



# ***CHINESE BIBLE MUSEUM***

**Curated by Dr. Daniel Ma, Charlotte, NC USA**

## Foreword

***Sanctify them by the truth; your Word is truth. John 17:17***

For over two decades, I have had the privilege of being invited to numerous historic events in modern Chinese Church History.

In 2005, I served as the chair of the South California Committee for the first China Bible Ministry Exhibition, USA. From 2006 to 2019, I attended and witnessed the completion of printing 40 million, 60 million, 100 million, and 200 million copies of Chinese Bibles, published by the national China Christian Council (CCC) & Three-Self Patriotic Movement (TSPM). In 2015, I participated in the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Amity Foundation, which oversees Bible printing. In 2019, I witnessed the 100th anniversary of the Chinese Union Version Bible (CUV) and the introduction of thinned paper for bilingual Bibles. Additionally, I was invited to attend the 60th anniversary of Nanjing Union Theological Seminary, the top seminary in China in 2010. Throughout these events, I consistently enjoyed the warm hospitality extended by our local hosts in Nanjing, Jiangsu CCC & TSPM.

For each of these significant events, a unique memorial edition of the Bible was specially designed and published. Reflecting their culture of friendship and gift-giving, as a VIP guest from across the ocean, I was always presented with a copy of a special Bible. I even have a Bible from the Beijing Olympic Games, a unique addition to my collection not found from any other world games. Thankfully, I managed to bring each of these treasures back to the USA.

At a time when the church in China is undergoing significant Sinicization, my team has decided to compile these Bibles. Our goal is not only to share with you an Exclusive Personal Chinese Bible Collection, but also to narrate the beautiful stories of Chinese Churches behind each event.

As Bishop KH Ting used to say, "The Bible unites us." I would also echo his sentiment, urging us to "Be united for Bibles."

Dr. Gene Wood  
President, Word4Asia



*2006 - Dr. Wood spoke at China Bible Ministry Exhibition USA - LA*

## Story 1

### China Bible Ministry Exhibition USA - 2006

From 2005 to 2007, the National CCC & TSPM organized three distinct Bible Ministry Exhibitions (BME) in Hong Kong, the USA, and Germany. The purpose of the exhibition was to showcase to the world the processes of Bible publishing, distribution, reading, and life application in China. The presentation included words, pictures, videos, and real materials meticulously designed and displayed. The exhibition not only opened the eyes of onlookers, but also effectively curtailed Bible smuggling activities.

In April 2006, a ground-breaking exhibition took place at the Crystal Cathedral, marking the first of its kind in the USA. This event garnered full support from the local BME committee in Southern California, composed of numerous church and seminary leaders. Dr. Gene Wood, one of the co-chairs of the committee, spoke at the opening ceremony. The exhibition also travelled to Atlanta and New York during the same trip.

More than 30 church leaders from China, including Rev. Shengjie Cao and Elder Xianwei Fu, visited the USA for the exhibitions. Prominent leaders from the State Administration of Religious Affairs, such as Dr. Xiaowen Ye and Mr. Zuoan Wang, attended some major events and delivered wonderful speeches. A music and dance group from the Lishu Ethnic Minority performed at the exhibitions.

Dr. Daniel Ma served as one of the executive coordinators from the Chinese side during that period, and Ms. Liping Lan was one of the coordinators from Los Angeles. Together, they witnessed a significant moment when unity was forged through the medium of the Bible.

