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A Life Poured Out

In the winter of 1950, Simon Zhao was eager to plant the gospel in virgin soil, so he led his team to a remote oasis town. But the new Communist authorities ordered them to leave, so they moved west to Kashgar, where Zhao was eventually arrested and thrown into prison. His pocket bible was confiscated, and three long decades passed before he saw another bible.

Simon Zhao Haizhen was in his early 30s when he was appointed the leader of evangelism in a Chinese mission group called the Northwest Spiritual Band.

During a prayer meeting, the Holy Spirit gave Simon a vision as he prayed over a map of China. The Lord focused his thoughts on Xinjiang, so he placed his hands over that part of the map and prayed with great fervency.

Later, Simon met other Christians who had also been called by God to take the gospel to Xinjiang and the Muslim regions beyond. Among them was a young woman named Wen Muling, who later became his wife.

Simon Zhao led a team of six Northwest Spiritual Band missionaries to Xinjiang in 1949. They traveled much of the way on foot. On the way they won many soldiers to faith in Christ, for it was a troubled time in China's history with widespread upheaval.

Every member of the Northwest Spiritual Band was imprisoned and given extremely harsh sentences, with only Simon Zhao coming out alive.



His wife Wen Muling was pregnant with their first child at the time of her arrest, and she suffered a miscarriage. In 1959 she died in the women's prison, but cruelly, Simon wasn't informed about it until 14 years later in 1973.

During his first few weeks and months in the prison labor camp, the guards tried to make Simon renounce his faith, but when that failed, they ordered him to stop praying and beat him every time they caught him doing so. He never stopped praying, but learned to do so in secret when nobody was watching.

The prison authorities tortured Simon mercilessly. His sentence was extended for many more years. His body deteriorated, although his mind remained sharp.

For years Simon discreetly witnessed to many of his fellow inmates, and some believed in Jesus.

Apart from the faithful presence of his Lord, who had promised never to leave or forsake him, Simon felt completely alone. His relatives didn't know whether he was dead or alive.

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A Life Poured Out ...

During those harsh years, he would periodically look up at the stars and remember the vision God had given him and his co-workers to take the gospel all the way back to Jerusalem. He often prayed, "Lord, I will never be able to go to Jerusalem, but I pray you will raise up a new generation of Chinese believers to fulfil the vision."

One day, in 1981, the prison superintendent announced: "The government of the People's Republic of China has decided to have mercy on you and show you lenience for the crimes you have committed against our nation. You are free to go."

Nobody was waiting for Simon Zhao outside the prison. Everyone he knew had either died or had long forgotten about him. He had nowhere to go and nobody to see.

As he lay in a damp, cold makeshift hut he had constructed, his mind sometimes wandered back to his life as a young man and the call God had given him. He had tried to obey God, but it hadn't worked out. He hoped he would soon die, for he knew that heaven was a much better place, where all the pain would be removed forever.

After some time, Christians in Kashgar learned about Simon Zhao and his testimony. With deep respect they brought the old saint food and a Bible, and they helped him in various ways.

One senior house church leader shared the impact Simon Zhao had on his church members:

"I remember Simon Zhao as a most respectful older brother. He was a great soldier for Christ—one of the greatest Chinese Christians. He was a tremendous Bible teacher, able to wisely handle the Word of God. The Holy Spirit always spoke to people's hearts through his ministry.

Our church members loved Uncle Simon like their own father, and felt very close to him. Now the Lord gave him spiritual sons and daughters who deeply respected him. Sisters in the church cooked for him, washed his clothes, and helped him however they could. They treated him as they would an angel of God.

His ministry was very powerful, and a fire was lit in the heart of everyone who heard him. Many tears flowed, and thousands of believers were touched and received a call to missionary work."

Simon Zhao finally went to be with the Lord on December 7, 2001, among Christians who loved him. He was 83-years-old.

Since that time, the Chinese house church networks have sent thousands of missionaries into the unreached nations surrounding China.

Many believers in China are experiencing opposition to the work of the Kingdom, yet God's Word remains powerful to transform lives. Join with MO in Project Pearl 22 to get more Swords (Bibles) into the hands of believers and let their labours and suffering not be in vain.

An excerpt from the article 'Simon Zhao - A Life Poured out for Jesus'. Used with permission of Asia Harvest. www.asiaharvest.org

Body Builders for Christ, Nepal

With great joy the 1000 Equipping Centres project was completed during 2019 and early 2020, which saw 964 centres established and 14,668 believers disciplined in 19 places throughout Nepal, along with 70,000 training materials printed.

With Covid restrictions now easing, the discipleship training is recommencing this coming October with 600 pastors ready and waiting for our MO teams from NZ and USA. This training strategy has become known locally as Body Builders for Christ (BBC) and is a short, intensive training and discipleship course.

The October training will also include empowering and ministering to women leaders and believers, who are a great support to their church with intercession and prayer.

Churches hear about BBC training through Samuel's team visiting them and casting the vision. In order to be accepted for the BBC training, leaders must complete an application to demonstrate they all support and are committed to the vision of making and training discipleship.

