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Cover: A believer purchasing Bibles at a church bookstore, after the reopening of many of the churches.

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Word from the Director

Dear Friends and Colleagues,



The Year 2020 has been a most difficult and challenging year for the world! Like the rest of the world, China suffered from the devastating impact of the pandemic: the rapid spread of the virus and the loss of lives, lockdowns and travel restrictions,

economic hardship and emotional toll. Church services and activities, including Bible distribution and programs, were suspended for a number of months, depriving Chinese Christians of church worship, Christian fellowship and Bible ministry.

Yet, despite the difficulties and hardship, the Chinese Christians experienced the Lord's Grace and Blessings throughout the crisis. Read how the Lord sustained the Christians and Bible ministries in China amid the pandemic (page 4). Bibles continued to be printed, distributed, read, taught and preached. We are also encouraged by the testimony of a lay preacher's struggle and perseverance in ministry during the pandemic (page 8).

Although Bible sales and distribution were severely disrupted by the pandemic and restrictions, we thank God that UBS was still able to support some free Bible distribution by the churches during the year. One such Bible distribution was carried out by a Catholic parish in the mountainous region of Leshan Diocese in Sichuan Province and it's heartening to read about their responses (page 10). Our UBS China Partnership Program Manager met an elderly believer during a free Bible distribution in Gansu Province and she was inspired by her faith and her faithful service to the church (page 12).

Another UBS China Partnership Program Manager visited a Scripture literacy class run by the church with the support of the UBS, and shared the heartwarming story of a young girl who accompanied her grandmother to the class to help her to learn to read the Bible (page 13).

One of the highlights of our partnership with the Churches in China in 2020 is the publication and distribution of the Financial Stewardship Bible (FSB) which was launched on 12 June (page 16). The FSB will help Chinese Christians learn and apply Biblical teaching and principles to their Christian life and financial stewardship, all the more needed as Christians struggle and cope with the financial impacts of the pandemic.

In spite of the doom and gloom of the pandemic year, there is much to thank God for His Blessings on our Bible ministry partnership with the Churches in China. We have selected a few photos to highlight some of our thanksgivings to the Lord for the Year 2020 (page 18).

One specific thanksgiving is the publication and distribution of the Chinese edition of Beyond Disaster: Survivor's Guide for Spiritual First Aid. This was a most timely help to the many people who are emotionally wounded and mentally distressed, especially from the pandemic and its impact.

As we look back to the pandemic year of 2020 and as we face an uncertain 2021, we continue to testify to and rely on the Lord's Sufficient Grace and Sustaining Power"!

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

2 Corinthians 12: 9a

Kua Wee Seng

Director

United Bible Societies China Partnership

Bible Ministries Amid COVID-19

2020 was a most unprecedented year. COVID-19, now found in nearly every country in the world, upended life and devastated the global economy.

Christians Closer to God During the Lockdown

China became the first nation to impose a nationwide lockdown in mid-January 2020.

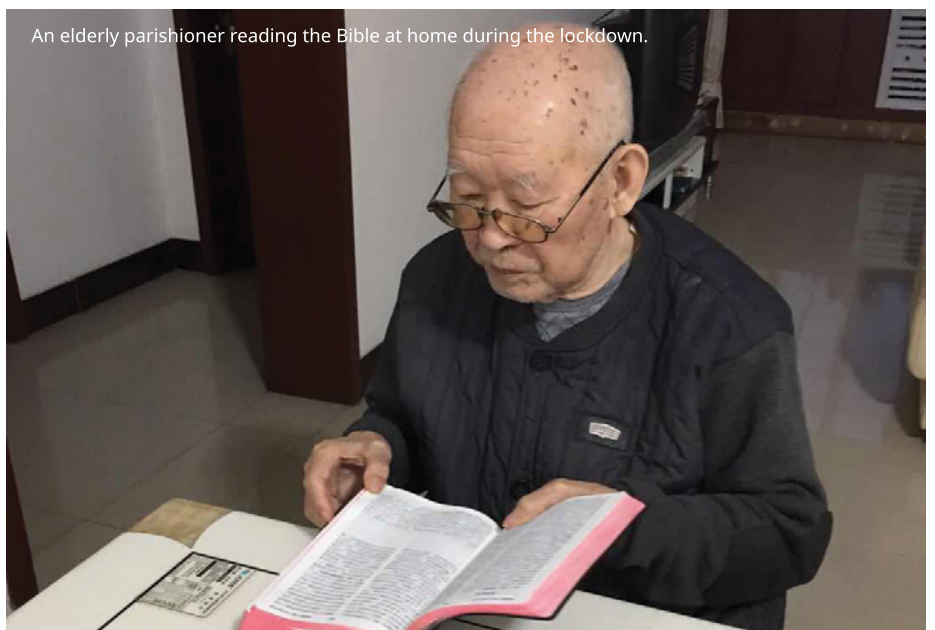
During the two months lockdown, all transport links were sealed off and movement restrictions within and border restrictions were imposed. Schools, shops and all religious sites closed, while all activities, including religious activities, were suspended.