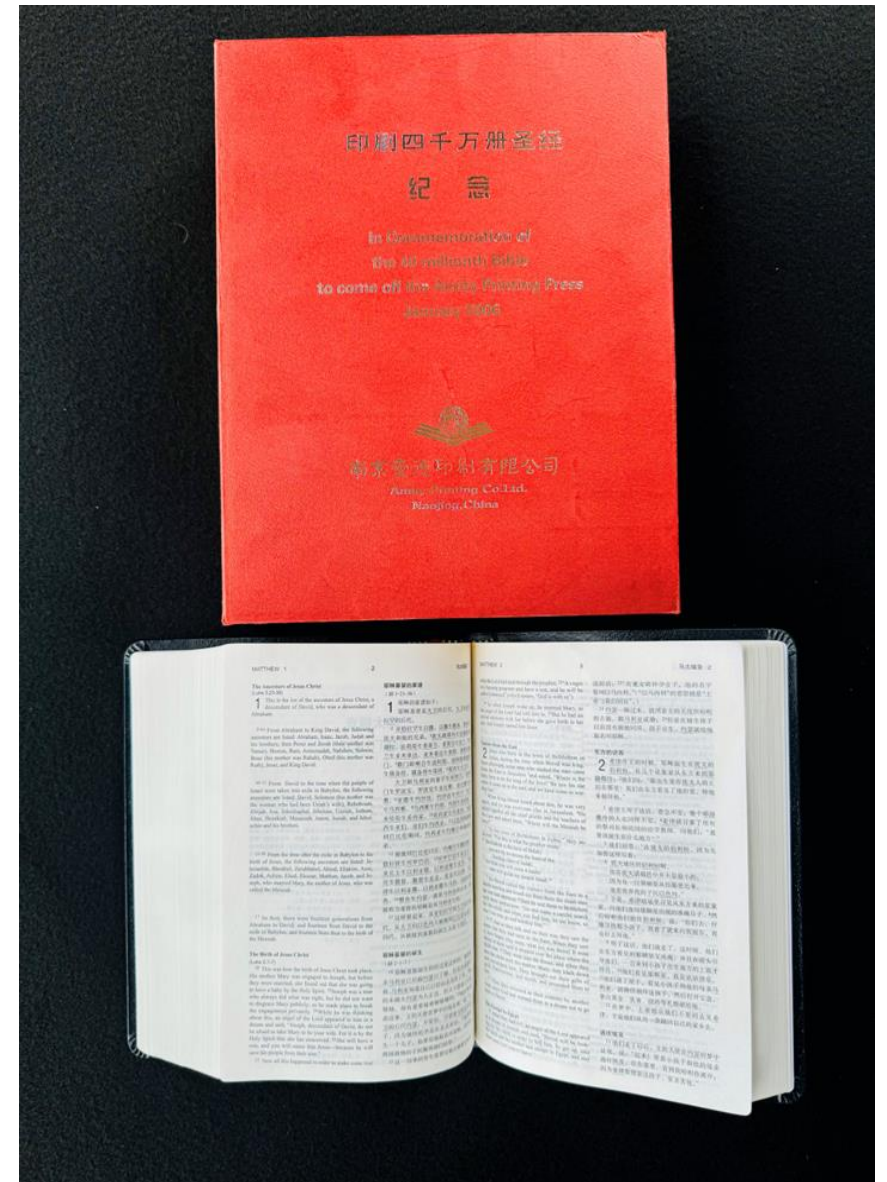


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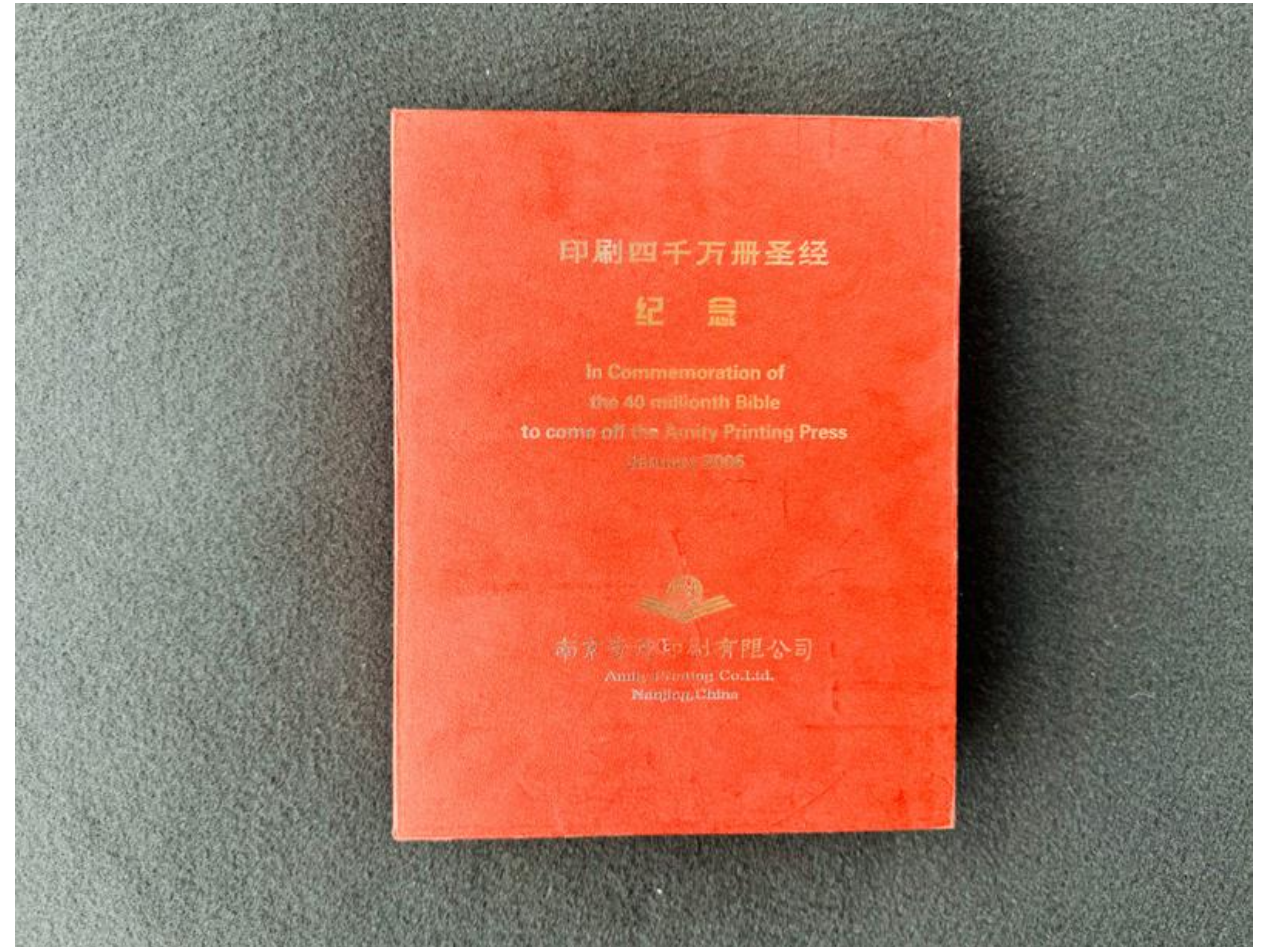


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## Story 2

Completion of printing 40 million copies of the Chinese Bible - 2006

In 2006, while the CCC & TSPM were conducting the Bible Ministry Exhibition tour in the USA, another significant event took place in China. During that same year, Nanjing Amity Press successfully printed 40 million Bibles.

When considering China's vast population of 1.4 billion, 40 million might not seem like a substantial number. However, accomplishing the printing of 40 million copies of the Bible in less than 20 years was a notable achievement. It reflects the profound need for God's Word in China and indicates the presence of religious freedom in the country.

Chinese brothers and sisters have a deep love for God's Word. Dr. Daniel Ma recalls his childhood in the early 1980's when there were no Bibles available. The only material they could read was a notebook with handwritten copies of verses, which were taught at the church. Daniel's grandmother, who never attended school, could read nothing but the Bible. In the early 1990's, when they finally obtained a genuine Bible, the excitement among the believers was overwhelming, and they shouted, "Hallelujah!"

