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Desperate for God's Word

With a population of 190,000 people, for countless centuries the Koho have inhabited villages nestled in the beautiful mountains of south-central Vietnam, with the majority in Lam Dong Province.

For many generations the Koho people have been animists, worshipping numerous deities, including the sun, moon, prominent mountains, rivers and large trees.

Memories of an Ancient God

Despite their separation from the one true God, He graciously did not forget the Koho people.

Although they did not have a written language until recently, many legends similar to accounts in the book of Genesis have been retained by the Koho and passed down through songs and poems to each new generation. Some of the Koho legends include an account of a worldwide flood.

From the late 1800s and early 1900s, Catholicism impacted this tribe especially those living in the towns. In the remote villages, however, their ancient, traditional beliefs were not replaced but combined with Catholicism to create a toxic syncretic religion "having a form of godliness but denying its power" (2 Timothy 3:5).

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Evangelical missionaries only commenced work among the Koho in the 1940s more than half a century after the



Catholics. They soon found many fertile hearts eager for the Gospel, and thousands of Koho repented of their sins, denounced their spirit worship and idolatry, and embraced the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Koho believers were desperate for Bibles in their own language, as most of them struggle to understand Vietnamese. When the Koho New Testament was finally published in 1967, having God's Word in their own language made an immediate and powerful impact on Koho society.

By 1998, there were 57,000 believers, almost half of the population at that time. During that year, Asia Harvest printed and delivered their first Koho Bibles, even though they were viewed as contraband by the Communist government in Vietnam.

The years have rolled on and the Koho church continues to walk with God.

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Desperate for God's Word ...



The number of new Koho Bibles has dwindled since 2009, falling far behind the need. It does not help that the Koho Bible is not available in Vietnam, and printing it is considered illegal. So God has had to give new strategies to enable the supply of this highly desired book.

Late last year Koho church leaders expressed their urgent need for more Bibles, having been largely starved of God's Word for two decades.

Work was immediately started to meet their request and recently the printing and delivery of 20,000 full Koho Bibles was completed!

While we cannot share too many details for security reasons, the photo on the left is of some of the bibles before they made their way to the Koho villages, where thousands of believers have given thanks to God for remembering them and their need for Bibles.

The need is so great, many more bibles are required to feed these hungry believers. As part of Pearl 22 we would like to help supply more bibles for the Koho Tribe of Vietnam.

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Turkey Receives the Word with Joy!

It is time for Turkey to know a Loving Heavenly Father by Name! Funds from MO have enabled our partners in Turkey to translate Bibles into Turkish. This is really important for Turkey because previous translations have been in Arabic, which translates God as Allah.

Our mission partners Michael and Natasha have been reaching the unreached with the message of the gospel for two decades, across 40 countries, primarily by ushering in the Presence of God through music. They have recently begun humanitarian work in Turkey particularly since the earthquake of February 2023.

As their family have traveled and ministered throughout the country, they now have a new opportunity, thanks to supporters of MO, to reach people with the bread of the Word of God. Whether at church meetings or connecting with someone at a gas station, people are overjoyed to receive the gift of a bible.

Michael recalls these testimonies from their travels through Turkey:

"On one particular occasion after Natasha shared a message at a meeting and called people to faith, 12 people accepted the Lord and were able to receive their very own New Testament thanks to MO.

Whenever we are at a fuel station to fill up our vehicle, we enjoy talking with people there. During our conversations, we ask them if they enjoy reading. One time we asked a girl,

who replied that she liked reading very much. So we told her if she would like to read a bible we can give it to her. She was delighted to receive it!

On a road trip through Turkey, we stopped at another fuel station to stretch our legs, and fill up the car. However, there was actually no fuel at the gas station, instead we had a divine meeting with a young man there. We were blessed with the opportunity to chat with him about the God of the Bible and asked if he wanted one we could give it to him. He said that his father was an Imam (Islamic leader) and that he had taken them to church when they were in Austria, and so he welcomed the Word of God with joy!

Thanks again to MO for including us as part of Project Pearl 22 so we can reach the unreached with the gospel and the Word of God."

We praise God that a shaken nation can now begin to build their lives on the Rock through the gift of Turkish New Testaments. This was a part of MO's Pearl 22 which has enabled the provision of 11,000 for this nation.



"So you received the message with joy from the Holy Spirit in spite of the severe suffering it brought you. In this way, you imitated both us and the Lord. As a result, you have become an example to all the believers...." 1 Thess. 1:6-7a (NLT)

PEARL 22

Koho Bibles, Vietnam (New)

We are very blessed to have the opportunity to help provide more bibles for the Vietnamese Koho tribe. They are a people hungry for God's Word. God has given His strategies for enabling the printing and delivery of these bibles which we are honoured to be able to help with. Please prayerfully consider helping us with this new project. Cost is \$5.00 per bible.

