



East Gates

Seeing Beyond the Impossible™

INTERNATIONAL

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Dear East Gates partner,

As every calendar year comes to a close, it's only natural for a ministry to step back and review what has been accomplished and to reflect on how fruitful it has been. In this regard, we oftentimes think how God's natural practice is to do just the same. At the beginning of Creation, He paused at the end of each day to assess what had been done. *"It was good,"* He said (Genesis 1:4,10,12,18,21, 25). And at the end of the 6th day, after He created man and woman and all that was necessary for their well-being on earth, He said it was not just "good" but *"moed tov"* (Hebrew) meaning, "exceedingly and abundantly good."

God also pauses at the beginning of each weekly Sabbath (Exodus 20:8) and annual biblical festivals (Leviticus 23) to remember and rejoice in all that He has sowed and continues to reap for the eternal welfare of all. In light of all that we see happening in the world, we can be so grateful for the fact we have a covenant-keeping God who remembers and fulfills all His promises!

As we look back on 2019 and forward to 2020, East Gates can proclaim, "It has been and continues to be exceedingly and abundantly good!" As you will see, despite the increasing levels of persecution within China's registered and unregistered churches, by God's grace, we were able to continue to fund, equip, train, strengthen and bless believers.

THE LORD GAVE THE WORD; GREAT WAS THE COMPANY OF THOSE WHO PROCLAIMED IT.

Psalms 68:11 (NKJV)



Lower income and less educated minority tribe students attend Bible School in Yunnan Province.

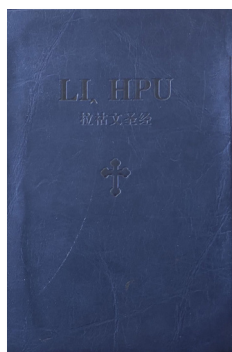


East Gates equips believers in these areas with Bibles and Christian resources that they cannot easily obtain on their own.

Starting in 2020, East Gates will be celebrating its 30th anniversary in serving the Church in China. We feel so blessed to be the hands and feet of Jesus for His Kingdom sake in a country with such spiritual potential. There are days when we want to express exactly what the Apostle John wrote in John 21:25 ~ "And there are also many other things which Jesus did, which if they were written in detail, I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the books that would be written."



Lahu Tribe celebrates the opening of a new church.



Lahu tribe Bible



Believers are so creative with their limited resources. Water bottles become hearts and spice bottles form the Cross.



Lahu tribe church services.



International hostel, cafe and prayer tower in progress.

In Yunnan province, a Christian brother with great vision is building a hostel with coffee cafe and prayer tower. It will host local visitors and overseas guests who have come to enjoy the natural beauty of the area as well as learn more about coffee plantation life. He has designed the top level of the hostel which has the best views, to be a large praise and prayer room/tower. Eventually, he hopes that all nations will come to worship the Lord there. East Gates is helping him finance this great project. Many local believers volunteer their services to help him as well. If you build it for the Lord, they will come.



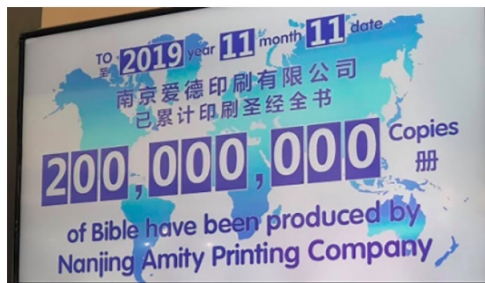
Just a few of the Christian project workers and volunteers that serve on the coffee plantation.

*C*hina used to be world renowned for its tea. Soon it will be coffee. With a new Starbucks opening every 15 hours, 2019 coffee consumption will bring in 8.9 billion dollars. China's Luckin Coffee company will soon beat Starbucks at its own game. Chinese brothers and sisters in Yunnan certainly have job security!

