



## Fear Not!

The impact of Coronavirus around the world has seen the number of infected people increasing daily and anxiety levels on the streets growing with it.

Many people have asked how the virus is affecting the Chinese churches in Wuhan and throughout China. Ironically, the brutal persecution launched by President Xi over the last few years has helped prepare the house churches for the current situation. Thousands of large congregations were broken down into small groups of 5 or 6 believers, who have been meeting together for prayer and Bible study in their homes.

Some Chinese churches have set up online services since the virus began, but many of their websites and social media pages have been shut down by the government, who haven't relaxed their atheist ideology even amid the crisis. Cruelly, the paranoid Communist authorities have even taken the opportunity to let people know that their facial recognition technology works just as well when people are wearing masks!

As fear and trepidation spreads throughout the world along with the virus, we would like to encourage all believers to focus on the Lord Jesus Christ, for **"God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power, love and a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7).**



If you have placed your trust in Jesus, please don't lose heart at the darkness that is enveloping the world around you. The exhortation for God's people to "fear not," and "Be of good courage" appears 366 times throughout the Bible—once for every day of the year and an extra one for leap years!

Rather than worrying about what might go wrong, the Lord wants His children to look to Him in faith, because fear and faith cannot exist together, and the stronger of the two will always kill the other. Our job is to set our eyes on Jesus and His kingdom, for, "without faith it's impossible to please God" (Hebrews 11:6).

To counteract fear, great encouragement is given to followers of Jesus. Please pause for a moment and let these words of Jesus sink into your heart: **"Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows" (Luke 12:6-7).**

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We know many elderly Christians who are in the age group most at risk of infection. Let's all remember that the extent of our lives is not controlled by the devil, or evil men, or pestilences and plagues. It is our Heavenly Father who controls our lives!

His Word declares: **"A person's days are determined; you have decreed the number of his months and have set limits he cannot exceed" (Job 14:5)**, and: **"Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be" (Psalm 139:16)**.

So, let's not fear! God is, and always will be in total control. Although our lives look set to be disrupted for some time because of the economic effects of the pandemic, God is not yet finished His work in you or through you. Let us keep serving Him while we have the opportunity.

The Lord Jesus said: **"As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work" (John 9:4)**. We believe that in time this pandemic will pass, and the kingdom of God will have progressed according to His perfect timetable.

Let us give thanks to God with a grateful heart. Pray His purposes will be fulfilled in our communities and around the world, and if you will soon find yourself unable to meet in structured church services, the Chinese Church invites you to join them in meeting with God personally and directly in your homes!

Open your Bibles, worship Him, and may you find that: **"The Most High does not live in houses made by human hands" (Acts 7:48)**, and: **"the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him" (2 Chronicles 16:9)**.

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## A Woman of Faith - Uganda



**Gladys is an outstanding woman of immense faith who we met 5 years ago when I first went to Uganda. Her Pastor husband left her for another woman after they had 3 children of their own and had taken in 17 orphan children.**

Gladys asked the Lord to provide help so she could continue caring for all her children. In the 5 years we've known her, the Lord has made a way where there was NO way. From renting a house with no power, she now lives in her own modest home with a water tank, a well, land to grow crops and care for a cow plus a church! Her neighbours were steeped in witchcraft with five shrines close to her land.



Tapping the base of the water tank last year when visiting Gladys, gave that hollow sound - it was empty.

We lifted our eyes to the huge African blue sky asking the Lord to send rain. As we walked back to catch the ferry, the Lord sent the biggest rain drops! By the next morning, her large tank was overflowing. Gladys told her neighbours that her God sent the rain. Now a man involved in witchcraft in her community has become a Born Again Christian, which is such a breakthrough!

May many others see Jesus and come running to Him.

Bruce & Margaret

*"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free." Luke 4:18*

## COMPLETED PROJECT

### Farsi & Pashto Bibles, Afghanistan

**We are delighted to report that this initial project for Farsi & Pashto Bibles has been completed!**

Thank you abundantly for your prayers and support for this very worthwhile project.

Please pray that these will be delivered safely to those who need them most and that a great harvest of souls will be the fruit of this project.

We are considering our options for another project for this region and will let you know once a decision has been made.