Many city churches turned to online resources to shepherd their flock. By harnessing technology, pastors posted their recorded sermons, devotionals, worship and prayers onto social media platforms. Those believers with smart phone access were grateful for these online spiritual resources. There were many others too who shared that they were reading their Bibles more.

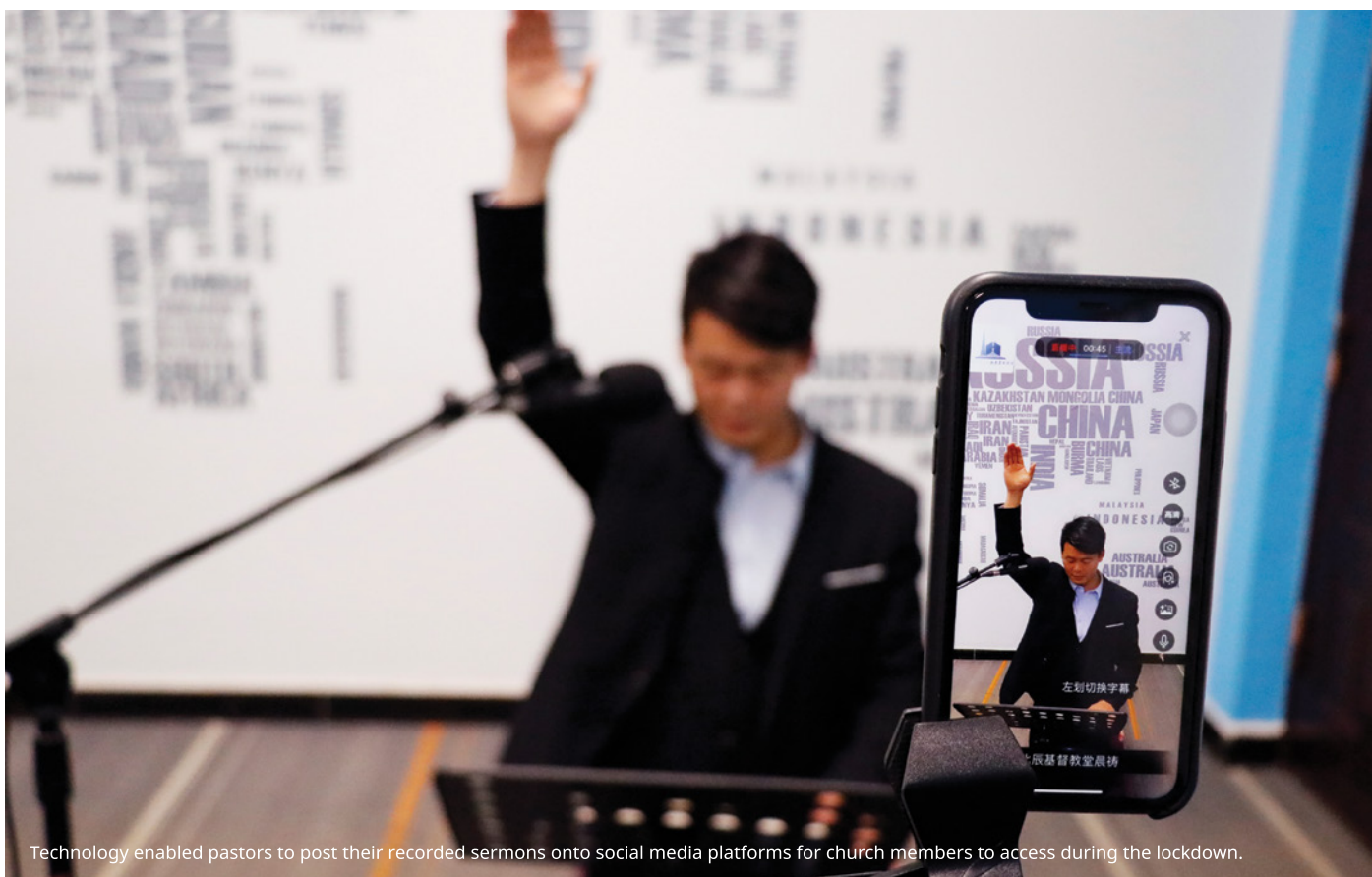
In Longchi Village at Sichuan province, there is a Catholic church built on the beautiful Ermei Mountains where over 400 believers meet weekly. Said one elderly parishioner who is in his 80s, "I'm old and it would not be long before I make my final journey but I haven't even read much of the Bible. During



