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## TIBET - The Roof of the World - Part 2

The story of how the Tibetan Bible finally emerged after a long struggle deserves to be widely shared. It highlights the level of spiritual opposition that Christian work in this dark part of the world invariably attracts.

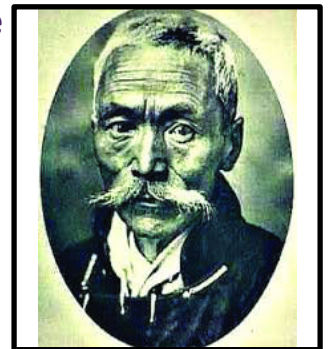
In Part 1, we met Yoseb Gergan, the son of a Tibetan family converted to Christ through German Moravian missionaries. The completion of the first manuscript of the full Tibetan Bible became Yoseb's life's work. Five days after its completion, Yoseb went to his eternal reward.

### A Soggy Pulp

Unsurprisingly, more demonic opposition and roadblocks had to be overcome before the Tibetan Bible was finally in circulation. The rewritten manuscript had to be taken on the back of a mule across steep Himalayan mountain passes, and a young Tibetan named Sandrup was employed to deliver the manuscript. The journey was expected to take 50 days, and from there the manuscript would be sent on to the city of Lahore, where the Indian Bible Society was located.

Months went by without any word from Sandrup. He, and his precious cargo, had simply vanished in the remote mountains. The believers worried that he had been murdered by bandits or had encountered some other disaster.

Thankfully, additional sets of proofs had been made by Yoseb Gergan before he died. They were given to a Christian named Bahadur, who retraced the steps of the missing Sandrup. As Bahadur crossed a mountain pass, a massive electrical storm came rolling up from the valley below. He pulled his horse behind a large boulder and squatted close



to the ground, waiting for the storm to pass as hailstones the size of eggs smashed into his back and neck.

Suddenly, there was a searing flash of light followed by the crash of thunder. The horse tried to bolt into the darkness, but Bahadur restrained it with tremendous effort. Flash after flash of lightning glanced off the rocks around them, filling the air with the heavy smell of scorched earth. The thunder roared as though the demons of hell had gathered to defy the terrified traveler. Torrential rain followed the hail, pouring from the heavens like a waterfall.

'Oh God,' he cried, 'help me now. Deliver me from Satan and his evil host. Protect your Book!' His shouted prayer was answered by another flash of lightning, which laid him out insensible on the ground.

When he revived, the storm had passed. Bahadur noticed that all was quiet, and he suddenly realized he was stone deaf. It would be weeks before he would hear a sound, and then only faintly, as the storm had split his eardrums."

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# Tibet...

Bahadur bravely soldiered on, and finally reached his destination. The scribes came running out to welcome him, but when the saddle bags were opened, a soggy mass of paper fell to the ground. The storm had succeeded in filling the bags with water. Bahadur tried to pick up the sticky mess, but it was no use. His journey had accomplished nothing. He called God to witness what the devil had done to the precious papers.

## One Final Effort

The Bible Society workers realized they were in an intense spiritual battle that required a far greater power than mere human effort to overcome, so they petitioned Christians around the world to intercede for the success of the Tibetan Bible project.

After another delay, a third set of proofs was prepared. Meanwhile, the body of Sandrup, the first courier, had been found at the bottom of a steep cliff. He had perished in an avalanche.

Due to the outbreak of war which led to the formation of Pakistan as a separate country in 1947, the project leaders found that it wasn't safe to send the manuscript to Lahore for printing. It would have to be personally carried across more dangerous mountains, and one of the Tibetan scribes, Gappel, volunteered to undertake the long journey. He entered the war zone, and for months not a word was heard from him.

Four months later, as the Bible Society workers were starting to give up hope of ever seeing Gappel or the manuscript again, news emerged that he was holed up in a little hut in Kashmir. His way to Lahore was blocked by soldiers, but after another series of divine interventions, the manuscript finally arrived in Lahore, where Gappel began to put the finishing touches to the work.

The searing heat and humidity of Lahore soon made Gappel ill, as he had spent his entire life in the crisp air of the Himalayas.

Two large fans were installed in his room, and large blocks of ice were placed in front of the struggling Tibetan. His spirit was immediately revived by the cool environment.

With Gappel working up to 20 hours a day to finish the task so he could return home, progress was swift, and the

wonderful day finally arrived in August 1948, when the first ever copy of the full Tibetan Bible rolled off the press! **It had taken 92 years of struggle and prayer.**

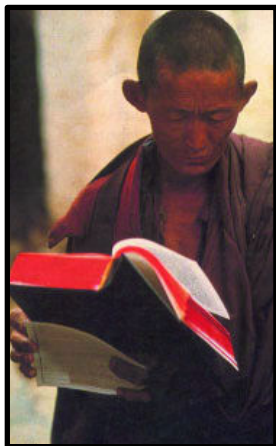
## God's Word Goes Forth

As soon as his job was done, Gappel hastily headed back to his home in the mountains, and an initial print-run of 5,000 Tibetan Bibles was dispatched to expectant missionaries and Tibetan Christians on both sides of the Himalayan divide.