The local church leaders then commit to send someone for training, which is often the pastor. They also need to detail who they will disciple on returning from the BBC training, up to a maximum of 20 believers, and agree to train these ones for at least 2 hours every week for one year.

Upon completion of their BBC training, the trainees receive a graduation certificate and enough training materials for each of their disciples. Over the course of the following year, Samuel's team follow up on their progress.

Please pray for the MO team as the travel to Nepal to bless and equip the Church for dynamic growth. Pray for safe travel, health, and inspiration from the Holy Spirit in the teaching.

Pray also for more funds that are needed in order to print enough training materials for the leaders and the disciples.

Further prayer requests will be included in the MO Prayer Calendars each month.

*"How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path.
Your word is a lamp for my feet, and a light on my path." Psalm 119:103-105 (NIV)*

PEARL 22

Uganda Bibles

The need for Bibles in Uganda is greater than ever to bring encouragement, give instruction, direction and transformation for individuals, couples, families and communities. What an honour to be able to meet this need. Price per bible is currently \$8.00.

Pearl22 Project Goal: 25,000

Chinese Bibles

Project Pearl in 1981 was significant for Eddie and the many others who helped with this epic delivery of Chinese bibles. In recent times the Communist Party has significantly reduced the quota of Bibles printed and has also shut down Bible websites and apps. However God is making a way where there is no way to get Bibles to the believers. Help us do the impossible! Price per bible is \$4.50.

Pearl22 Project Goal: 100,000

Telugu Bibles for India

We have several contacts for India who all have a need for bibles in the churches they work with. The church in this nation is growing rapidly, as fear and persecution have opened the door for the Lord’s people to reach out and share the gospel of Jesus. The cost per bible is \$5.30.

Pearl22 Project Goal: 50,000

Bibles for Pakistan & Afghanistan

We are excited to have another contact to distribute bibles into Pakistan and Afghanistan who are able to purchase them for \$5.30 each.

Pearl22 Project Goal: 10,000

Bibles for Iran

Despite Government efforts to ban bibles in Iran, their actions made the people more eager to have one. Demand for New Testaments also soared and many say they have been searching for years for a copy. Help us help our brethren in Iran to have their own New Testament.

Cost per bible is \$7.60

Pearl22 Project Goal: 5,000

New Testaments with Q&A for Nepal

As part of our Pearl 22 One Million bibles, MO has committed to help supply 10,000 Nepali New Testaments with Psalms, Proverbs with approximately 240 Questions & Answers. These are common questions and biblical answers with references. This is extremely valuable for the young people and those who have converted from Hinduism. Cost per New Testament is \$3.80

Pearl22 Project Goal: 10,000

Ukrainian New Testaments

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has forced millions of people to flee the country. In cooperation with VoM we wish to help feed these hungry souls with New Testaments. Cost of these is \$4.80 each.

Pearl22 Project Goal: 10,000

BBC Training Materials, Nepal (NEW)

In response to the needs of this year’s Body Builders for Christ discipleship training in October, we need help provide for the printing of over 50,000 training materials.

Total Goal: \$20,000

Balance needed: \$8,910

RESPONSE COUPON

AUGUST 2022

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Pearl 22:

Chinese Bibles (CHPRL22) \$.....

Uganda Bibles (UGPRL22) \$.....

Nepal NT with Q&A (NPNTPRL22) \$.....

Telugu Bibles, India (INDPRL22) \$.....

Pakistan/Afghanistan Bibles (PKAFPRL22) \$.....

Ukrainian Bibles (UKPRL22) \$.....

Bibles for Iran (IRNPRL22) \$.....

Pearl 22 Where Most Needed (WMNPRL22) \$.....

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

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

Nepal BBC Training - Printing (BBCNEP) \$.....

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

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

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

Payments can 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’.



UGANDA

1 Pray for Bruce and Margaret who are currently visiting Pastor John and Ruth and ministering there. Declare Bruce and Margaret to be God's voice of encouragement and refreshment as God fills their mouths with His words to speak. Pray for a Holy Spirit fullness to come as they obey Father's voice. Pray for miracles and salvation, to accompany the preaching of the Word. Pray for God's covering for health, travels and logistics.

2 Pray that the people would feel embraced by and immersed in the love of the Father. Declare God's light to come and dispel the darkness of hopelessness, witchcraft and death, and bring hope, truth and abundant life.

AFRICA

3 To the people of Africa with so much lack, (eg. Uganda, Kenya, Sudan) pray for a great revival to sweep this continent, that fullness, redemption and transformation would come in Jesus' name. Declare God is the Transformer of lives, cities and nations.

4 For Muslim majority villages, pray for Holy Spirit boldness on believers. Pray that as doors open to share God's love, purpose and plan, that signs and wonders, dead raisings, and provision would follow. Praise God for the extension of His Kingdom.

PEARL 22

5 Praise God that where He gives vision, He also gives provision. Thank Him in faith for the resources for Pearl 22. Thank Him for the blessing to give the Word of God and rejoice in what Holy Spirit will do.

6 & 7 Pray for God's provision for the safe production, printing and distribution of Bibles for the nations. Pray that the Word would get to people who will listen, and know, and be won to the Kingdom.