Church services resumed by the end of May 2020



An elderly parishioner reading the Bible at home during the lockdown.



Technology enabled pastors to post their recorded sermons onto social media platforms for church members to access during the lockdown.

this time of isolation, I read the Bible without stopping for 10 days and I could not stop reading about God's forgiveness and love for me. Now I want to spend the rest of my life reading the Bible!"

Sister Meng Jiumei, a Catholic nun serving in Longchi Church said that during the lockdown, parishioners were encouraged to read at least 10 chapters of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, but some believers were reading 50-80 chapters a day.

One Catholic believer shared with Sister Meng: "While I was reading the Book of Judges, I broke down in tears as I felt a strong conviction to repent to God of my sins." Another said, "We are often too busy to spend time with God prior to this crisis. Now we are taking this time to do more self-reflection and praying to God."¹

In the face of enforced home

quarantine, many Chinese Christians find themselves drawing closer to God. One pastor from the most affected city of Wuhan in Hubei Province shared, "Many who had been previously lukewarm in their faith are now getting on their knees to call out to God!"

Church Ministries After Lockdown

Amity Printing Company (APC) was one of the businesses allowed to be re-opened in Nanjing as early as February then at limited capacity but by early March, production of Bibles resumed with most of its staff returning to work.

From March till May, although on-site church services were still suspended, Christians could continue with their ministries in home visitations, and home-based Bible meetings, as long as they were

meeting in groups not more than 10.

Finally, by the end of May 2020, Chinese authorities announced the lifting of restrictions for all religious sites and religious activities, with safe management measures. Churches gradually started to resume on-site services subjected to the approval of local authorities and depending on local COVID-19 situations.

Chinese Christian believers were delighted to have a chance to meet again in city churches for services. Most of all, many were overjoyed to be able to buy Bibles again from their church bookstores after months of pent-up demand.

UBS Ministries During the Pandemic Year

Since news of the emergence of COVID-19 in China broke out in early January 2020, the United Bible

¹ <https://www.ubscp.org/virus-outbreak-brings-christians-nearer-to-god/>



Home visitations and ministries resumed in March 2020.



Church bookstores reopened by the end of May 2020.

As soon as it was permitted to do so, the Churches in China began the work of Bible distribution to many rural congregants awaiting patiently for a personal copy.

Societies China Partnership (UBS CP) had reached out to our China church partners offering our prayers and support. Updates on the situations in China and appeals for prayers for the churches and Christians in China have been shared with the UBS Fellowship and our supporters through our Facebook page and website.

Regular-Sized and Large-Print Bible Distribution

As soon as it was permitted to do so, the Churches in China began the work of Bible distribution to many rural congregants awaiting patiently for a personal copy. In 2020, UBS was able to support more large-print Bibles, on top of regular-sized ones,

arising from feedback by Chinese church leaders on the greater need for large-prints.

Scripture Literacy Classes

Another important project UBS was able to continue to support was the Scripture literacy classes run by the Churches in China. The Scripture literacy classes teach illiterate believers how to read and write using the Bible.

Distribution of "Come to Me" and "Beyond Disaster" Booklets

Like many people all over the world, believers in China found themselves in distressful times brought about by the COVID-19

pandemic. It was timely that UBS was able to support the Churches in China to publish and distribute two sets of materials, the Gospel booklet "Come to Me" and a trauma healing resource booklet titled "Beyond Disaster: Survivor's Guide for Spiritual First Aid".