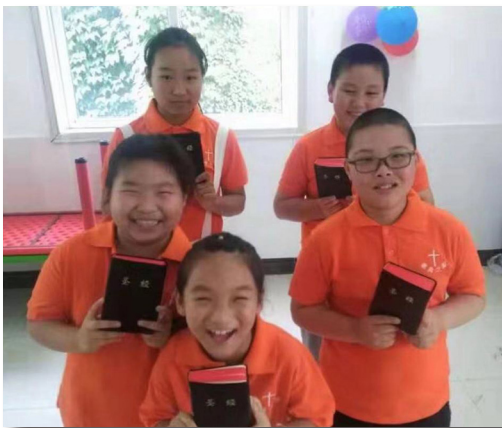
AMITY PRINTING PRESS CELEBRATES PRINTING OF 200 MILLIONTH BIBLE

China has always been a nation of great contradictions especially when it comes to the topic of Christianity and Bibles. Based on its history with the Opium Wars and Boxer Rebellion, the central government has always perceived Christianity to be a potential threat to its national stability and security. With recent religious policy revisions that require the full halt of online Bible distribution, a substantial increase in church surveillance, monitoring of attendance, offerings, sermon topics, youth participation and more, any religious freedoms once gained have now been reversed. It's part of President Xi Jinping's goal to build a China with "Chinese characteristics" thereby encouraging the growth of Taoism, indigenous folk religions and Buddhism (although Buddhism originally came from India) and sinicizing (to make Chinese in character and form) Christianity.

The irony is China is home to Amity Printing Press (APC), the world's largest Bible printer. On November 11th, APC celebrated printing its 200 millionth Bible in more than 130 languages. 85.48 million have been for the Chinese church.



The Amity Printing Press counter hits 200 million Bibles printed.



Chinese youth love to read and there is nothing better than seeing a group of smiling faces embrace God's Word. Better Chinese versions for youth are needed for this age group.



Over 200 registered Chinese church and government leaders, including overseas guests gathered to commemorate this historic event in Nanjing, China.



East Gates continues to equip the deaf community with God's Word and training even through the government recently closed one of the main deaf ministries we assist (faces masked).



Thanks to East Gates' staff and co-workers, Bible studies are a part of weekly community life in the remote parts of China. Since trainers are few in this area, we pray the Holy Spirit will speak to them in ways of revelation and application.

THE YEAR 5780 / 2020

Based on the biblical calendar, the New Year, 5780, began on Rosh Hashanah (September 29, 2019). In Jewish and Chinese culture, numbers have significance. In Hebrew, each letter of the alphabet has an associative number. The Hebrew letter “pey,” פ, has the numeric value of 80. Since it looks like a mouth, it has the following connotations: word, speech and breath.



The numeric value, 20, is associated with the concept of redemption; the action of saving or being saved from sin, error or evil; the action of gaining possession of something in exchange for payment or clearing a debt.

פ = Pey = mouth

Having already entered 5780 and very soon 2020, we admonish our Chinese brothers and sisters to reflect on what these numbers mean in the context of what our Savior, Yeshua HaMashiach, Jesus the Messiah, truly did to eternally save and redeem us. In the year to come, may their body, mind, soul and spirit speak forth of God's Love and Truth in wisdom and power. May they live out their miraculous redemption and proclaim scriptures such as Luke 1:37 to the glory of God!

FOR WITH GOD NOTHING IS EVER IMPOSSIBLE AND NO WORD FROM GOD SHALL BE
WITHOUT POWER OR IMPOSSIBLE OF FULFILLMENT.

Luke 1:37
Amplified Classic



May the Life-giving Light of our Savior Jesus Christ shine
forth through you this holy season and on into 2020.

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Thank you for your most loyal support of East Gates as we continue to eternally bless our faithful brothers and sisters in China. As challenging times have and will come for those who truly live out God's Truths, we want to encourage everyone with the words of the late English pastor, J. Sidlow Baxter:

“Men may spurn our appeals, reject our message,
oppose our arguments,
despise our persons,
but they are helpless
against our prayers.”

Ned and Christina Graham