucha Peniel Church, Taipei, Taiwan

June 22-28, 2018 – Chinese Bible Distribution, Pastor's Study Bible Training and Motorcycle Awards

July 1, 2018 – 60th Anniversary, VOCA Busan Peniel Church, Busan, Korea

October 21-31, 2018 – Chinese Bible Distribution, Pastor's Study Bible Training and Motorcycle Awards

From These Hands – To These Wrists!

Over a year ago it was announced February 2018 would begin a new era of greater restrictions upon China's church. The new policies were printed and meticulously distributed by the authorities who keep an eye on local church activities.

Over the last decade, Sunday Schools throughout China have seen astronomical growth. Although these new policies fail (in print) to address children in church, the message is clear, it will become more difficult for those who boldly promote Sunday School.

With this in mind, our hearts were heavy. Was there something we could do to empower China's children? The answer came in the form of "Salvation Bracelets."

Each colorful bead in the bracelet tells of something the Lord has done for us. They encompass everything from changing our darkened hearts to the promise of walking on streets of gold.

Our rural China Bible distribution teams recently distributed these bracelets. To our surprise, many adults gathered to hear the explanation of each color. Then they wanted them too! Now everyone, young and old, can share the Gospel message!

Special thanks to the ladies of, "Coffee and a Bible," at Grace Church in Tulsa, OK for purchasing material and assembling 1,000 Salvation Bracelets for China's rural

children. Will you commit to pray for China's children? If so, please use the enclosed prayer card as a reminder. China's next generation belongs to the Lord!



Ladies of Grace Church, Tulsa, OK making Salvation Bracelets. Pictured from the left: Yolanda Gilliland, Frances Buchanan, Nettie Reed, Teresa Nichols, Linda Rowan, Dianne Teague (standing), Liza Mason, Gloria Crowley, Vicki Bartlett, Christine Soto & Di Mounkes (photographer)



Precious Chinese girl prepared for evangelism.



Eager to share the Good News through the colors of their Salvation Bracelets.



Equipped with bracelets, and sent, two-by-two!



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