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Mother of the House Churches - Part 2

The story of Marie Monsen is one of an unassuming woman that God used powerfully in the foundational refining of the Chinese Church. She was a devoted believer who became fully surrendered to the Lord and stirred by the Holy Spirit to call for truth and purity in church leaders. The subsequent proclaiming of the gospel to the lost was powerful and effective.

Confession and Restitution

In many places, Monsen's messages were followed by deep confessions of sin and practical acts of repentance. People who had stolen from their neighbors were convicted by the Holy Spirit and returned the items. One man filled a wheelbarrow with things he needed to take back to their rightful owners.

Long-standing grudges between people were renounced and forgiven. Men confessed to beating their wives, and women confessed their own sins—including infanticide, which was prevalent in China then, even as it is today through gender selective abortion. At one meeting, Monsen was taken aback when the women broke down in tears. One by one, they admitted:

"I have killed three."

"And I five."

"I took the lives of eight of my children."

"And I killed 13, but they were all girls."

Marie was horrified by the dark deeds the women had committed, but was thrilled that they had confessed them before the throne of God. She wrote:

"It was the first time...that I heard women, who knew we regarded the killing of infants as sin, confess that they

themselves had committed this particular sin. They all knew, of course, of many others who had done it. This was the first time I had seen the Holy Spirit deal with a whole group—a miracle indeed."

After the Holy Spirit had dealt with church members, there invariably followed a time of evangelism, as

cleansed men and women went to surrounding towns and villages, proclaiming the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ. Whereas previously many believers had only been able to speak of God's transforming power, now they were able to demonstrate it in their own lives. Thousands of people, seeing the difference, put their trust in the Lord.

Monsen's deep longing that the Chinese would experience a biblical Christianity was being answered. In

one meeting, the convicting presence of the Holy Spirit was so real that a soldier who had strayed into the building knelt in repentance and received new life in Jesus Christ. The joy of being forgiven overwhelmed him, and peace flooded his beaming face. He stood up and declared:

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"It will be a short life of joy for me here on earth, but I shall be saved from myself and my sins forever. Will you pray together for me until you hear a shot from the military camp? I stole some ammunition and sold it, and there is a death penalty for that. I must go back now and confess to the Captain.... We shall meet again in heaven."

The soldier had not been pushed into the kingdom of God by theological arguments or human persuasion. Indeed, he had never heard a word of the gospel until he walked into the church that day, but the presence of the Almighty God was so tangible in that meeting that he was now willing to die in exchange for the new life he had just experienced. The young man ran off, with a radiant smile on his face. Monsen recalled:



"We stood there praying in a circle, holding one another's hands. We thought it was a very long time we had to wait, praying and listening for that shot. Suddenly he was there again in our midst, smiling. He had confessed everything and given a careful, detailed account of what he had stolen. The Captain sat silent a moment, then sighed heavily and said, 'As you have now become a new man and will not steal any more, I don't see why you should die. You may go.'"

The response of people to the conviction of the Holy Spirit was not always positive. Occasionally people fled in terror when the terrible power of God descended upon them, including some church leaders and elders. People often said to Monsen, "Your words are like knives," or, "Your words strike me like thunderbolts." One elderly Christian lamented, "All my wrong-doings have been spread out before me like wares piled up on a counter."

Once, a mob of vicious bandits invaded the town where Monsen had been sharing the Word of God. Dozens of people from the neighborhood climbed over the walls of the mission compound, clutching little bags of valuables, as they thought there was less chance of being attacked and robbed at the mission than in their homes. Bullets whistled about the heads of the people gathered there, and gunfire and loud explosions were heard for several hours as the bandits plundered and killed. Throughout the ordeal, the Christians calmly prayed for God's protection.

The next day, neighbors from across the street visited Monsen and the other believers and told them that from time to time, when the firing was less intense, they had poked their heads out of their front doors to see what was going on. One non-Christian family asked whether they could come into the compound next time there was such an attack, "since you have protection." Marie asked them what they meant, and they explained, "Three soldiers stood on guard up on the high roof of the Gospel Hall, one at each end and one in the middle. A fourth was seated on the porch over the main gate. These soldiers had kept watch in every direction.... They were taller than any soldiers we have ever seen."