## CURRENT PROJECTS

### Chinese Full Bibles

There is so much need in China for Bibles as the church continues to grow, even in the face of relentless persecution. We have extended this project to 6000 bibles at \$2.80. We so appreciate your faithful support and love for our Chinese Brethren. Please keep praying for them!

**Total Commitment \$16,800**

**Balance needed: \$10893**

### CMTC Bible College

Monthly commitment \$1600

### Nepal Radio Ministry

Monthly commitment \$700



## NEW PROJECT

### Printing Press for Nepal

One of the main callings of Mission Outreach has been to support the printing and distribution of Bibles, New Testaments, gospel tracts and teaching materials in the many Nations. Over many years we have been involved in the printing and distribution of hundreds of thousands of printed materials to help equip the body of Christ in access restricted nations.

We are also very excited to be involved in the printing of Christian literature in Nepal for many years. However, the printers we have are worn out and past their use-by date so we would like to buy a new printing press to keep up with the growing demand.

The total cost of the printing press is \$60,000 and we have committed to help with half that cost. Last year we were given some seed money towards this and received more this year.

**Total commitment:**

**\$30,000**

**Balance owing:**

**\$25,800**



## RESPONSE COUPON

## APRIL 2020

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### Nepal

Radio Programme (NEPRAD) \$.....

CMTC Bible College (NPBC) \$.....

Printing Press (NEW) (NEPPRS) \$.....

### China

China Pastors (CHPSTR) \$.....

China Full Bibles (CHBBL) \$.....

### Thailand

Tribal Training Centre, Chiang Mai (TTC) \$.....

**Disaster Relief Fund: (DRF)** \$.....

**Where Most Needed: (WMN)** \$.....

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# The Chameleon of Missions

I had often wondered why God placed the Philippines in the middle of Asia, guarding the Pacific Ocean on the east, the South China Sea on the west, the East China Sea on the north and the Celebes Sea on the South. These four seas are gateways that carry principalities and domains that have both military strategic value and economic significance. Whoever controls them, controls the region. The Philippines is a place of great geographical, spiritual and prophetic significance.

The USA recognised this, and at one point before their departure in the late 1990's, had the largest concentration of its political and military power outside its own country, in the Philippines. What's more, the Philippines as the only Christian nation, I believe is not only strategic, but also prophetic.



As Asians, Filipinos can blend in easily and have the amazing ability to assimilate and learn many languages. One leader in Youth With a Mission coined the Filipino's as the 'Chameleon of Missions.' God chose this poor yet resilient people to heed the call as they are the perfect gateway for missions!

My wife Princess and I are two Filipinos who received the call to Missions and moved to NZ 30 years ago. After many assignments with the Lord, we are now preparing our church to fulfil their destiny to evangelize, be prophetic, apostolic, teach and pastor here and in the Philippines.

YWAM missionaries, Danny and Lily Besoro, are two Missionary Chameleon's working in the mountain village of Baco, Mindoro Island. Their call is to serve the young Mangyan people through housing, feeding and education. To do this they founded the Mangyan Kalakbay Mission which serves as a halfway house for these young people during the week, and on the weekends and school holidays, they return to the mountains to be with their family and friends. Danny and Lily through the MK Mission has need of a new kitchen, bunk beds and safe and efficient water supply. They can only achieve these through partnerships with others.

In November this year, my church Living Grace Fellowship, Tauranga, were hoping to do a short term mission trip to Mindoro Island. Our desire is to bring a new dimension of church governance and release pastors to a greater understanding of the five-fold ministry gifts in Ephesians 4 teaching from the book 'Christ Gave Gifts', written by Matthew Jeffares an author and teacher based in Tauranga. We believe these are not a job description for one man, but gifts and callings many should be walking in to equip the Body of Christ.

Shalom & Blessings!  
Jesse



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## 2020 TEAMS & EVENTS

**DUE TO THE GLOBAL IMPACT OF CORONAVIRUS, OUR TRAVEL PLANS for 2020 HAVE BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**OUR WEEKLY PRAYER MEETINGS ARE CONTINUING**

### NEPAL:

GTN's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

### NEW ZEALAND:

International Visitor to NZ

### VANUATU:

Two Ministry, Prayer & Teaching Teams

## WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING

Our weekly prayer meeting will continue to meet, so if you are well, please feel free to join us on Monday nights at 7:30pm. Contact us for venue details.

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