Designed around selected Bible verses, especially from the book of Psalms, "Come to Me" brings the truth of God's Word to people to help them gain perspective and discover freedom in Christ.²

Beyond Disaster is a spiritual first aid that invites people who have suffered emotional and psychological distress to start the process of healing and recovery, by drawing

them to God's Word.³ Beyond Disaster Chinese edition has been translated from the English version produced by American Bible Society.

Supporting Needy Preachers

One of the important areas of contribution by UBS was to be able to support needy preachers through the Churches in China. Many of these lay preachers whose livelihood depended on church offering from the congregants, found themselves in a tight financial situations owing to the suspension of services then. Moreover, part-time work was not an option for these dedicated servants of God, as many of them felt that the need was greater now than ever before

to minister to their congregants, especially the rural believers who were battling fears of losing their jobs and health risks.

With the donation from UBS, financial support was provided by the churches to these needy preachers. As a result, the preachers were able to make home visitations to the rural elderly Christians and minister to them with the Word of God. These rural poor were cut off from sound pulpit ministry as most rural churches had not re-opened due to COVID-19 safety concerns. Moreover, they were also unable to access online spiritual resources, coupled with the fact that many of them are illiterate, and do not own a Bible at home, they were at risk

of being led astray by the ubiquitous cult groups whose influences were growing alarmingly during the pandemic.

His Word Will Always Prevail

2020 had been a challenging year for Bible ministries throughout the UBS Fellowship, including China Partnership. In the midst of the dark clouds, the Lord enabled China Partnership to find creative ways to work with the Churches in China, some of which were highlighted above. 🇨🇳



A believer purchasing Bibles from the church bookstore after the reopening of many of the churches by the end of May 2020.

² <https://www.ubscp.org/more-than-words-come-to-me/>

³ <https://www.ubscp.org/trauma-healing/>

The Struggles of a Lay Preacher

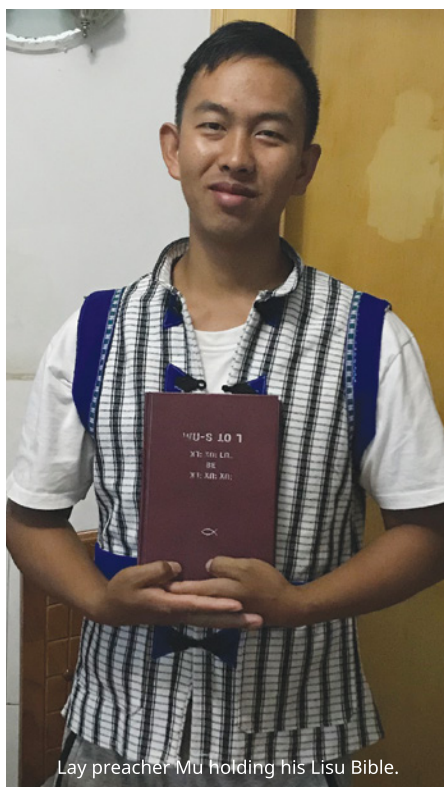
Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, lay preachers continued to minister to the Churches in China. Lay preacher Mu Weixu was one of them.

Lay preacher Mu, from the West Lisu ethnic people group, may only be in his 30s, but his maturity is beyond his years. Mu grew up with parents and grandparents who are believers. They can be credited with not only passing on their faith but more importantly, moulding him to be the God-fearing person he is today.

Mu fell very ill when he was about one year old. He was hospitalized and at one point, the doctors were unsure if he would survive. His grandmother, who was his primary caregiver, asked for the church deacon to pray for Mu at the hospital. Miraculously, Mu regained consciousness after the prayers. One doctor, who witnessed his healing, was so amazed he came to know the Lord!

Growing up, Mu heard this story recounted many times. This made Mu aware of the reality of God and thankful for God's love.

Mu graduated from the Yunnan Theological Seminary in 2018. Upon graduation, he started to serve in two out of the six churches in Naji village where the total number of believers is between 300 to 400. The predominant ethnic people group in Naji village is the Dai group, and Mu was ministering largely to the



Lay preacher MU holding his Lisu Bible.

