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The Power of God's Word

In 1986, a 72-year-old Chinese pastor, Wu Liwen, was invited to a remote area of Guizhou Province by a group of Nosu tribesmen. The only question the men asked when they met Wu was if he knew who Jesus was.

Wu, who had spent 23 years in prison because of his faith in Christ, prayerfully sought God's will and felt it was right for him to make the arduous journey, even though it involved a gruelling uphill trek and a long donkey ride over treacherous mountain trails with challenges that men of his advanced age don't usually undertake.

After walking for many hours, Wu's guides led him to a run-down shack in an isolated mountain range, which was to be their home for the night before he was taken to speak to their friends and relatives the next day. Wu expected to encounter a small gathering of perhaps 10 to 15 people.

After many hours of walking the day before, and a rough night's sleep, the new day dawned and Wu was told they must climb over several more steep hills before reaching their destination.

After straining for hours, the group finally cleared the last rise and suddenly Wu heard voices... hundreds of them! Sloping away beneath them, the mountainside rippled in a sea of blue and white—the tribal dress of the Nosu people. Like a late blooming of wildflowers, they covered every open space.

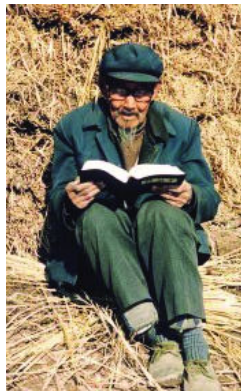
Some people had travelled for days. Others had left their home villages long before daylight. Since no one wanted to miss a word, they came early. Pastor Wu learned that they

had been assembled, waiting and watching the trail, for over six hours.

Wu scanned the crowd with tears in his eyes. His mind flashed back to the 23 years he spent in a Communist prison camp. During his darkest moments God had spoken to his heart, telling him to hold on, for a time would come when he would be needed to teach the Word again. That promise had seemed so impossible! But here before Wu stretched 1,500 believers who had never heard a Bible teacher before!

The hours rolled by into the night and still the old pastor taught. The Nosu lit torches and gas lanterns, as no one wanted to leave. At last, Pastor Wu's voice gave out and they allowed him to stop and rest.

The exhausted pastor was taken to a nearby hut, where he was given a hot meal and a bed for the night. Before falling asleep, however, Wu insisted on hearing the story behind the multitude of hungry believers he had just ministered to. His hosts laughed and said, "Let Old Lee tell you. He can tell you about the Book." An aged blind man emerged from the back of the room and gently sat down on a stool before Pastor Wu. Old Lee's battered face radiated an inner joy. In his arms he cradled a wooden box, holding it closely to his chest as if it contained a priceless treasure, he shared his story...



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The Power of God's Word

"Thirteen years ago, no one in this village knew about God. My brothers and I spent most of our time drinking and gambling. We did not understand anything else. One day, I went down the mountain with my brother to beg and to steal. In the marketplace someone handed me this book."

Carefully, Old Lee extracted his prized possession. A small sheaf of coarse, brittle pages, long since yellowed and cracked, trembled in his hands. The pages were crudely stitched together, bound between two squares of dirty cardboard. Old Lee gently placed the book in the teacher's hands.

Smiling and nodding, the villagers murmured their approval. "It is part of something called Matthew," Old Lee explained. "Of course, we didn't know what it was when we got it. But we decided it must be some kind of special book, so we hid it."

The precious New Testament was concealed for years during the Cultural Revolution, when men could be killed for owning such a book. They placed it in a secret hiding place and wondered if they would ever have an opportunity to learn more about its mysterious message.

The breakthrough they needed came when Old Lee was forced to attend a government propaganda meeting, where a Communist official made a long speech in which he ranted against religion. At one point he said, "The Christians claim that a man named Jesus Christ came to save mankind. This foreign religion was brought here to deceive us."

Old Lee remembered nothing else from the man's ramblings that day, but he was desperate to learn more about this Jesus Christ. He instinctively knew that the old book in his possession was a Book of Truth, and he was determined to find someone who could read Chinese so they could explain its message. Old Lee continued:

"At first, it was just the three of us. We hid the book in an empty shed, concealed inside the wall. Later, we brought a few others to read it, one at a time. Soon, 10 of us were believers and we met in the forest at night to encourage one another and pray. We became 30, then 50 and 60.

As you can see, our numbers have grown.... There are 1,500 of us now! Previously, we worshipped demons. Now only one family in our valley is not Christian, but they no longer worship demons either. We have heard about baptism. Do you know how to baptize?"

The next morning, news quickly spread throughout the village, and people ran to the hillside to break the news to those working in the fields: "We're going to be baptized!"

That afternoon, a multitude of excited Nosu believers made their way to a stream where Pastor Wu baptized almost 1,000 Nosu people. The next day he baptized hundreds more in a neighbouring village. After two more days of teaching from morning till night, it was time for the venerable Bible teacher to return home.



Pastor Wu went to be with the Lord a few years later, but the last phase of his life was spent testifying about the faithfulness of God, and how the Lord had kept the promise He had made during Wu's lowest point in prison many years earlier.

