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Making Inroads into Asia with God's Word

AT ONE TIME IT WAS SAID of Asia that “the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed” (Acts 19:20). With today’s teeming populations, Asia is a vast continent with immense spiritual need. But the good news of Jesus Christ is making inroads, with World Missionary Press playing its part by providing Scripture booklets in various languages to ministries on the front lines. Here are some glimpses:

China

Tourists from mainland China frequently visit Hong Kong and Macau, China’s densely populated special administrative provinces, where WMP’s coordinator for the region has connected us with two ministries to Chinese (and international) visitors, spreading the love of Christ in a difficult part of the world. We are privileged to supply both ministries with Chinese Scripture booklets and to receive exciting reports of God at work.

Founded in 2007, Chinese Tourist Ministry (CTM) distributes free gospel bags, spreading the good news of

Jesus with mainland Chinese face-to-face in tourist hot spots in Hong Kong. Local Christian churches and organizations are invited to participate, making these trips to Hong Kong life-changing journeys.

CTM’s goal is to give away 70,000 gospel bags per month, filled with—among other things—WMP Scripture booklets!

Testimonies coming from this ministry are touching. “Who does Jesus love?” is a question CTM workers are called upon to answer quite often: “Anyone and everyone.” What joy it brings to see faces light up in amazement when they hear about what Jesus did, and to see the smiles etched on faces of those who receive Jesus into their lives right “on the spot.” For the volunteer workers there, “It makes everything worthwhile.”

Their work inspires fellow Christians to join them: “After seeing us and reading our tracts, they were so moved yet ashamed that all these years they merely believed in Jesus, but [had] not followed His teachings. They vowed to start actively spreading the gospel, and asked whether we could send them materials to help them.”

Between January and November of 2015, CTM’s total distribution of gospel bags in Hong Kong reached nearly 775,000. They distributed 58,060 bags in November alone, with a total of 19,647 new believers in Christ!

CTM’s sister ministry in Macau sent a similar report. Since 2008, Blessed Journey has been distributing year-round in several locations around Macau. Their distribution goal is 50,000 gospel bags per month, and God has been working.

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A CTM worker distributes free gospel bags to tourists in Hong Kong.

One woman watched Blessed Journey workers distributing from their booth for some time before her curiosity got the best of her. "Why do you give out all these for free?" she asked. "You give away so much money! For the people from mainland China, this is so unimaginable!" They answered, "Because Jesus loves us and died for us freely, we Christians are willing to spread the gospel to other people for free." Hearing this, she received a gospel bag.

Blessed Journey told of another woman who had received literature from the booth of a cult. "Then she came to our booth and wanted a Bible. Our co-worker told her that what she was holding was not Christian, but heretical materials. She was very surprised, and after confirming that with us a few times, she returned those books and came back and respectfully received a Bible from us. How urgent it is that lost souls be rescued from the hands of Satan!"

Shipments of literature from WMP reached both ministries in October of 2015, but they were soon asking for more, as materials were quickly taken by hungry tourists. WMP will be sending a 20-foot container to each location, full of Scripture booklets in Simplified Chinese. We can expect God to continue to draw many Chinese to Himself this year, as hundreds of thousands of tourists return to their homes in mainland China with His printed Word, some of them already new believers.

Myanmar (Burma)

Last year thousands of Burmese WMP booklets were distributed among churches, seminaries, evangelists, and pastors ministering in areas directly affected by civil war. Martin L. wrote that the need for literature in the area was huge, with distributors requesting more WMP booklets in tribal languages. "WMP booklets are one of the most effective tools for the people to grow in their reading skills and knowledge about God." The first printing of 100,000 *Shan Help From Above* Scripture booklets was distributed in Shan State, where 5 million people live and where revival movement has been seen.



The gospel message and literature are shared with children at a Hope Education Center in Myanmar.

When the people of Myanmar suffered disastrous flooding (October WMP newsletter), relief teams asked for spiritual food to minister to families being counseled in the aftermath. Currently 100,000 Burmese *How to Know God* Scripture booklets and 30,000 Burmese *God Loves You* salvation coloring books are being printed in Myanmar for a total cost of \$9,500.