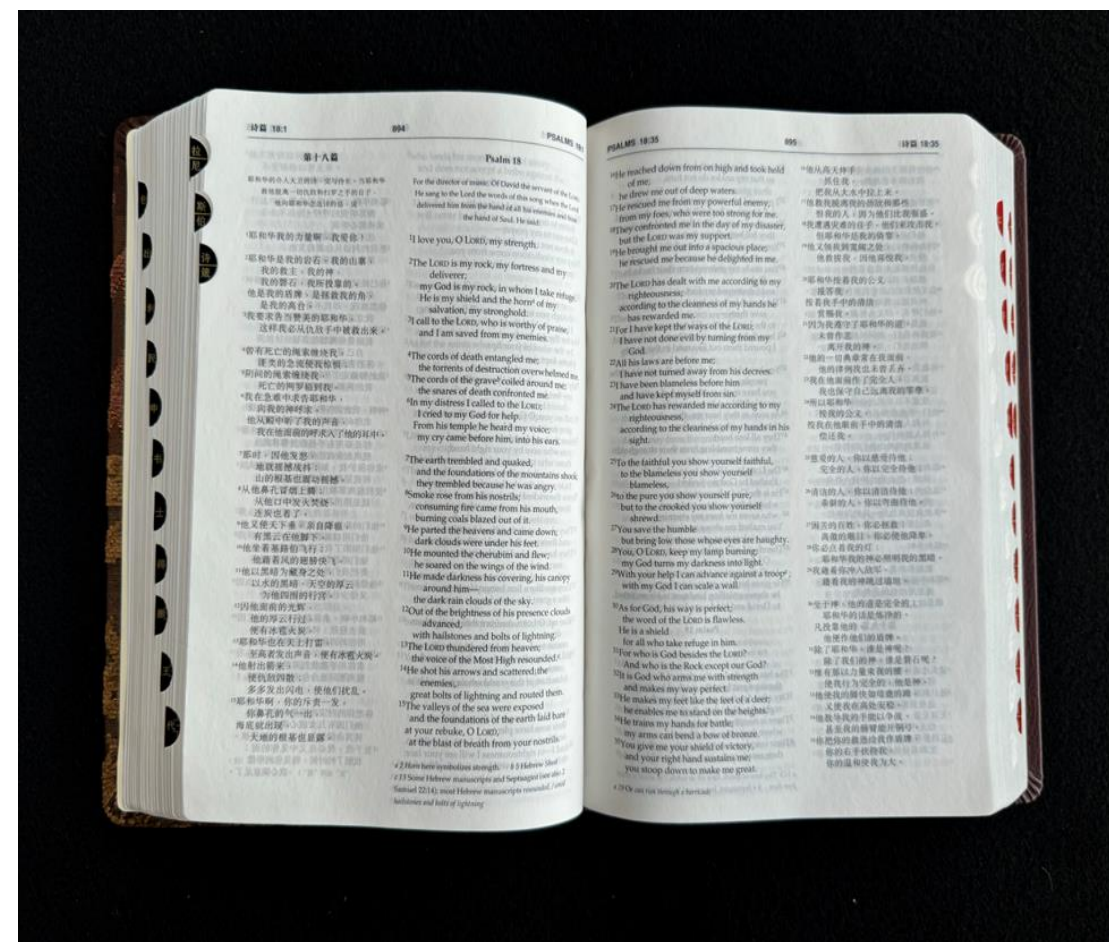


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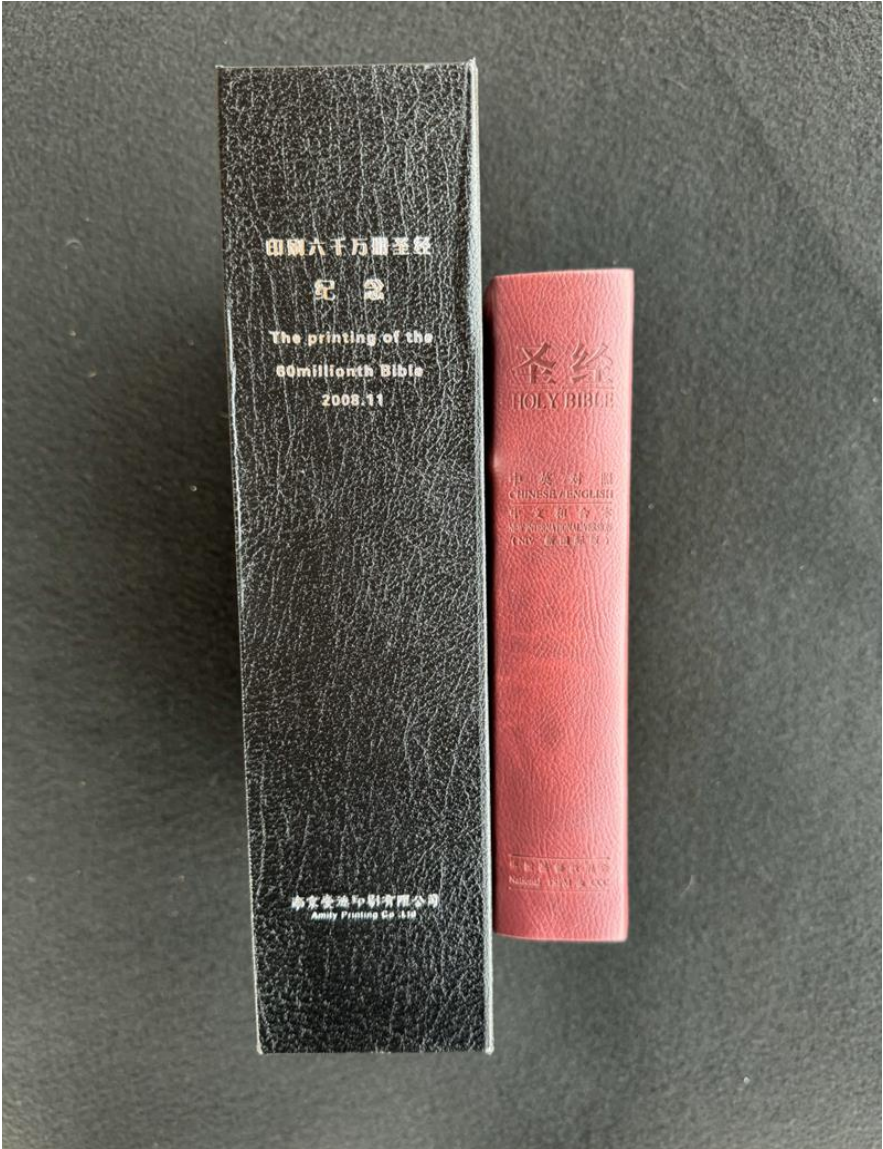