God has continued to do a powerful work among the Nosu in Guizhou. Believers have been called to endure many harsh trials and persecutions over the decades, but God has a faithful remnant, and today many strong churches exist among this blessed tribe, the fruit of a revival which started when someone gave a copy of God's Word to them in the 1970s.

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The need of Christians in China continues to be Bibles and is greater than ever, despite an increasing number of believers unable to access Bibles due to government restrictions and persecution. Believers in rural areas have struggled to access God's Word for many years, and the large number of new Christians has seen the demand far outstrip the supply.

NEW PROJECT - CHINA FULL BIBLES:

The need of our Chinese brethren continues to be Bibles and is greater than ever before. Despite many having trouble accessing Bibles because of government restrictions and persecution, bibles are still needed. Believers in rural areas have struggled to access God's Word for many years, and the large number of new Christians has seen the demand far outstrip the supply. MO believes it is timely to help with this great need and would like raise funds for 2000 bibles at a cost of \$2.80. Total project will therefore be \$5,600. We invite you to join with us to help our brethren in China.

MYANMAR New Testaments

Events of the last decade have increased worldly influences on the youth of Myanmar, who make up 20% of Myanmar's population. This has sparked a vision for one million Myanmar-English New Testaments to be distributed to youth across the country. We wish to thank you for your generous giving towards this project which is now completed.

Bawm Bible Translation, Bangladesh

The first Bawm bible was printed in 1952. However, as society develops the Bawm youth have also changed, so there is a need for the Bible to be translated into a form that the young generation can easily understand. Rev. Dolian began working on a new translation in 2012, but passed away in 2016, leaving two books to be translated. We hope to complete this project this month and invite you to help us with to achieve this.

Total Commitment: \$7000

Balance Needed: \$1875

CMTC Bible College -

Monthly commitment \$1600

Nepal Radio Programme -

Monthly commitment \$700



NEPAL 1000 Equipping Centres



A major project of multiplication to train and equip up to 20,000 leaders in one year. We are excited to be getting very close to completing this project and thank you for your support.

Our goal is to complete this project by the end of August

and invite you to help us!



Total Commitment: \$127,000

Balance needed: \$43,328

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UPDATE ON CHIANG MAI TRAINING CENTRE (TTC)

We are very excited to start training our 54th batch of trainees with a group of 19 young people (15 men and 4 women) who come from the Karen Sakoh, Karen Paw, Lahu, Lisu, Mong, Thai Yai and Akha tribes.



We praise and thank God for sending these hungry, vibrant young people to us. During their training, they will learn much about God's Word, how to study, pray, fast, disciple others and many other things. They learn about the Holy Spirit and how He can help them and often receive healing and wholeness as they bathe in the Word of God and are covered in prayer.

The training, healing and discipleship they receive, empowers them to be who God meant them to be and prepares them to confidently take the truth and life of the gospel back to those in their villages and tribes.

We would appreciate your prayer for them:

1. That God will continue to anoint and strengthen us by the Holy Spirit as we train them to become God's workers (Matt. 9:37).
2. That God will transform the trainees by the power of the Holy Spirit and Word and receive God's vision (John 15:16).
3. God's safety, protection and His ever present Spirit for salvation and healing when we take the trainees out to the tribes for their personal evangelism which is an essential part of our training and in visiting churches.
4. Pray also that God would give us a new 4-wheel drive van which we use to take the trainees to the villages for their personal evangelism. The cost for a replacement van is considerable so any help we can get for this, would be abundantly appreciated.

UPDATE ON EDDIE & BETTY



Our beloved Eddie and Betty are on the move. Eddie is now a resident in Somervale Metlifecare Retirement Village in Mt Maunganui, and Betty hopes to join him there this month.

This is a big change for them both and for their family.

They both keep as well as can be expected with their various health challenges, and continue to faithfully pray for you all and those on the frontline of the battlefield in Asia.

They delight in receiving visitors and hearing what God is doing in your lives and area of ministry. So please feel free to ring the village and check the best time of day to visit them.

As always they appreciate your prayers not just for themselves but also for their beautiful family and the Mission.



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TEAMS & VISITING SPEAKERS

Dr Samuel & Mangali Rai



Samuel & Mangali will be visiting NZ from 5 to 23 July. Since founding GTN

Nepal in 1994 Samuel has shared the gospel with 100,000's, trained 1,000's and distributed 100,000's of bibles and tracts. It is a great pleasure and honour to have this delightful, high energy charismatic speaker and faithful, committed couple in our midst this year.

Their current itinerary is:

- 7 July** Kamo Baptist Church, Whangarei
- 10-12 July** City Impact Church, North Shore, Auckland
- 14 July** Faithpointe Church, West Harbour, Auckland
- 15 July** MO Prayer Meeting, Tauranga
- 21 July** Hope Centre Church, BC Events Centre, Bethlehem, Tauranga

Team to Pakistan:

We are in the process of planning a team to Pakistan later this year. If you are interested in joining us on this trip, please email for more information to: info@nzmo.org

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