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## We Are Not Afraid!

**'We are not afraid'** was Chinese Brother Hui's declaration. Jesus promised we would be hated by all nations because of Him, and so it is a great honour to suffer because of our affiliation with the true King. Even our ability to buy food or function in any way may soon be blocked, but God is in complete control. He died for us, and we are His precious inheritance. No matter what men may do to us, the Lord taught us to trust and not fear. (*Matt. 10:28-31*).

**A few months ago the Lord safely facilitated an interview with a key house church leader. This pastor, whom we will call Brother Hui (not his real name), has been greatly used by God for many years, and is the leader of a network of house churches in China that have experienced many miracles and explosive revival. Today his network numbers several million believers.**

Brother Hui goes on to say, "Several years ago things started to dramatically change in China, and we had to seek God and adjust to a challenging new environment. This has been a time when the church had to rely on local leaders, not foreigners or recorded sermons. It has been a time of personal study in the Word, and a season for seeking God afresh with all our hearts.

The government began tracking everyone's movements through a phone app that is required for all travel, whether by plane, train, bus or any other method. When we purchase a ticket or enter a station, the app reveals our identity. If we are on a government blacklist, as many pastors are, travel is blocked. Furthermore, those who are able to travel find their movements are restricted and traced. This and other challenges have forced us to become more cautious with how we minister, but we continue to share the Gospel and disciple believers. **We will never stop serving the Lord!**

Our church used to have many bible study groups that met on WeChat (the main Chinese social media app) and Zoom during the lockdowns. However, the authorities used these to identify and track those who participated in the online meetings. The bible studies only lasted three weeks, as the police came and arrested our leaders. We learned our lesson and stopped holding online meetings.

It seems that all Christians are being systematically identified. When believers refuse to deny Christ, the government takes away their pension and free medical care but they will never admit that the government is their provider. That role belongs only to the Lord Jesus Christ!

**Despite all these challenges and difficulties, the number of believers has continued to grow!** The cities in our province have seen the strongest response to the Gospel, with thousands of new believers, while rural areas have experienced the most severe persecution. We will continue to share Jesus for as long as we can. We have also been distributing thousands of Gospel tracts, and most people are more receptive to Christ than before. Their confidence in this world and the Communist Party has been deeply shaken by the pandemic and economic woes that are destroying our country.

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# We Are Not Afraid ...

I am especially burdened for the youth of China. They really need Christ, and millions have committed suicide since the pandemic started, as they lost all hope to live.

It seems the government is determined to completely choke off the supply of Bibles. Our main concern is for the many new converts. They must have God's Word to be grounded in the faith. In the past, young people could access the scriptures through apps and websites, but most have been shut down and physical Bibles are becoming increasingly rare.

This is a fierce fight for control over the Church of Jesus Christ. Satan and the world demand we bow down to them, but the true sheep of the Lord refuse to bow to anyone but Jesus. It is the same battle the patriarchs and prophets had in the Bible, and it will continue throughout China until the glorious moment when we will all hear a loud trumpet blast, and the rightful owner of the Church returns to rule and reign forever!"

**This may be the last report we receive from inside China for a long time. Please pray for the church in China .**

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## 'The Harvest is Plentiful'

**Luke 10:2 Jesus said "The harvest truly is great, but the labours are few, therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest "**

When Jesus spoke, there was always a great truth and authority in His words that we need to hear and obey.

As we are living in the last day before the second coming of Jesus, it is even more important that we are 'about our heavenly Father's business' and be found labouring in the harvest field of souls. We live in a time of many challenges, changes and uncertainty in NZ and the world.

One thing that doesn't change are the words and promises in God's Word. That is a certainty. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. That is another certainty! So be encouraged as He is still on the throne.

I believe the year ahead is going to be a great year for harvest, yet am also aware there is much work to do to bring in that harvest. I am very excited about what the Lord has in store for us in 2023 as we all look to Him we must watch, listen, pray and obey the Lord's leading. He will bring in the harvest when we joyfully labour together in the Lord's harvest field.

In 2022 Mission Outreach experienced amazing growth again and is now involved in 15 countries. The Lord has been connecting us to so many new partners and supporters to help fulfil our call for Pearl22 - the provision of a million Bibles and New Testaments into the harvest field. More than ever before, the world needs the Word of God.

Pearl22 has been running for a year now, and your giving has allowed those we work with overseas, to provide tens of thousands of Bibles and New Testaments into many countries. Thank you to everyone who has prayed and given so others can have their own Bible.

*MO has experienced many new doors opening to partner with, here in NZ and the nations, and God is bringing many people to us who have seen what we are doing and want to help and be a part of MO to build His Kingdom together.*

Psalm 133:1,3 "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity ...(3) for there the Lord commanded the blessing, life forevermore" When God sees us working together in unity and love, He commands His blessing upon us. I am seeing this on a daily basis in Mission Outreach, which you are all part of. It is very beautiful and powerful!

Eddie's revised book 'To Catch the Wind' was received from the printers in November and we have sent them out to some of you. If you have not received one and would like a copy, you can order these on the response form or order it online. We are asking for a koha towards these to cover postage and packaging.