An Enduring Legacy

In the early 1930s, Marie Monsen received news that her elderly mother in Norway needed care. She was torn between continuing the fruitful ministry God had given her in China and returning home, but over time the Holy Spirit showed her that her service in the Orient had reached its conclusion. She returned to Europe in 1932, leaving

behind thousands of new believers, and hundreds of zealous churches that had once been full of lukewarm Christians.

Today, the entire Nanyang Prefecture where Monsen spent most of her time has grown to contain over 10 million people, and the number of Evangelical Christians living there is estimated at 3.2 million, or nearly one-third of the population.

Many key house church leaders have emerged from this blessed part of southern Henan, including Brother Yun. God has made the

area a powerhouse of revival throughout China. For this reason, many Christians in Henan today, more than a century after Monsen began her ministry in China, continue to fondly refer to her as "the mother of the house churches."

Top picture: Crowds of eager people flocking to hear the Gospel in a Henan church meeting.

*Excerpt from the book 'HENAN: Inside the Greatest Christian Revival in History' available at www.AsiaHarvest.org
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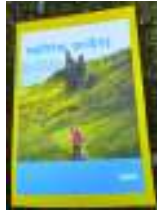


"The night [this present evil age] is almost gone and the day [of Christ's return] is almost here. So let us fling away the works of darkness and put on the [full] armor of light." Romans 13:12

CURRENT PROJECTS

NEPAL GOSPEL TRACTS - COMPLETED

We are delighted to report this project has been completed. The team in Nepal are so grateful for your support. We thank you on their behalf for your love and encouragement through your support of this project.



DISASTER RELIEF - URGENT APPEAL

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: \$9,000

FEED THE HUNGRY:

Nepal - Pakistan - India - Philippines

The poor are the greater sufferers of Coronavirus so our heart is to respond to their desperate need by giving gifts to our contacts in these countries to buy food etc. Please help us help them!



Urdu Bibles (NEW)

Our Pakistan Partners have received a request from believers in interior provinces for 400 Bibles. We would love to be able to help them with this project, and invite you to prayerfully consider supporting it. Bibles are \$8 each. **Total Project: \$3,200**



Bibles for China

In honour and memory of the 40 years since Project Pearl, we wish to help fund more Chinese Bibles as their need for the Word of God is so great. MO has committed to raise funds for at least 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 Balance needed: \$1,500

Tibetan Leaders

This nation is closed off to foreigners, but the Lord is faithful and gives his people strategies for getting the Word and help to His people. Thank you that we have been able to support one leader for a year and nine leaders for one month. We would love to be able to sponsor more and with your help we can.

Monthly support per Pastor: \$75

One year support per Pastor: \$900

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Nepal Feed the Hungry (FTHNEP) \$.....

Pakistan Feed the Hungry (FTHPAK) \$.....

India Feed the Hungry (FTHIND) \$.....

Philippines Feed the Hungry (FTHPHL) \$.....

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

Tibetan Leaders Support (TIBLDRAH) \$.....

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

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

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

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GLOBAL

1 Continue to raise up Jesus is Lord in the earth. As COVID and never ending lockdowns bring millions of deaths, starvation, despair, mental health issues, anxiety, unemployment and long term economic effects, humbly and confidently speak the Name of Jesus over every one of these things, for He is Almighty God.

GLOBAL CHURCH

2 Pray for a refining of the Church in truth and purity, as in the days of Marie Monsen. Pray for humility and true repentance and life changing encounters with the love of God, as every area of life is surrendered to Him. Declare a breaking off of sin within the church. Pray for unity in the Church. Pray for Holy Spirit to move on the hearts of anyone calling on God's name, to give them courage to speak the Word of the Lord. Herald the revival.

3 Pray for such boldness and courage on every believer. With Hope as the anchor of the soul, pray that the Body of Christ would rise with the light and glory of Christ in the midst of darkness of the earth to dispel it.

4 & 5 Regarding restricted nations, praise God that in Him there is no restriction, that nothing is too hard for Him, nothing will hold Him back from His purposes in the earth. Agree with God for the release of the locked up lands, that darkness would lift off, and people would turn to the Lord in a second.

CHINA

6 Praise God for the authentic church in China. Pray house churches would continually hold to the truth, be fed with the manna of heaven, Jesus the Word, and continue to bear much fruit.

7 Pray for the success of a long campaign from the international community with Chinese authorities to deport North Korean escapees back to South Korea so they can receive citizenship as part of the 'One Korea' policy, rather than deporting back to North Korea where they will most certainly face death.

