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A Mountain of Bread!

"There she is, Eddie. Brand spanking new. The grand ship, Michael." Bruce's voice carried with it an air of excitement. As we approached the 128-ton ocean-going tug, I could hardly hold back my excitement. The ship had been purchased in Singapore for a task that could change church history in the world's most populous nation - China!

This month we celebrate the 40th anniversary of Project Pearl – the daring and dangerous delivery of one million Bibles into China in one night. This was an impossible mission but our God is a God of miracles. All glory to God! We also honour the daring faith and obedience of all those involved in this mission, including our beloved founders Eddie and Betty Cairns. Project Pearl is described in detail in Eddie's book 'To Catch the Wind', and following is an excerpt from the book:



"She's exactly like I saw in the vision," I (Eddie) exclaimed. At her (Michael the tug boat's) stern was the Gabriella (left photo), a huge barge attached

by a tow rope. What a sight. There were one million Bibles, 232 tons of them, wrapped in green plastic covers, packed tightly together on Gabriella's deck.

As I fixed my eyes on the Michael again, excitement rose within me. I was to become part of her crew on a mission like no other. My boating experience had been limited to brief excursions on a 17ft sailing boat with the Boy Scouts in New Zealand. Now, here I was, about to become a crew member of a real ocean-going vessel.

Our's was an international team of men. We all had one heart, and that was to get the Word of God to the people of China. There were few in the world, at that time, who knew of our intentions. The daring plan had been given the code name, **Project Pearl**, and what a pearl it was meant to be. We were going to deliver one million Bibles to China in one night."

Brother David called me at my home. "Hello, brother!" blasted the husky voice at the other end of the line.

"I found it," he said. "Found what?" I asked, puzzled. "It was just like you said," he pressed on, hardly able to suppress the joy in his voice. "I got off the plane in Singapore, took a taxi and asked the driver to take me to the shipyards. I told him I was looking for a tug-boat.

We approached the waterfront. I saw the trees, the cream buildings and the wirenetting, just like you described,

and said to Judy (his wife),
'This is it!' I stopped the driver,
got out of the taxi and went
around the building. There it
was, the tug-boat in its cradle
(right photo)



"I've made negotiations to buy it. Keep praying brother. We'll need another miracle to pay for it." He told me that he had already been able to raise USD100,000, then added, "But we only have ten days to come up with the balance. I'm flying to Japan in the morning to talk with my colleagues, then on to the States."

"The Lord is able, brother," I reassured him. "We will continue to pray."The phone rang again ... It was Brother David,.... "We've taken another great victory," he said excitedly. "We have the money for the tug-boat!"

Brother David was soon back in New Zealand. When we met and clasped each others hands with exuberance, it was as if we had never been apart.

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A Mountain of Bread

We walked the empty streets of Auckland in the early hours of the morning while I shared my heart's desire with him. Foremost on my mind was Project Pearl, and I told him, "I would like to be in on the delivery of the million Bibles, brother."

His eyes clouded. "Brother Eddie," he said, "it could cost you your life."



"I don't know if anyone is ever really ready to die. Are they?" I responded. "But I don't think I've ever been more ready than I am now." Brother David then asked, "What will Betty say?" "I know she wouldn't stop me," I replied confidently. "She's already aware

of my desire to go." (Photo above: the bibles on the barge)

"You'll find you have plenty of time on your hands," he said. "I would like you to take as much time as possible to pray. We really need some answers around here."

It seemed the whole project was in danger of stagnation, and no one seemed able to "free" it up.

I took Captain Karl's request very seriously. "Ivan," I said, "let's go across to the barge right now and sit on the mountain of 'bread' and pray."

We scrambled between the tug-boat and the barge. Beneath us were 232 one-ton packages of Chinese Bibles sealed in green plastic covers and tied with ropes. The Bibles had been printed in Nashville, Tennessee, by the Thomas Nelson Company, then shipped to San Francisco. From there, they went by container to Hong Kong where they were loaded onto the Gabriella.

As we prayed, I felt God giving me a divine revelation that the Bibles we were sitting on were entombed as Jesus had been in the tomb in Jerusalem. Not until they were released into the hands of the people of China, would they go forth in resurrection power.



The Lord was revealing to me by his Holy Spirit that as Satan had descended for the battle at Calvary, so He had come down to fight with us in this project. The revelations made me acutely aware of the seriousness of this battle.

(End of excerpt from 'To Catch the Wind' by Eddie Cairns & Dan Wooding) (Above Photo: Project Pearl team on the barge Gabriella)

We are currently in the process of reprinting Eddie's book 'To Catch the Wind', which is the story of Eddie's journey of trusting God, walking in faith and obedience, and seeing God do the impossible. Now 86, Eddie's body may be older, yet his spirit is as passionate as ever for the Lord and for His Kingdom. God-willing, we will have the book printed this year, so will keep you updated on the progress. To pre-order your copy of 'To Catch the Wind', whether for yourself or to bless someone else, email info@nzmo.org.

A Ripple Effect

Project Pearl caused a ripple effect as the Chinese Communist Party, having lost face after a Time Magazine reported the lack of Bibles there, ordered them to be printed. Ironically, the first three million were printed on Communist army printing presses!