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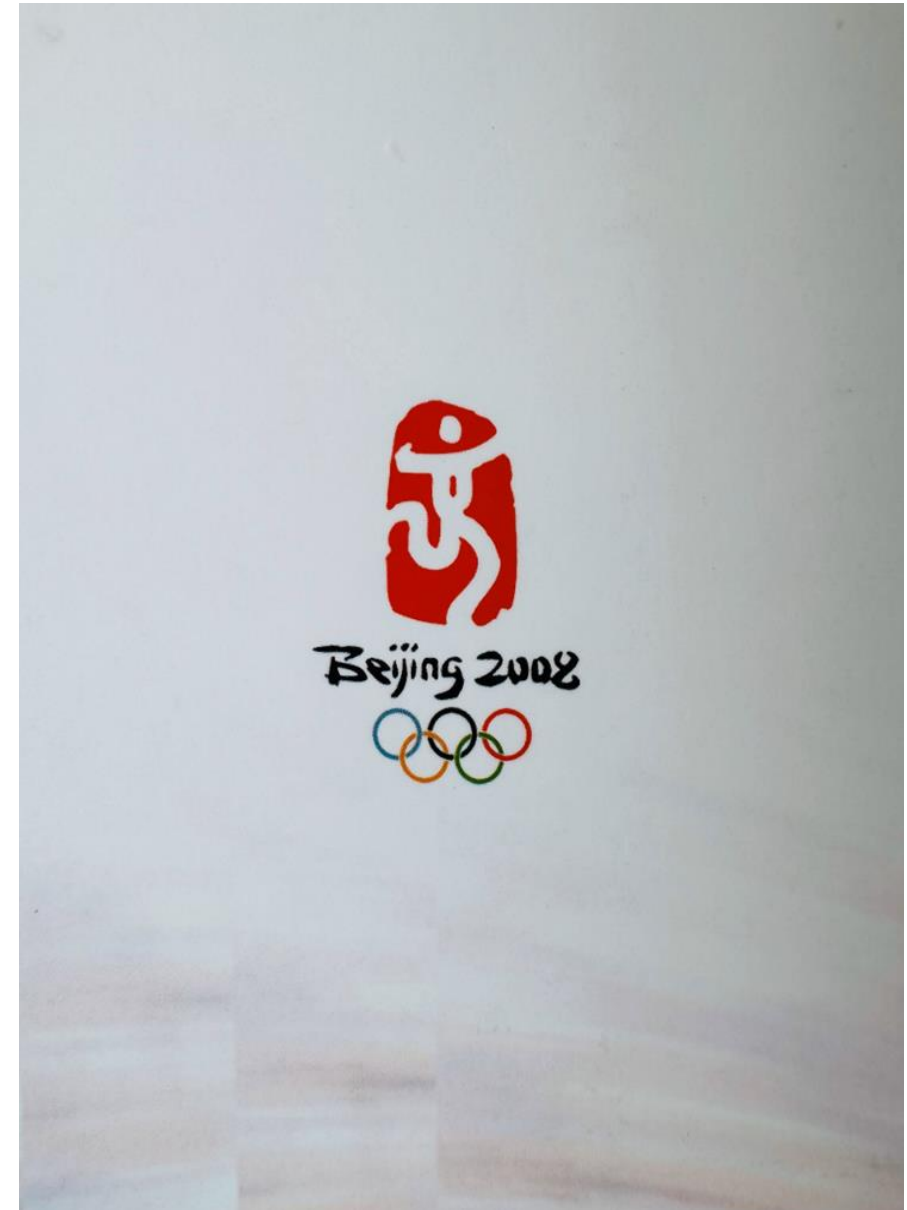
A special year in China History - 2008

In 2008, often regarded as the most significant year in modern Chinese history, China hosted the Olympic Games for the first time. This event not only showcased the country's robust sports development, but also highlighted its rapid economic growth and increased openness to the world.