One recipient of a new Tibetan Bible was Tenzin Gyatso, the Fourteenth and current Dalai Lama, who had fled from Tibet into north India. When a missionary presented him with a brand new copy of the Holy Bible, the Dalai Lama exclaimed, "Thank you! I have heard about this Book. I am told it speaks of the great God who became a man and lived on earth."

After the Communists seized control of Tibet, hundreds of thousands of Buddhist monks were arrested and sent to prison labor camps, where many died after facing horrific cruelties. A Bible reached one imprisoned monk, who after being deeply touched by the words he read, penned a letter in beautiful flowing Tibetan:

**"Dear unknown friends. The book you have sent over the mountains has come to my lonely cell. My soul is strangely stirred as I read these words. Light has come to my poor darkened soul. Please send me more light."**



*An excerpt from the new book "Tibet-The Roof of the World" by Paul Hattaway, available to order online from Asia Harvest, <https://asiaharvest.org/bookstore/> Used with Permission by Asia Harvest*

***"The Lord foils the plans of the nations; He thwarts the purposes of the peoples. But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of His heart through all generations. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He chose for his inheritance." Psalm 33:10-12 (NIV)***

## CURRENT PROJECTS

### Audio Bibles for North Korea

We have a unique opportunity through VOM to help with the provision of Audio Bibles to our brothers and sisters in Christ in North Korea. Here is a recent testimony, "I received hope of living while I was praying, the virus situation in Pyongyang and Sinuiju is more serious than the border area. I think we will all die from starvation or being infected. Both are deadly and cause despair, but after knowing Him, my fear has vanished. We truly thank you again."

**Total commitment: \$10,000**

**Balance owing: \$2,600**

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### Urdu Bibles for Pakistan

The Word of God is foundational to the Christian faith and we are thankful for the opportunity to help VOM with the supply of Urdu Bibles to believers in Pakistan. The cost of these is \$12 each, which includes distribution. MO's goal is 500 Urdu Bibles.

**Total commitment: \$6,000**

**Balance owing: \$1,440**

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### CMTC Bible College

Monthly commitment \$1600

### Nepal Radio Ministry

Monthly commitment \$850



## NEW PROJECTS

### DISASTER RELIEF - Feed the Hungry

While our core purpose is to feed our brethren with spiritual food - bibles, we also need to help meet their most basic physical need - food, and to let them know Jesus loves them by fulfilling this most critical need.

The devastating effect in the poorer nations from Covid19 has created fear of the virus, starvation and lost hope. Many are also facing severe difficulties from flooding, crop destruction by locusts, political unrest and persecution. In Nepal, the people are told not to go to the hospital unless they are dying because there are not enough beds, medicines or equipment to help them!

Poverty, starvation, crime and suicides have increased, and economies are on the brink of collapse.

We needed to help alleviate the suffering and originally set a goal to help 1,000 families. However, your gifts over the last few months have made it possible to provide food for nearly 3,500 families in Nepal. This act of love and care has also opened the door to share the gospel and many people have received Jesus as their Lord and Saviour!

God is turning a bad situation into an opportunity to reach the lost and multiply His church - Hallelujah!

Please continue to pray for and give for those in need, and thank the Lord for the many souls being saved.

## RESPONSE COUPON

## NOVEMBER 2020

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Urdu Bibles (URDBBL) \$.....

### North Korea

Audio Bibles (NKAUDBBL) \$.....

### China

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

### Nepal

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

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

### Disaster Relief

Feed the Hungry \$.....

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**1** Today is International Day of Prayer. Let us join together to pray for those believers who are persecuted, tortured and imprisoned because of their active Christian witness in countries such as Burma, China, Eritrea, North Korea, Pakistan, Vietnam and Uzbekistan.

## TIBET

**2** Praise God that the Bible has been available in the Tibetan language since 1948 after 92 years of struggle and opposition. Contend now that the translation would extend to 220 dialects in Tibet, so that every person can experience the Light of the Word.

**3** Pray that believers be strengthened in their faith and empowered with boldness in the Holy Spirit to show the love of Christ in word and deed to their fellow countrymen. Pray that Christ's love would touch the hearts of many more Buddhist monks.

## INDIA

**4** International Day of the Girl was 11th October. Continue to pray for girls who are vulnerable to abuse that there would be intervention and support and that they would know their value and dignity as created in the image of God.

## UGANDA

**5** Praise God for rain to water the third attempt at planting crops after the first two plantings were destroyed by heavy rains and drought. Pray for continued rain to water the crops for a bumper harvest, so that people will not have to face starvation.