Dai ethnic minority group. “It’s difficult to share the Good News with the Dai people, because they have deep-rooted customs and traditional beliefs,” said Mu. Mu and his wife serve in their church as they both share a heartfelt burden to reach out to the Dai people group.

Mu also gets invited to other churches to teach and share the Word. Besides serving in church, Mu regularly taught at the local Bible training centre until the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic.

With all the work that Mu does, it is surprising to learn that Mu is

only a lay preacher. Mu explains, “Lay preachers are not paid by the church. Occasionally church members would give me some offering although they are already so poor.” In order to supplement his income, Mu has to pick tea as a livelihood.

Believers in rural churches, especially the ethnic minority believers who live in rural regions in Yunnan Province, can barely support their preachers. Most of the ethnic minority preachers are “volunteer” preachers who provide for their families through subsistence farming or part-time jobs which they had to take on, in addition to their duties of preaching and pastoring their churches.

Mu observes, “Our relationship with God must always be right. With that in order, even in the face of the challenges like COVID-19 and financial pressures, I believe God will take care of me so I do not have to worry. The Bible helps me have this correct perspective for these tough times.”

However, Mu admits that he faces the temptation to seek a well-paying job in the city so that he could meet his family’s physical needs, particularly when he became a new father last year and his elderly parents’ health started to fail.

Impact of COVID-19

The widespread effects of the COVID-19 pandemic throughout



Preacher Mu teaching and sharing the Word of God.

“I am thankful for United Bible Societies’ support through the church, for now I can visit more brothers and sisters, and travel far to preach God’s Word.”

Mu Weixu,
China

China have worsened the financial situation of these poor ethnic minority Christians.

While Yunnan Province is located some 2,000 km away from Wuhan City, the epicenter of the coronavirus, the nationwide suspension of all church meetings indefinitely until further notice meant that these preachers could not receive any financial support from their congregants. Moreover, part-time work options for them were not possible during the period of travel restrictions and the

lockdown in China. But thankfully, Mu was able to receive some financial support from UBS, through the Yunnan Church, which enabled him to continue with his preaching and pastoral ministry.

A Window of Opportunity

The virus outbreak crisis has turned out to be an opportunity for preachers like Mu, to minister to their affected congregants. As many of the rural Christians battle fears of health risks and of losing their jobs in

the city, this has become a window of opportunity for these needy preachers to encourage their fellow congregants.

“I am thankful for United Bible Societies’ support through the church, for now I can visit more brothers and sisters, and travel far to preach God’s Word. What’s more, the needs of our baby can be taken care of now. This has strengthened my faith to know that God will always provide for me as I serve Him faithfully!” Brother Mu shared his gratitude with us. 🇺🇸

Bible Distribution in Mountainous Areas

Despite the pandemic that struck in 2020, the Churches in China were still able to continue distributing Bibles in China. One such free Bible distribution trip took place in a parish located in the mountainous region of Leshan, Sichuan Province in 2020.

According to Father Zhang Zhenglin of the Leshan Diocese, which has 70,000 Catholics, inaccessibility, financial constraints and a limited supply of Bibles to this area, coupled with a steady church growth, are the reasons why some China Catholics find it hard to get Bibles.

“Parishes in counties like Pengshan and Mingshan are hard to reach and some parishioners are very poor,” says Father Zhang.

“Likewise, parishioners in counties like Luding, Baoxing and Hanyuan are impoverished and many cannot afford a Bible. At the same time, we are seeing a steady average growth of 1,000 new members each year, hence supply does not meet demand.”

Indeed, mountainous regions account for 66% of Leshan’s total land area while hilly places account for 21%. While contributing to the scenic beauty of the place, mountains and hills still pose a challenge to the distribution of Bibles.

Knowing the needs of the parishioners in Leshan, Father Zhang requested for 2,000 free Bibles for



An elderly parishioner receiving a free Bible from a priest at Pengshan Parish.

his diocese in December 2019, to which UBS responded readily. With the support of UBS, the diocese was able to distribute the free Bibles, which were greeted with very positive reception from the parishioners.

Director Shi who is in charge of Hanyuan Parish’s learning centre, said that Bibles are rare in his area. “We are particularly thankful to UBS for supporting the distribution of free Bibles to us at this learning centre. This will help more Catholics who live in mountainous regions to read the Bible more!”