In 2023 we are planning to have teams going to Nepal, Pakistan and Philippines. If you are interested in joining one of these teams, please contact Neil by phone: 027 543 0971 or email: [neil@nzmo.org](mailto:neil@nzmo.org)

Neil

MO Director

***Matthew 19:29 "And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life." (NIV)***

# Spiritual Weapon in Their Hands

2022 was a delightful year for Mission Outreach with the Lord connecting us with many amazing new friends who are fully committed to God's call on their lives to reach the nations for Jesus. One such friend shared this testimony:

*"How can we fight the enemy if we do not have a gun?" stated a Bible student during my August visit to Burundi and Uganda. She was speaking, of course, of the Word of God. I was amazed at the statement. To my joy I was able to look at the student and tell her she will get her Bible. She was beside herself with joy. And so we were able to purchase Bibles for all the students. The Bibles were like gold for them and such a precious opportunity for us in our support of them.*

## Uganda

2022 has seen tremendous growth in the church here with 1000s coming to the Lord, including two witch doctors. The need for bibles continues and we are blessed to have contacts in this nation who can purchase and distribute the bibles to wherever they are needed as most tribal leaders and pastors do not have Bibles and many in the church do not either. Our free gifts of the Word of God is such an encouragement to them.



## Nepal

Pastor Samuel and his team have been able to hold several gospel crusades where many are being saved. To attend a crusade, believers need to take one unsaved person with them. They are then given a New Testament with Question & Answers to give as a gift after they have heard the good news of Jesus. Your support of this P22 project is reaping an amazing harvest.

## Ukraine

In the midst of the trauma, tragedy, displacement and loss from the war in this nation, we have been able to help provide thousands of New Testaments to the hungry souls in the Ukraine. To do this our contacts include a New Testament in the food parcels so they can meet their physical and spiritual hunger. Thank you for helping us reach out to these needy people.



## India

Our partners in India have seen a hunger for truth in their people who are discouraged by the Hindu gods failing them so many are turning to the Living God who gives hope and life. Our contacts have been courageously distributing thousands of bibles for free, giving to pastors, leaders, old and new believers who are so encouraged and blessed. Miracles are happening with some who cannot read, miraculously being able to read and understand the Word of God given to them.



## China

As persecution intensifies in China, the church grows even more. We believe the Lord will show strategies to his people to get the thousands of bibles that have been funded to His people. Just as the miraculous 1981 delivery fuelled a great revival in this nation, we pray God will do it again so the Church can be a powerful presence in their country.

## Burundi

When we started Pearl 22 we never expected to be able to facilitate the provision of bibles to believers in Albania or Burundi. Through a special partner in mission who visits many unusual nations to equip the saints, we have been able to do just that! Although not in large numbers, we have been able to bless some with the precious gift of God's Word.



## Albania

We had a one-off opportunity this year to give funds to a pastor in Albania who is also the chaplain of a maximum security prison. He was delighted to be able to buy 250 Bibles and has so far distributed 100 to his church members and some of the prisoners.



## Pakistan

This year many Pakistani children have been blessed with Bible story books. We continue to appeal to the Way Maker to make a way for further Bible distributions in this region with the funds we have allocated for this purpose.

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**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 Balance: 23,562**

**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 Balance: 88,138**

**India Bibles - Telugu & Hindi**

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 \$3.50.

**Pearl22 Project Goal: 50,000 Balance: 47,121**

**Bibles for Pakistan & Afghanistan**

We are excited about what the Lord is doing and will do in these nations through the provision of P22 bibles, and are able to purchase them for \$5.30 each.

**Pearl22 Project Goal: 15,000 Balance: 13,188**

**Nepal New Testaments with Q&A**

Christmas time is here, so In addition to the 10,000 New Testaments we have already committed, we have received a request for another 5,000 for their Christmas Crusade in December. We welcome your gift to provide New Testaments for this significant outreach. Cost per New Testament is \$3.80

**Pearl22 Project Goal: 15,000 Balance: 8,572**

**Ukraine New Testaments**

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has forced millions of people to flee the country and the loss of hope and trauma continue. In cooperation with other ministries, we are helping to feed these hungry souls with the Word of God and have been able to secure New Testaments for a very good price. As a result we have doubled our goal. Cost of these is \$1.20 each.

**Pearl22 Project Goal: 20,000 Balance: 9,583**

**Emmanuel School Student Sponsorship (NEW)**

Emmanuel School in Pokhara Nepal has 30 students who need help to pay for their tuition, which is only \$60-\$65 a month (depending on the age of the child). This covers their books, uniform, school fees and lunches. Most of these students are from the lowest caste (Dalit) and live in poverty, as well as suffering discrimination in their daily lives. Education in a Christian setting is giving these children a chance to break the wicked cycle of generations. Would you consider sponsoring a child?

**Go or Give so someone else can go**

Encouragement, impartation and empowering are only part of the blessings of joining a team and its impact on the church in that nation! We have teams going to Nepal Pakistan and Philippines. Contact Neil for more information, or if you are unable to go, please consider giving so someone else can go.

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**Pearl 22:**

China Bibles (CHPRL22) \$.....

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

Nepal NT with Q&A (NPNTPL22) \$.....

India Bibles (Telugu & Hindi) (INDPRL22)	\$.....
Pakistan /Afghanistan Bibles (PKAFPRL22)	\$.....
Ukraine New Testaments (UKPRL22)	\$.....
Pearl 22 Where Needed (PRL22WMN)	\$.....
Nepal Radio Programme (NEPRAD)	\$.....
Nepal CMTC Bible College (NPBC)	\$.....
Tibetan Leaders Support (TIBLDRAH)	\$.....
Student Sponsorship (STUDSPON)	\$.....
'To Catch the Wind' Book (EDBOOK)	\$.....
Travel Sponsorship - Give for others to GO	\$.....
Where Most Needed: (WMN)	\$.....

Payments can now be from our website at: [nzmo.org](http://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'.