**6** Pray for funds for Pastor John and Ruth to purchase doors and windows, concrete floor and stock for a hardware store which will produce income to increase financial independence.

**7 & 8** With income being at an all time low with 6 months of lock down, pray that God will make a way for parents to pay school fees when school resumes. Pray also that teachers will be available to teach the children, as some may have returned to villages in search of food.

## NEPAL

**9** Pray for God's hand on the government of Nepal regarding how to meet the needs of severe food shortages.

**10** Praise God that Samuel has been able to get out and minister, and may God bless his steps, increase his apostolic anointing and keep him in good health. Pray for a release of encouragement, faith, wisdom, miracles and multiplication where a few words bring so much fruit. Pray for the success of medical clinics which were started in October.

**11** Pray for the release of the new printing press through the borders from India to Nepal. Pray that obstacles be cleared and that God will make a way.

**12** Pray that believers in the midst of the despair of poverty, trauma and losing their homes to flooding, would be encouraged as in Nehemiah to rise up and build, and yet also show the love of Christ to others in need. Also pray for continuing support for new believers as people continue to come to Christ.

## AFGHANISTAN

**13** Negotiations are continuing with the Taliban over what the future rulership of the nation will look like. Pray for wisdom for the legitimate Afghan government and that the Taliban will act in good faith now that their prisoners have been released. Pray that the work to establish a Christian foothold in Khandahar will be successful, as the Kingdom of God continues to grow rapidly. May the Holy Spirit be poured out, displacing shame from this nation and bringing vision to leaders.

## PAKISTAN

**14 & 15** Pray for fires of revival from North to South. Where the religious spirit has stolen intimacy with Jesus, let there be repentance, and return to first love, that the church would rise up in boldness.

**16** Pray the Muslim world would hunger for truth and righteousness, and be filled with the Lord Jesus. Pray that they would know the joy of faith in Jesus. In the church where the religious spirit has stolen intimacy with Jesus, let there be repentance, and return to first love, that the church would rise up in boldness.

## PHILIPPINES

**17** It is estimated that nearly 20 million people are going hungry as a result of Covid-19 lockdown. No work means no money to buy food. Food distribution could also be affected. Pray for families who are struggling to make ends meet and the money needed for them survive.

## NORTH KOREA

**18** Pray that God would prepare the ground, prepare the people of North Korea for Him to move on their behalf. God bring His Presence, grace and revival to the hearts of the people.

**19** Pray for provision of physical food and Bibles for those in North Korea. May miraculous provision be a witness of God's goodness.

## CHINA

**20** Pray for the many younger Christian leaders who have not experienced severe physical

persecution. In their nervousness pray Heavenly Father would reveal Christ's all-sufficiency to them, and they would come through as gold, closer to God and better equipped to lead His people.

**21 & 22** Pray for another sovereign move of God across the Church, for signs, wonders, miracles, spill over to other neighbouring nations, and along Silk Road to the Middle East, that China would not be able to contain it but pour it out.

**23** With the China borders still being closed, it makes it very difficult for people bringing Bibles, as the interrogations are very strict. Pray for boldness and courage and for God to make ways for His written Word to come to China, for nothing is impossible with God.

## VIETNAM

**24** Thank God for strengthening His church in Vietnam and Cambodia. May believers see the harvest and put their hands to the plough for a great harvest of millions. Declare that freedom is found in God alone and not communism. Pray for an opening of the borders of China, Vietnam, and Laos for the gospel.

## USA

**25** Pray for this nation as their election results could have very far reaching negative effects throughout the world. Religious liberty restrictions could be devastating for Christians, especially for China and Asian nations.

## NEW ZEALAND

**26** Pray for the MO Board to understand God's Ways to know the course ahead. Pray for an increase of faith and strength for them and their families for every decision.

**27** Pray for missionaries grounded in their countries of origin due to the Covid crisis. Pray that they release any frustration to Father God. Pray for a readjusting of their vision in this season that they may run with the vision for right now and redeem the time fully. Pray for immigrants to New Zealand, that God would call them to the gospel, and the Church would be faithful to deliver it.

**28 & 29** Pray that we the church would humbly come to full repentance so that God can bring much needed healing to our land.

**30** Pray for the youth, that anything the enemy would use to hold them back would be broken. Pray the Holy Spirit be poured out on all youth, giving them eyes to see and ears to hear what God is saying. May they respond to Jesus to be part of His army, His family.



## WEEKLY PRAYER MEETINGS

We continue to meet every Monday night at 7:30pm for global prayer. These are a powerful time of prayer and supplication to the Lord on behalf of our suffering brethren, NZ and other nations. If you wish to join us please email or ring for venue details or send us your email address for an invite to join us via Zoom.