Project Pearl was an answer to the desperate prayers of the thriving infant church in China. Most Bibles had been destroyed in the Cultural Revolution of 1966-1976.

Despite the Bibles printed by the government being initially used to find and arrest Christians, God still used them to spread His Word which is always fruitful.

Peter Xu, leader of the house church network recalls how one month, three men carefully retrieved 1000 Bibles that authorities had thrown into a cesspool of filth, washed them and perfumed them for distribution! Such was the value placed on each copy of God's Word!

In 1988, 7 years after Project Pearl, Neil, current MO director, was initiated into missions through another Bible delivery to China. What was significant about his visit was the vision the Lord showed him of a sleeping red dragon that was waking up and would become a world leader militarily and economically.

Neil's friends found this difficult to comprehend at the time, as they were in Tiananmen Square, Beijing with its wide roads and more pushbikes, horses and carts than cars.

Nevertheless, in the 33 years since that vision, and during which time Neil met Eddie, there have been a lot of changes in China. It seems "the sleeping red dragon" has woken and become purposeful, ambitious and ruthless and will stop at nothing to reach its goal.

The purpose of Project Pearl 40 years ago, and every Bible delivery mission since was to make the Word of God available to the Chinese people so they may know Jesus.

MO continues to be committed to the love and support of the suffering church in China and other Access Restricted nations, especially with the provision of Bibles, which are counted as more precious than gold.

Just as God used the Communist government to aid Bible distribution in China by having them also print Bibles, let us pray that God will use China in its rising strength for the purposes of God's Kingdom and for His greatest glory and that the Ripple Effect continues.

"The decrees of the Lord... are more precious than gold, than much pure gold." Psalm 19:9b-10a (NIV)
"Upon finding a single pearl of great value, he sold all he had and bought it." Matt13:46 (AMP)



CURRENT PROJECTS

Bibles for China (NEW)

In honour and memory of 40 years since Project Pearl, we would like to provide Chinese Bibles for our brethren in China as their need for the Word of God continues to be great. MO believes it is timely to help with this and have committed to raise funds for 3000 bibles at a cost of approx. \$3.00 each. We invite you to join us in helping our brothers and sisters in China.

Total Project: \$9,000

DISASTER RELIEF - URGENT APPEAL (NEW)

Nepal Medical Supplies Appeal:

The second wave of Coronavirus has created a desperate need for aid and medical supplies especially in Nepal, Pakistan and India. Our contacts in Nepal plan to provide oxygen, masks, gloves, hand sanitizers and tents for shelter & isolation.

The need is huge, so we are reaching out to you to help us help the people of Nepal.

Total Project: \$40,000 Balance Needed: \$20,000



Feed the Hungry in Pakistan, India, Philippines

Those who are poor in Pakistan and India are the greater sufferers of Coronavirus. We would like to repond to their desperate need in giving substantial gifts to our contacts in these countries. Please help us help them!

CMTC Bible College - Monthly commitment \$1600 Nepal Radio Ministry - Monthly commitment \$850

Urdu Bibles for Pakistan

This year we are working with our new Pakistan Partners to provide much needed Bibles. Their need is for 330 bibles each month at \$8 per Bible. We would love to be able to help them with this, and invite you to prayerfully consider supporting this

Monthly Need: \$2,640

Tibetan Leaders

What an incredible journey of Yoseb, Sandrup and Gappel to complete and deliver the first Tibetan Bible manuscript for printing. This nation is still basically closed off to foreigners, but the Lord is faithful and gives his people strategies for getting the Word and help to His people. We plan to help up to 5 Tibetan leaders during 2021. We invite you to prayerfully consider sponsoring a leader.

Monthly support per Pastor: \$75 One year support per Pastor: \$900

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Bibles for Uganda, Africa (COMPLETED)

We are delighted to report that this project has been completed in record time. Thank you to our generous and compassionate supporters who gave to this project.



Motorbike for Bishnu, Nepal (COMPLETED)

Again, we are delighted that this project has been so quickly completed. We are sure Pastor Bishnu will be very happy also

to be able to get his motorbike sooner than expected.

JUNE 2021 RESPONSE COUPON

		Disaster Relief from Coronavirus	
Name:		Nepal Medical Supplies (MEDNEP)	\$
Address:		Pakistan Feed the Hungry (FTHPAK)	\$
		India Feed the Hungry (FTHIND)	\$
Email:		Pakistan Bibles (URDBBL)	\$
Phone or Mobile:		Tibetan Leaders Support (TIBLDRAH)	\$
		China Pastors (CHPSTR)	\$
Nepal		China Bibles (CHBBL)	\$
Radio Programme (NEPRAD)	\$	Where Most Needed: (WMN)	\$
CMTC Bible College (NPBC)	\$,	

Payments can now be made from our website at: nzmo.org or via online banking to our BNZ bank Account number: 02 0466 0034018 00. Please specify your preferred project or funds will be allocated to 'Where Most Needed'.