Indonesia

"In 2016 God's field is still open," wrote Frans K. in January. "We still have time and opportunity to share His love through booklets when the night is still not come." The print shop had worked overtime to reprint 25,000 copies each of Indonesian Bible studies on Matthew and John before Christmas. Requests for quantities of salvation coloring booklets were streaming in from churches and individuals in the provinces of Gorontalo, Papua, West Papua, North Sulawesi, and others for upcoming Sunday-school retreats and scheduled church activities. WMP responded. "Yes,

please pray

- that God will bless workers in Hong Kong and Macau as they minister to tourists from mainland China. Pray for fruitfulness of God's Word in the families of new believers and tourists.
- that God will use His Word among the Burmese people, who have suffered from civil war and disastrous floods. Pray that many will surrender their lives to Christ.
- for protection over the distribution of God's Word throughout Indonesia and India. Pray for fruit that remains.

Shipment Status Report



Shipped	In transit	Customs Received
Democratic Republic of the Congo - major distributor - received 1/15/16		
Nigeria - coordinator - received 1/19/16		
Togo - major distributor - received 12/20/15		
South Africa - major distributor - received 12/15/15		
Denmark - major distributor - received 1/7/16		
Ecuador - coordinator - received 1/19/16		
Puerto Rico - coordinator - received 1/27/16		
Mexico - major distributor - received 1/28/16		
Colombia - coord/major dist. - received 1/29/16		
Gabon - major distributor - shipped 7/22/15 - in customs		
Haiti - major distributor - shipped 10/29/15 - in customs		
Haiti - major distributor - shipped 11/11/15		
Congo Republic - coordinator - shipped 11/30/15		
Honduras - coord/major dists. - Shipped 12/21/15		
Central African Rep. - major dist. - shipped 12/29/15		
Costa Rica - coordinator - shipped 1/6/16		
Philippines - major distributor - shipped 1/20/16		
Guyana - major distributor - shipped 1/19/16		
Venezuela - coordinator - shipped 1/26/16		
India - major distributor - shipped 2/2/16		
Shipping soon: India, Paraguay		



Meet the Team

One-Year Volunteer Opportunities

Jim Z. had “always known about World Missionary Press” and had passed out WMP booklets since he was young. When he graduated from high school, he decided that he wanted to volunteer at a ministry for a year before starting a career. He chose WMP and since being accepted, has been volunteering regularly since last June. His favorite parts of volunteering have been working on the New Testament bindery, going to chapel each day, and even mowing the lawn!



World Missionary Press has several internship opportunities for volunteers able to support themselves or to be supported by their church while serving for a year.

Website Programmer — Volunteer internship: Assist in maintaining and enhancing the World Missionary Press website. World Missionary Press recently upgraded to a responsive-design website built on a WordPress platform. We are looking for an intern to help with enhancements and additional functionality. Proficiency in WordPress development and database programming desired.

Print Shop Production Apprentice — Volunteer internship: Assist in operating various print-shop machines, including running booklet and New Testament binderies, web printing press, and sheet-fed press. Assist in print shop upkeep and maintenance functions. In this position you would learn several print-shop-related skills—which could prove valuable for future missions work both in the U.S. and overseas—while helping to produce and send millions of portions of God’s eternal Word to countries around the world every month.

Project India Administrative Assistant — Volunteer internship: World Missionary Press is launching Project India, with the goal of producing 100 million Scripture booklets to help reach India’s 1.2 billion people with the gospel message. This person would assist in organizing and managing project-related information, making phone calls, data entry, and related tasks. Requirements include excellent verbal and written communication skills, computer skills (MS Office programs), attention to detail, and organizational skills.

please go ahead with printing 50,000 copies of Indonesian *He Is Risen!*” The cost is \$9,200, or 18 cents each.

India

Distribution of Christian literature is a major factor in evangelism among the 1.2 billion people of India. Of a reported 456 languages in India, 18 have more than 10 million speakers. By providing free Scripture booklets in more than 40 languages of India, WMP helps arm evangelists and pastors to reach village after village with the message of hope. Containers were recently shipped to Serve India Ministries and Operation Mobilization. Shipments are currently in production for Every Home for Christ and a new WMP major distributor in Kerala State. 🌐

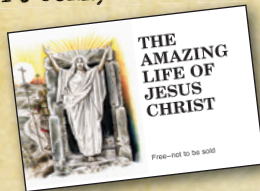


Children in Indonesia gladly receive gospel coloring books and Scripture booklets.