Zhang Chunxia, 48, is a volunteer at Pengshan Parish who leads a Bible reading group. She was very moved on the day of the free Bible distribution as she looked at believers holding the Bibles donated by churches with the support of UBS. She said: “Now everyone can have one [Bible] on hand and we can all read the Bible together!”

An 80-year-old grandma from a deep mountainous area in Dingxing Parish is illiterate. When she saw others receiving the Bible, she thought it was a very good opportunity for her

family to know the gospel of Christ. So she told the priest that although she cannot read, she would like to take one back home for her children and grandchildren. She also thanked UBS for the free Bible.

Another grateful recipient is Zhu Qiong who was raised in a Tibetan Catholic family in Luding county. More than 20 years ago, an elderly priest gave her a small Bible. "It's like

a treasure to me. I love reading the Bible; it is the whole of my life," she shared. Now that she is nearly 60, the small Bible is difficult for her eyes; she was therefore very grateful to UBS for a new one. "I think the main theme of the Bible is love. We love others as we love ourselves."

During the free Bible distribution, Priest Xiao of Luding Parish exhorted his congregation saying, "The Bible is

the true Word of Christ left behind for us. It is the foundation of our faith. By reading and studying the Bible regularly, we will have an intimate grasp of the Holy Word and through this, we'll experience peace and joy from the Lord." 🇺🇸

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Priest Xiao,
Luding Parish, China



Free Bible Distribution at Luding Parish. About 200 parishioners turned up for the distribution ceremony.

An Unforgettable Elderly Believer

A heartfelt sharing by a UBS China Partnership's Program Manager during a Bible distribution trip in 2020 reminds us that God does not forget His people.



Wujiayuan Church, Gansu Province.

GANSU, China – Wujiayuan Church is located in Lanzhou City, the capital of Gansu Province. The two-storey church building located in a residential area, though small, looked clean and well-kept. When we arrived, we realised that

dozens of elderly believers with greying hair were already waiting for us.

When these elderly believers knew that we were coming to give them large-print Bibles, they were smiling happily and saying repeatedly, “Thank you God”!

One elderly woman dressed simply but neatly however was sitting very quietly on the pews. When I looked at her eyes, she smiled at me gently. I thought to myself: What a benevolent-looking old lady!

One by one the elderly believers came up to the podium to receive a



Zhang Yufang holding a free copy of the large-print Bible she received at a free Bible distribution at church.



Zhang Yufang is visibly touched as she reads a copy of a large-print Bible she received.

free copy of the Bible from elders of the church. They were each looking carefully at their copy of the large-print Bible, all holding it tightly in their hands as if it was a great treasure.

When it was the elderly lady's turn, a middle-aged believer walked up to her and spoke into her ear. The old lady then stood up, walking slowly and unsteadily, she received her Bible respectfully from the elder, her hands trembling and eyes tearing up.

I was so drawn to this elderly lady that I could not wait to step forward to hold her hands and talk to her. When I asked the church elders if I could have a chat with her, I was told that she was hard of hearing.

My heart sank: I had wanted to hear her testimony so badly as I had a hunch, by looking at her eyes, that she must have gone through much hardship. Although time was very tight and we had to hurry on to the next church, I sat down with the church elder and two pastors to find out more about this old lady.

Her name is Zhang Yufang. She has been a Christian for more than 30 years. They learned that when she was very young, she was given away to another family where she had been badly treated. Later she married and embraced the Christian faith. She subsequently led her own family to the Lord Jesus.

About ten years after she became a Christian, Zhang's son unexpectedly died of a kidney disease.

Despite grieving from her sudden loss, her faith in the Lord was never shaken. She would attend worship service regularly and served faithfully in church.

The elders of the church said that Zhang, a "true Israelite" whose faith is solid and unadulterated, is a good example for them to learn from. For many years, Zhang has been serving quietly and humbly in menial tasks like making sure that the washrooms are always clean and dry.

Zhang also gave to the Lord in other ways, said the church elders. As

an electric welder, Zhang helped to weld the structure of the two-storey high church building together, with whatever limited free time she had, spending hours laboriously climbing up and down, welding a little at a time. Soon with her help, the church was converted from three small houses to a small two-storey high building.