GLOBAL CHURCH

8 Pray that the Word would become rooted in the hearts and minds of believers so they reflect God's glory. Pray that the Word would be treasured as a love letter from God. Pray that believers would yield their lives to God's authority, and allow the Word to make them more like Jesus.

9 Pray that God would purify His Church to be a standard of righteousness as a beacon in a dark world. Pray it would be the salt of the earth, powerful and effective in authority and in His strength. Pray it would be the mouthpiece of the Lord to communicate God's heart so that His purposes are accomplished in the earth.

10 Declare a blessing over MO supporters and all those whose hearts respond to His leading. Declare miracle provision over them and the promised equipping for every good work. Pray that they would give the enemy no foothold. Pray that

they would remain abiding in the Vine and bear much fruit.

11 Pray for believers in prison for their faith, for their encouragement, strength, healing of physical and emotional wounds and intimacy with their Lord Jesus. Speak comfort over separated families and pray for their reuniting.

NEPAL

12 Thank God in faith for the full provision for the October plans for leaders training – Bibles and training materials, transport, accommodation, venues, food. Declare Jehovah Jireh over these plans.

13 & 14 Pray for the vision of Emmanuel School to build a hostel for children. Pray God for about half the building cost already received. Thank God for the fullness to come. Pray for the right buyer for a piece of land, to release funds for the building.

15 Praise God for Samuel's older brother who was previously a witch doctor but now belongs to Jesus and supports Samuel. Declare the blood and righteousness of Jesus over this man for his healing and covering. Release a blessing over his wife, that they would be carried by Jesus for His glory. Ask God to give him fresh vision and anointing.

KOREA

16 Pray that the deceit of communism would be exposed. As when Pharaoh oppressed God's people, pray that the church would rise stronger despite communism, not fearful but triumphant in the work of the cross.

17 Pray that the Church would not be satisfied with revivals of the past (as with China also) but want more, for God to do it again with immeasurable increase. Pray against captivity and enticement by material wealth, and rather people would so eagerly seek the Lord while He may be found.

INDIA

18 Pray for people like Tallo whose hearts have been touched and transformed by the Word of God, that they would overcome any disapproval and ridicule from their families.

AFGHANISTAN

19 As the nation has been physically shaken by the July earthquake, pray that a spiritual shaking would reveal Christ as the only Rock. Pray that the church can reach out in love, mercy and grace in this time.

20 & 21 As the Word goes forth like soaking rain, celebrate the promises of God lifting the saints and bringing restoration where "the moth has eaten". Pray God's restoration over families, in health and nourishment, in relationships, employment, and to their Heavenly Father. Pray for signs and wonders to refresh people's hearts towards the knowledge of the great love of God.

UKRAINE/RUSSIA

22 Pray that where there may be torment, there would be a powerful peaceful Presence of God, especially in refugee camps. Declare the God of love to drive out all fear. Bind all works of destruction, that healing would come to these nations.

23 Pray for a divine hindrance to all trafficking operations. Declare God's angelic covering over children and that God would put the lonely in families.

IRAN

24 The inflated food prices have led to powerlessness, despair, fear, loss of livelihood, hate of Islam, theft, suppression, anger, hopelessness, and suicide. Rebuke the destruction of the enemy and invite Jesus into this nation bringing truly abundant life to people, hope, peace and joy.

25 Where people come to the end of themselves, pray for Jesus to come in dreams and visions to reveal himself as their Refuge, Saviour and Lord. Pray for miraculous provisions to be a witness for a Father that loves them extravagantly and unconditionally.

CHINA

26 Pray that the president of China would have a revelation of the love of God and humbly bow to Jesus Christ. Pray for a knowledge that the Church in China is bringing blessing not harm to the nation.

27 & 28 Pray that believers in restricted areas would know your comfort, anointing, and the fire of God in their land. Pray that as they share their faith, they would know boldness. Pray for Holy Spirit anointing on gatherings of believers, and that the Word would be preached. Pray for encouragement for the church in China to press on with all boldness and strength.

29 Pray for the Uyghur people. As Allah fails to bring any joy, peace or provision to this majority Muslim people, pray that a growing dissatisfaction would compel them to seek the true God and find Him. Pray that they will be 'marked' by the joy of Lord their strength, and in their hearts they would overcome despite external restrictions. Pray that the injured and ill would be healed. Praise God that He calls them to rule and reign with Him.

30 Pray that seeing eyes be blind regarding the printing presses for Chinese Bibles, and that they would still get paper and ink in order to print. Thank God for the boldness and steadfastness of those involved.

NZ

31 Praise God that LifeTalk Hamilton is now on air and that as the Word goes out through the radio waves, it defeats the prince of the power of the air. Pray many will be drawn to this station and be captivated and transformed by the Word of God. Pray for blessing and provision for the LifeTalk Radio Ministry.



Weekly Prayer Meeting:

Join us on Monday nights to pray for the nations at 'The Sanctuary' 159 Durham St, Tauranga at 7:30pm or via ZOOM. Email: alan@nzmo.org for an invite.

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