Grateful Quotes

“A Man Dazed by Darkness”

“I originally wrote to you about three months ago while I sat in a lonely transport cell, unsure of my next destination. When I entered that gloomy cell, one of the first things I noticed was your publication, *The Amazing Life of Jesus Christ*, which brought badly needed comfort to a very confused soul.

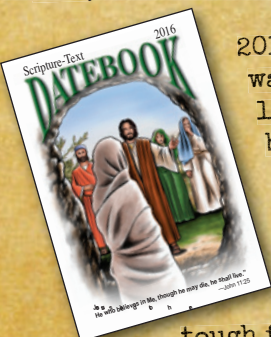


“I kept that booklet with me. . . . But during transport, most of my belongings got packed up in another’s property bag and subsequently, like I felt, were lost.

“A couple of days ago, I found a 2016 Scripture-text Datebook that was left on top of a garbage can. As I looked through it, I saw the little booklet which had brought so much comfort to a man dazed by darkness—*Amazing!*—along with the address I didn’t think I would see again.

“Of course, I know times are tough for all of us; and whether I’m free, or behind bars, God’s presence rests with my soul. . . . My main inspiration for this letter was to let you know of the hope and peace that shined into my cell because of your publication. Thank you for providing God’s Word where it is truly needed and welcomed.”

— Tom M., Colorado



OM Ships International

Over the years WMP has been blessed to partner with the worldwide ministry of Operation Mobilization, including their unique ship ministry.

Since 1970, OM ships have visited more than 500 ports in 151 countries and territories, welcoming more than 44 million visitors on board as part of a global Christian training and outreach movement.

The ships bring knowledge, help, and hope by supplying needed relief and vital literature resources, encouraging cross-cultural understanding, training young people for more effective living and service, and using every opportunity to share a message of hope in God.



Upcoming Freight Shipments by Region	
Africa	19,425,855 Equivalency
Central African Republic, Ghana, Guinea, Namibia, Rwanda, South Africa, Swaziland, Togo, Zambia	
Asia	14,717,429 Equivalency
Hong Kong, India, Macau, Malaysia, Philippines, Sri Lanka	
Latin America	19,677,914 Equivalency
Argentina, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Brazil	
Europe	2,422,326 Equivalency
Canary Islands, Denmark, Moldova, Spain, Ukraine	
USA & Canada	408,066 Equivalency
Totals:	56,651,590 Equivalency
*Note that in addition to the freight shipments listed above, there are also hundreds of smaller requests received each month that are sent via postal and UPS shipments.	
**“Equivalency” is a concept we use at WMP to compare volume of printing by relating different size booklets to the size of our standard unit of production: a 48-page “Help From Above” booklet.	



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Each ship visits a port for several weeks, opening their gangways to hundreds and sometimes thousands of visitors every day. On average, more than one million visitors have been welcomed on board each year!

WMP asked OM's John S. to share about the part WMP Scripture booklets play in their outreach.

John: Over the past 40 years, OM Ships has partnered with WMP to distribute hundreds of thousands of Scripture portions in port cities around the world through the ministry of four ships—Logos, Doulos, Logos 2, and most recently Logos Hope. Thousands of people climb the gangways to visit the largest floating book fair in the world for opportunity to purchase Bibles and Christian books at a fraction of their original price.

Our goal is to place into the hands of every visitor who leaves the ship a piece of free gospel literature in their own language. WMP has enabled us to reach this goal in many countries around the world. It is always exciting to see children and adults alike with big smiles on their faces as they eagerly take the Scripture portions offered them by the crew and staff.



As well as ministering to people on board, the staff regularly participates in evangelistic meetings ashore, with local believers sharing their faith and testimonies. 🌐

[NOTE: Recent shipments for OM Ships included a total of 672,000 copies of The Way to God—48-page Scripture booklets in Sinhala, Tamil, Kiswahili, Portuguese, Xhosa, Zulu, Afrikaans, and English—destined for ports in Sri Lanka, Mauritius, Madagascar, Tanzania, Mozambique, and South Africa.]