Looking at Zhang Yufang's hands now, her fingers and joints are somewhat shrivelled and deformed, I marvelled at them with much respect, for these hands had once cared for a sick son, nursed a bedridden husband, and served the church in more ways than one. I wondered to myself how much injuries these hands would have suffered when welding together the church building frames.

Zhang Yufang, a quiet and unassuming old lady, has left such an indelible impression upon on my heart. 🇨🇳

Grandma, I want to read God's Word together with you

A Program Manager from UBS China Partnership shares her thoughts on the impact of the Scripture literacy project after visiting a Scripture literacy class in 2020 in a rural area in China.



Zhao Ying (left) is guiding Grandma Guimei's hand as Guimei learns to write.

China – Zhao Ying, a quiet lady with a shy smile, was sitting among elderly participants of a Scripture literacy class, carefully tutoring her grandma, one of the students, to write. Her youthful look caught my attention. “What is a young girl doing in a literacy class for elderly people?” That was the first thought that popped into my mind.

When I approached her, she lifted her head slightly and smiled, saying softly, “My name is Zhao Ying. My grandmother registered me for this literacy class. Seeing that I had nothing to do at home, she signed me up hoping that I could come to church with her and listen to God’s Word.”



Zhao Ying and her grandmother each holding a free copy of the Bible given to participants of the literacy class.

“Besides helping my grandma, I can also listen to the teacher sharing Bible stories. I know more about the Bible now than ever before. I enjoy coming to these classes more and more because I can feel the love, care and peace here!”

—
Zhao Ying,
China

Then she told me about her grandma. “My grandma, Feng Guimei, is 64 years old. When she was young, her family was very poor and she had many other siblings. As a girl, she didn’t have a chance to read or write, so when she knew that the church was starting a literacy class, she signed up immediately!”

How has the class been for her? “I have been attending the Scripture literacy lessons with my grandmother since the first lesson and I have never missed a single lesson. I enjoy going to church with my grandmother. The instructor would teach the class

how to read and write new words and sentences from the Bible. I will then support my grandmother as she learns to write during class time. My grandma is old and she can’t remember a lot of things, but I will help her recall each lesson and revise with her at home.”

“I think every class is particularly meaningful. Besides helping my grandma, I can also listen to the teacher sharing Bible stories. I know more about the Bible now than ever before. I enjoy coming to these classes more and more because I can feel the love, care and peace here!”

Listening to Zhao Ying’s sharing, a thought dawned on me. I saw the significance of Scripture literacy classes: for not only will these classes help the elderly read God’s Word for themselves, they could also indirectly draw other family members to His Word.

My prayer is that all people will have a chance to read and listen to God’s Word and that the Heavenly Father will continue to bless this ministry of teaching illiterates to read and write using the Bible. 🇨🇳

Financial Stewardship Bible (Chinese Edition)

SHANGHAI, China – The China Christian Council/TSPM celebrated the launch of the Chinese edition of the Financial Stewardship Bible (FSB) on 12 June 2020.

At the launch, Vice President and General Secretary of China Christian Council (CCC), Rev Shan Weixiang spoke highly about the FSB, drawing attention to the special features like the over 2,000 verses on provision and stewardship which are highlighted in the Bible, and the 40-day devotional materials on the different themes related to wealth and stewardship.

The FSB also provide group Bible study materials and sermon outlines relating to financial stewardship for the readers. Rev Shan acknowledged the support and help of United Bible Societies in the FSB publication.

Mr Kua Wee Seng, Director of United Bible Societies China Partnership, said that the FSB, published by CCC/TSPM and printed by Amity Printing Company, is a blessing and help to the many Christians in China. It will help Chinese Christians to learn and apply the relevant Biblical teaching and principles to their Christian life and financial stewardship.

Mr Kua congratulated CCC/TSPM for this achievement and accomplishment and thanked American Bible Society for granting



Photo L to R: Rev Shan Weixiang (Vice President of China Christian Council) and Rev Hao Zhiqiang (Chief Editor of Tian Feng Magazine) unveiling the Financial Stewardship Bible, Chinese Edition.



Staff of the CCC/TSPM Media-Publication Department involved in the launch of the Financial Stewardship Bible, Chinese Edition.



Cover of the Financial Stewardship Bible.