IRAN

8 Pray for Hamed Ashouri who has now begun a 10 month prison sentence for Christian activities. Praise God for giving him grace to not inform on other Christians, and ask for more grace and strength while in prison. Pray God will use him to touch many in prison with God's love.

NEPAL

9 COVID cases are in the thousands in Nepal. With transport and health systems being inadequate to effectively care for the ill, pray that Jesus would step in and make the difference supernaturally, to meet needs that only He can meet.

Pray that angelic transportation, divine connections and healing would bring a flood of hope and love to the needy.

10 Pray that sick Christians who are discriminated against would wholly trust in Jesus their Divine Physician, and their wholeness would be a testimony.

11 & 12 Evangelists, pastors, and Christian workers are being aggressively persecuted with beatings, monitoring, false allegations, and hate messages in social media. Praise God for the tenacity, courage and joy in serving of Samuel and Mangali. Pray for a fresh anointing and blessing on them and all faithful labourers. Pray for favour with God and man from East to West, and that Holy Spirit would cut through every obstacle, so that the gospel would increase.

13 Over 15,000 churches are closed leaving thousands of pastors without income, alongside daily wage earners who are unable to work. With such humble and desperate circumstances for the people of Nepal, pray that their hearts be truly humble and soft before the Lord, that He may give abundant supernatural grace, and lift them up, and set them high upon a rock – Jesus their cornerstone. Declare abundant blessing on the nation in every way.

14 Pray that every hindrance to the printing press operation would be removed.

INDIA

15 Praise God for a new church in Chennai. Pray that as the ministry goes out to the poor, that they would allow Jesus to take His place in the temple of their hearts.

ISRAEL

16 Today is Yom Kippur in the Jewish calendar (Tishrei 10th), the Day of Atonement, the holiest day of the year when from Old Testament times the priests went into the Holy of Holies to offer atonement for the sins of the nation. Today let us offer our repentance to God and intercession on behalf of our nations. Let us declare the pure blood of Christ to cover the nations, that strongholds be broken and the lands healed and reconciled to Father God. Celebrate the victory through the blood of Christ today.

AFGHANISTAN

17 Continue to pray for the man accused of proselytizing. He is now under house arrest. Declare God is his Defence and declare that all reproach would be turned away from this man. (Ps 119:39)

18 & 19 Praise God for reports of many Muslims turning to Christ in light of the coming violence. Pray for the many new Christians being sent back to Afghanistan from Iran because of Covid-19, that their faith would be contagious throughout the nation.

Pray that the Afghan church would be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Pray that they would put on the whole armour of God, so that they can take their stand together against the devil's schemes in the midst of the violence. (Eph. 6:10-18). Pray that this land would not fall to violence but would be overcome by the love of God.

PAKISTAN

20 Pray for a great awakening, that Holy Spirit would come on the church, that religious tradition would be set aside and rather embrace "I have endued you with power from on high." Pray that people be drawn to God who gives a purpose, a plan and a future.

21 Pray for continued safe distribution of Bibles to hungry hearts. Pray for grace, favour and blessing on the distribution teams.

MYANMAR

22 Pray for those arrested for their faith, for boldness and courage and that God would justify them before men.

23 Pray that the Body of Christ be strengthened. Declare when their hearts are overwhelmed, they are led to the Jesus the Rock (Higher than I). Pray that the fear of God would be upon the nation and that a cry of repentance would rise up. Praise God for His mercy.

24 Pray that many would turn to the Christians as their idols (Buddhists) or government have not saved them. Pray that Buddhists would be dissatisfied apart from the Living God. Herald the revival.

25 & 26 Pray that Jesus would visit the Robinya people, and that Muslims would know the only Saviour Jesus Christ.

NZ

27 Pray for unity in the Body of Christ in our cities and nation. Pray that governments would be united in righteousness, be filled with the wisdom of God to be powerful and effective.

28 Pray for a call to intercession, repentance and deep conviction. Pray for a great move of Holy Spirit, beginning with His fire in us.

29 Pray for an openness to the Lord in God's people, and a hunger to be used in divine encounters and connections. Pray for fire to burn in hearts brighter and stronger as God's love is shared one to another.

30 Pray for Warren and Jolene as they leave NZ for USA. Pray for God's grace on this move. Pray for God's anointing on them as not only ambassadors for MO but for God's heart for the nations and the global church.



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