Pearl 22 Project Goal: 5,000

Audio Bibles for Pakistan (New)

We have been presented with the opportunity to help supply audio bibles for Pakistan. The technology enables multiple languages and allows the visually impaired to have access to God's Word along with all other believers. At \$12 each, we are looking to fund 500 of these units.

Pearl 22 Project Goal: \$6,000 Balance: 5,528

Bibles for Iran (New)

Despite government efforts to ban bibles in Iran, their actions made the people more eager to have one. Demand for these has soared and many say they have been searching for years for a copy. Help us help the brethren in Iran to have their own Bible. Cost per bible is \$8.00.

Pearl 22 Project Goal: 5,000

Burundi New Testaments

Our brothers and sisters in Burundi live in poverty and are unable to buy their own bibles. This has led to false teaching and beliefs. The Lord has opened the door for us to help provide New Testaments to them and invite you to join us. The cost per New Testament is \$4.30

Pearl 22 Project Goal: 10,000 Balance: 3,299

Myanmar Bibles

God has awakened souls in this nation, and many people are coming to Jesus who need bibles to help them grow. Price per bible is \$4.50, and our initial goal is for 40,000 bibles. Thank you to our supporters as we are now over half way to completing this Pearl 22 project!

Pearl 22 Project Goal: 40,000 Balance: 21,767

Uganda Bibles

The provision of Bibles in Uganda has created unity with the pastors and begun a revival in the areas where they have been given. What an honour to be able to meet this need. Price per bible is currently \$15.00.

Pearl 22 Project Goal: 25,000 Balance: 20,650

Chinese Bibles

Bibles for China are always needed, and despite the government making it more difficult for believers to get a bible, we believe God will make a way. Price per bible is only \$4.50.

Pearl 22 Project Goal: 100,000 Balance: 80,018

India Bibles: Telugu & Hindi

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.

Pearl 22 Project Goal: 50,000 Balance: 41,377

Nepal New Testaments with Q&A

As part of Pearl 22 we continue to need finances to print more New Testaments with Questions & Answers, initially for the Motorbike Outreach during Easter, but also Samuel's ongoing need for these which may soon be printed in English as well. Cost per New Testament with Q&A is: \$4.70

Pearl 22 Total Goal: 10,000 Balance: 5,336

RESPONSE COUPON

JULY 2024

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Pearl 22:

Koho Bibles Vietnam (NEW) (KOHP22) \$.....

Audio Bibles for Pakistan (NEW) (PAKP22) \$.....

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

Burundi New Testaments (BURPRL22) \$.....

Myanmar Bibles (MYPRL22) \$.....

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

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

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

Nepal New Testaments Q&A (NTQAP22) \$.....

Pearl 22 Where Most Needed (P22WMN) \$.....

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

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

Nepal Student Sponsorship (STUDSPON) \$.....

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

'To Catch the Wind' Book (EDBOOK) \$.....

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'

PEARL 22

1 Pray that the Word would be a lamp of light and warmth to every person. Declare the Truth to penetrate deception and bring freedom. Pray for Christians for a sharpening of truth in their spirits, not dulled by the deception of the world. Pray for new believers, that truth swords from the Word would cut through culture, so they may stand in truth and freedom.

2 Call forth provision for bibles. Pray that hearts be open to sow to the Kingdom of God. Pray for angelic protection of all bible distribution, for the helpers and the bibles, that none would be lost.

GLOBAL

3 Rebuke the spirit of perversion influencing the West, and pray that God would bring conviction of the wicked things, so that repentance may come.

GLOBAL CHURCH

4 Pray for the mercy of God on the Church and the enabling to be humble and righteous in the blood of Jesus, washed, cleansed, filled with desire to please God. Pray that the church be not mere hearers of the Word but doers of the Word.

5 Pray for a re-awakening of the church to missions. Break the chains of complacency and apathy in Jesus Name. Pray for the conviction of Holy Spirit and the gift of true repentance, so that there would be a release of the heart of God for every nation and every person to be transformed by the power of the cross. Pray for Holy Spirit to come and empower God's people to be His witnesses in the earth.

PERSECUTED CHURCH

6&7 Pray for the persecuted church, that amidst great oppression and pressure, beauty and strength would grow. Pray that the faith of the believers would not fail. Bless them with the faithfulness and goodness of God in every situation. Pray for the rapid expansion of the Kingdom of God. Pray for bibles and revelation from every gate.

TIBET

8 Praise God for souls saved through the ministry of our contacts in Tibet. Pray for disciples to be strengthened in faith. Pray for the many believers who have had deaths in their families recently. With daily monitoring by Buddhist Federation, pray for believers and pastors to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

KOREA

9 Pray that South Korea would come back to faith and that North Korea would advance in faith. Pray that all would seek and cry out to Jesus and come to a place of surrender.