Prayer Calendar

June 2021

- 1 Pray for God's fire to sweep across the nations, reviving and igniting His people, that God as Provider, Hope and Peace amidst more souls can come to the light of Christ. Pray that the church would not give up meeting together despite lockdowns. Let us fan the flame and strengthen each other to become even more fruitful.
- 2 Declare a breaking of bondages and chains on God's people. Declare release to the prisoners, Christians held in prison, those captive to poverty or enemy's lies. Let people be restored and strengthened in God-given dignity and authority.
- 3 Pray that in uncertain times, people would be drawn to our God who is trustworthy and faithful.
- 4 Pray for healing, revival and fresh anointing on the Body of Christ. Let the commission to heal the sick, raise the dead and drive out demons be taken seriously by God's people. Pray that the church will rise up in unity and be the answer in the world. Pray for boldness and manifestation of power.

INDIA & HINDUS

- **5 & 6** The 6th June is Apara Ekadashi, a Hindu fasting day where Hindus believe that as they worship several particular gods and observe the fast, their sins will be washed away. Pray for a revelation of Jesus and the only One to cleanse from sin.
- 7 With over 19 million COVID cases and more than 200 thousand deaths (>2000 deaths/day), pray that our God of Hope would visit India in power and miraculous provision and healing. Amidst the overwhelming magnitude of needs, pray for fruitfulness, effectiveness and miraculous capacity of teams ministering. Pray for full restoration for those with COVID.
- 8 Pray for students who have had their studies disrupted by lockdowns and unable to sit their exams. Declare Jesus their Shepherd to guide and protect these young people from domestic violence and trafficking over the school holidays.

MYANMAR

9 Pray for minority groups such as mainly Muslim Rohingya, and Karen, Chin and Kachin Christians, who have been targeted for decades by the military, perhaps because they are seen as a challenge or a threat. Many have fled to the jungle.

MYANMAR....

Pray that these groups would experience uncertain times.

- 10 Many soldiers are appalled by the junta's treatment of innocent civilians, but they fear to leave the military because that could put their families in danger. People are also at risk of being forcefully enlisted into the army. Pray for divine strategy and wisdom for these soldiers and their families and that the military divided against itself will fall. Declare peace and hope to reign in Myanmar.
- 11 Praise God that amidst the unrest, people are banding together and supporting one another. Praise God for Christian counsellors who are enabling people to process their experiences and help others. Praise God for the gospel shared and received, and multiplying.

UGANDA

12 & 13 Praise God for improvement to Ruth's health and pray for complete healing. Praise God for the coming deliverance from all opposition.

- 14 Pray that amidst increase of Coronavirus and subsequent lockdowns, medical clinics and supplies will be effective to bring hope to people practically and spiritually.
- 15 Pray that our Lord Jesus would protect our co-workers from the threats of the second wave of Coronavirus. Pray for the families of those who have lost loved ones.
- 16 Pray that the work of the printing press would move forward unhindered.

17 Pray that the Word, the Living Bread would continue to feed millions. May the Holy Spirit be poured out as promised. Pray for prisons, that inmates and guards would become Christians.

MIDDLE EAST

- 18 Praise God for Christians who boldly shared with their friends and family during Ramadan. Pray for ongoing protection and covering for those giving their lives to Christ.
- 19 & 20 Ask God to bless the descendants of Ishmael, as promised to Abraham. Pray that God will forgive them for persecuting His blessed people and believers in Jesus.

- 21 Pray that the saints in Afghanistan would be strengthened in their inner beings, comprehend the love of Christ and be filled with the fullness of God (Eph 3:14). Bind fear and intimidation and declare boldness and courage, that the Church would prevail.
- **22** Pray that the people of Afghanistan would turn their eyes upon Jesus. Pray that the nation would turn in repentance just like Nineveh with Jonah.
- 23 Praise God that believers in Iran are giving sacrificially to those in need, amidst increasing COVID rates. May generosity increase and be far reaching. May these acts of kindness touch many hearts as people experience the heart of God for them.

GLOBAL CHURCH

- 24 Repent from holding people in judgment, whether leaders or friends. Pray a blessing on those people. Pray that we and the nations stand in grace and righteousness, courage and strength in God, not ourselves.
- 25 Pray for a strengthening of the Church in anchoring into the changeless nature of God. Pray for miracles of restoration, healing and knowing God's goodness.

ISRAEL

26 & 27 The 27th June is the Fast of 17th Tammuz where Jews fast and mourn for several tragedies of their history, including the breaking of the stone tablets as a result of the people's idolatry, the burning of the Torah by the Romans, destruction of the first and second Temples by the Babylonians and the Romans. Today let us mourn for our own sins and the sins of the nations. Let us lay down anything that exalts itself above Jesus and ask for the gift of repentance to the nations, that God would restore us.

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- 28 Declare divine health on Eddie and Betty Cairns. Pray a blessing on them that they would continue to run with perseverance the race marked out for them. Pray God would increase their influence for His glory.
- 29 Praise God for more financial support coming to MO. Praise God for the release of funds into certain countries. Pray for continued wisdom and divine strategies for releasing of finances into more nations.
- 30 Bless our leaders and pray for divine wisdom as they make decisions.



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