“The Scripture references in the Financial Stewardship Bible have helped me apply the biblical principles of wealth management in my daily life.”

Sister Wang,
Suzhou

CCC/TSPM permission to publish and distribute the FSB Chinese edition in Mainland China.

The first print run of 5,000 copies were snapped up by the distribution centres for sales across China. A couple more print runs of the FSB have been further sold and distributed.

Here are a few of the feedback from users of the FSB.

“The Scripture references in the Financial Stewardship Bible have helped me apply the

biblical principles of wealth management in my daily life.”

- Sister Wang, Suzhou

“The 40-day journey of wealth management found in the appendix uses the effective model of “Pray, Read, Reflect, Respond”. It has helped me review my spending habits, and more importantly apply Biblical values in my understanding of finances.”

- Sister Judith, Shenzhen

“I have learnt the importance of being grounded in the Lord’s

teachings about wealth. I am more mindful of giving to His ministry and people, to be contented with what He has provided for me and to always seek the Lord’s will.”

- Brother Anthony, Shenzhen

“The highlighted portions [in green] in the Financial Stewardship Bible allows me to locate the corresponding Scriptures easily... I have learnt more about the Biblical perspectives on wealth management.”

- Brother Yu, Huai’an 🇨🇳

Thanksgiving 2020



Printing of Bibles at Amity Printing Company resumed during the nationwide COVID-19 pandemic lockdown in 2020. (Photo: APC)



Believers continued to hear the preaching of God's Word through weekly recorded sermons when they could not gather for church services in a while.



The CCC/ TSPM celebrated the launch of the Chinese edition of the Financial Stewardship Bible (FSB) on 12 June 2020.



Thank God for the publication and distribution of the Chinese edition of "Come to Me" Scripture Portion booklet, especially during these challenging times.



Some of the believers who lost their Bibles during the massive flood that hit China during the Summer of 2020 received their new Bibles donated by UBS.



Participants at a 3-day training for ethnic minority church workers and leaders in October 2020.



A believer buying Bibles for her friends at a church bookstore in Yunnan Province, after the reopening of many of the churches.



We are grateful for the timely provision of the "Beyond Disaster: Survivor's Guide for Spiritual First Aid" booklet, to support the Christians in China, especially amid the COVID-19 pandemic.



Our church partners donated face masks to many different Bible Societies around the world to support them in the fight against the pandemic. (Photo: The Bible Society in Turkey)



Over 200 parishioners turned up for the free Bibles distribution at a Catholic parish in Sichuan Province.



Praise God for the "Bible Day" that was celebrated by Chinese Churches in December 2020, to encourage brothers and sisters to read and live out the Word of God.

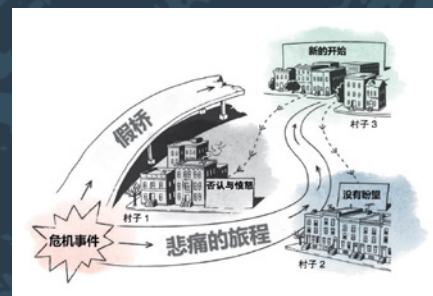
BEYOND DISASTER: SURVIVOR'S GUIDE FOR SPIRITUAL FIRST AID

How do you deal with wounds you can't see, wounds of the heart? Trauma healing materials are designed to help believers start the journey of recovery by drawing their attention to God's Word and the Cross of Christ where hope can be found and healing can begin.

Beyond Disaster: Survivor's Guide for Spiritual First Aid (Chinese edition), “走出心霾, 迎向光明” has been translated by United Bible Societies China Partnership from the English version produced by American Bible Society. It is a spiritual first aid that invites people who have suffered emotional and psychological distress to start the process of healing and recovery.



“This booklet is very timely. I was in pain over my child's broken marriage, and I was very touched by its content.”
- Sister Liu, Shandong Province



“The pandemic has brought significant changes to the world... Those who survived the infection were left traumatized. The booklet offers us a guide on how to cope with the trauma. When we face adversities, especially earth-shattering situations like these [the pandemic], we often look to blame others. But we have to understand that God will take care of us... The Lord Jesus said, “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28). - LiXiuling, Henan Province

The PDF version of the booklet is available at:

<https://www.ubscp.org/beyond-disaster/> (in Chinese) <https://beyonddisaster.bible/> (in various languages)