10 Pray for a river of fire to go through barren places, bringing breakthrough and breaking chains. Ask for miracles in places it seems impossible. Ask for life where there is no life. Ask for prison doors to be unlocked. Where there is darkness, ask for light and life.

WOMEN

11 Pray for women of every nation that are subject to rape. Pray for a revelation among

men to return to their God given design to defend, cover and protect their women. Pray for a movement of men to be who God made them. Pray for men to lead the charge with practical strategies to ensure the safety and dignity of their women.

SLAVERY

12 Take on the anointing of the Spirit to set captives free. Rebuke the spirit of slavery and control in the earth that feeds trafficking and prostitution. Pray for organisations working for the protection and freedom of children and women, to receive a fresh anointing for their work. Pray they would be increasingly effective in penetrating areas. Pray for wisdom, divine connections and strategies. Pray that corruption be purged from governments and that they would stand up for the rights of dignity and safety for every person.

13&14 Allow God to search your heart and reveal anything that holds you back or enslaves you. Lay those things down at the cross, repent before the Lord, and follow his leading to freedom.

UGANDA

15 Declare Joel 2:25 over Pastor John's crops, that God would restore the maize that the termites have eaten. Rebuke the devourer and pray all damage is reversed and recompensed. For the natural and the Kingdom, speak blessing, abundance, increase, multiplication, not by might or power but by Holy Spirit.

CHINA

16 Amidst so much surveillance and control, pray for angelic protection for Christians under threat. Pray that their faith would be strengthened and that the Kingdom of God would not cease to grow in China.

17 Pray for the light from heaven to shine into President Xi Jinping's room as he sleeps. Pray that he comes to realise that Jesus is the Way, truth, life. Pray he receives guidance and help, and has the eyes of Heavenly Father. Ask for a change of direction for this country China, to become the biggest Christian nation in the world.

IRAN

18 Pray that amidst the tragic loss of the president, people would see hope in Jesus Christ. Pray that the cry in the hearts of people would not be to violence, but a cry for the One who is Peace. Pray that the Prince of Peace would be present in families. Pray for access to bibles.

19 Pray that with a change of leadership there would come more openness to the gospel. Pray that no comfort be found in false gods. Pray that the Name of Jesus would shatter the foundations built to annihilate Israel. Pray for release of the bondage to Islam. Pray for a turn around to bless Israel and the church. Pray that those in authority would turn towards the Lord and work for the Kingdom of God.

20&21 Pray for God to move on the church in Iran, that they rise up anointed in the power of Holy Spirit. Pray for strong leaders in the

Body. Pray they would come back to the Word, encouraged & inspired by it.

PAKISTAN

22 Praise God that the tide is turning in Pakistan. Lift up those under duress. Despite pressure from local authorities, rejoice in God's agenda to see the Word spread. Ask God's hand be upon each one ministering, to surround them with angels. Pray they have confidence and security to know wherever they walk to reach out, the Lord is with them protecting them, so they can boldly bring the Word, the Light shining in the darkness, to many more.

23 Pray for the family of Nazir who died in May this year of injuries from being beaten by a Muslim mob over false accusations of destroying the Q'ran. Pray for comfort and strength and revival in the Church. Pray that the blasphemy law would be revoked. Pray for justice and mercy to be established at a national level.

NEPAL

24 Pray for the husband and 2 sons of Sippora as they grieve for her sudden unexpected death. Pray for teachers and families of Emmanuel school where she was principal. Pray for comfort, provision, and blessing.

25 Pray for Samuel's energy and vigour to be restored since his trip to USA. Pray for encouragement and zeal to carry on the work of the Lord that God has called him to do. Pray for direction regarding good ground to sow the Word in BBC training.

USA

26 Pray for Warren and Jolene to be blessed in their coming and going, waking and sleeping, walking daily with the Lord. Pray for an increase of prophetic insight and the application of wisdom through the Word, so they may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

NEW ZEALAND

27&28 Pray for Phil and Sarah for their goal to be in Kenya by October this year. Pray for divine appointments with those whose hearts will be moved to support this couple. Pray for every provision so that they may fulfil the call of God to minister dignity, value and Jesus to young men in Kenya.

29 Pray for health of Robinson and Esther. Rebuke the plans of the enemy and declare the blood of Jesus over them, that by His wounds, they are healed. Pray for every provision of health, healing and wholeness.

30 Pray that the government would move in godly wisdom and be led in godly ways.

31 Pray for Christians in this nation who know Jesus but have lost the fire. Pray for oil poured upon them again, bringing them back to life. Ask for Holy Spirit to move again in New Zealand, to hover over this land. Pray for more people to rise up and stand in the gap in intercession. Pray that people be either bearers of the gospel or people on their knees. Pray that the many sleeping would wake up. Ask for enabling grace.



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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