To commemorate this historic occasion, a special edition of the Bible for the Olympic Games was designed and published by the national CCC & TSPM. Beijing CCC & TSPM, as part of the Games' hosting team, distributed thousands of these Bibles to all international friends who visited Beijing.

Simultaneously, in 2008, the Amity Printing Press in Nanjing printed 60 million copies of the Chinese Bible. This printing effort coincided with the dedication of their new factory, and both events were part of the celebrations surrounding the Beijing Games. (Note: Nanjing, means "Southern Capital," and Beijing, means "Northern Capital.")

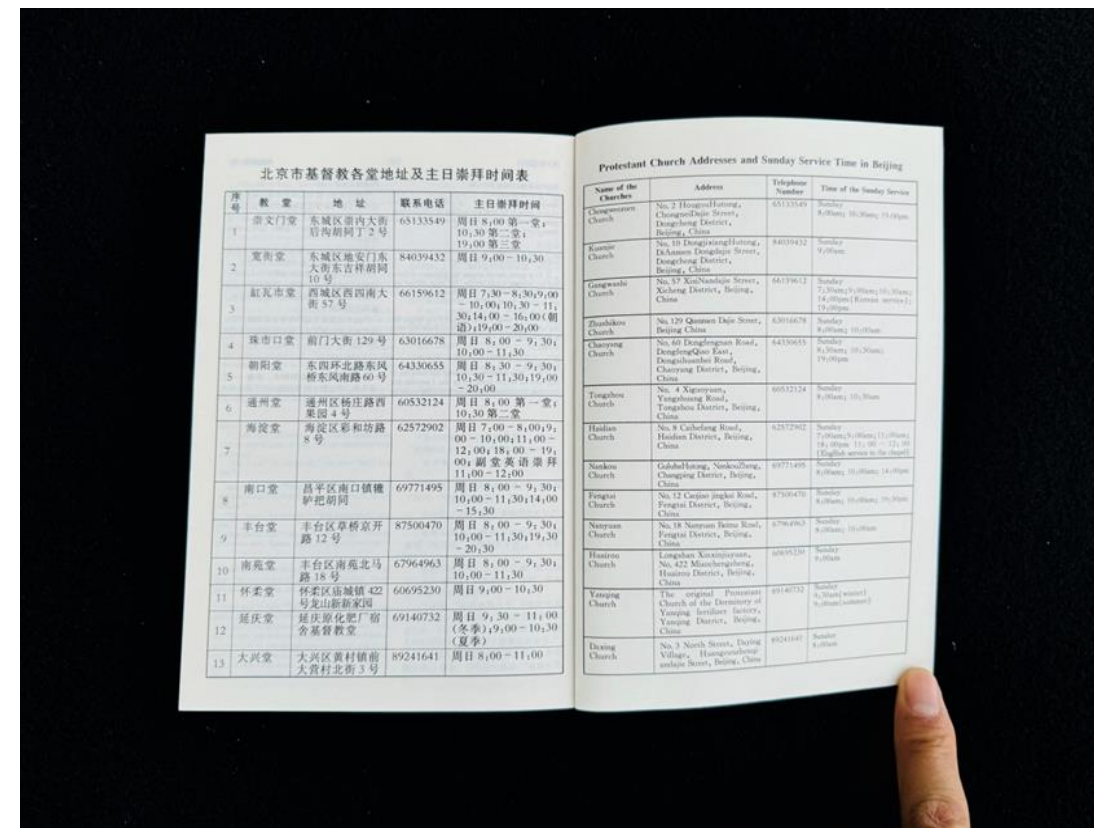
However, amidst these celebrations, a catastrophic earthquake with a magnitude of 8.0 struck Sichuan Province, resulting in over 70,000 victims. Despite this tragedy, the central government, along with the collaboration of the entire nation, effectively managed the disaster. International Christian organizations, including Word4Asia, generously provided support during this challenging time.



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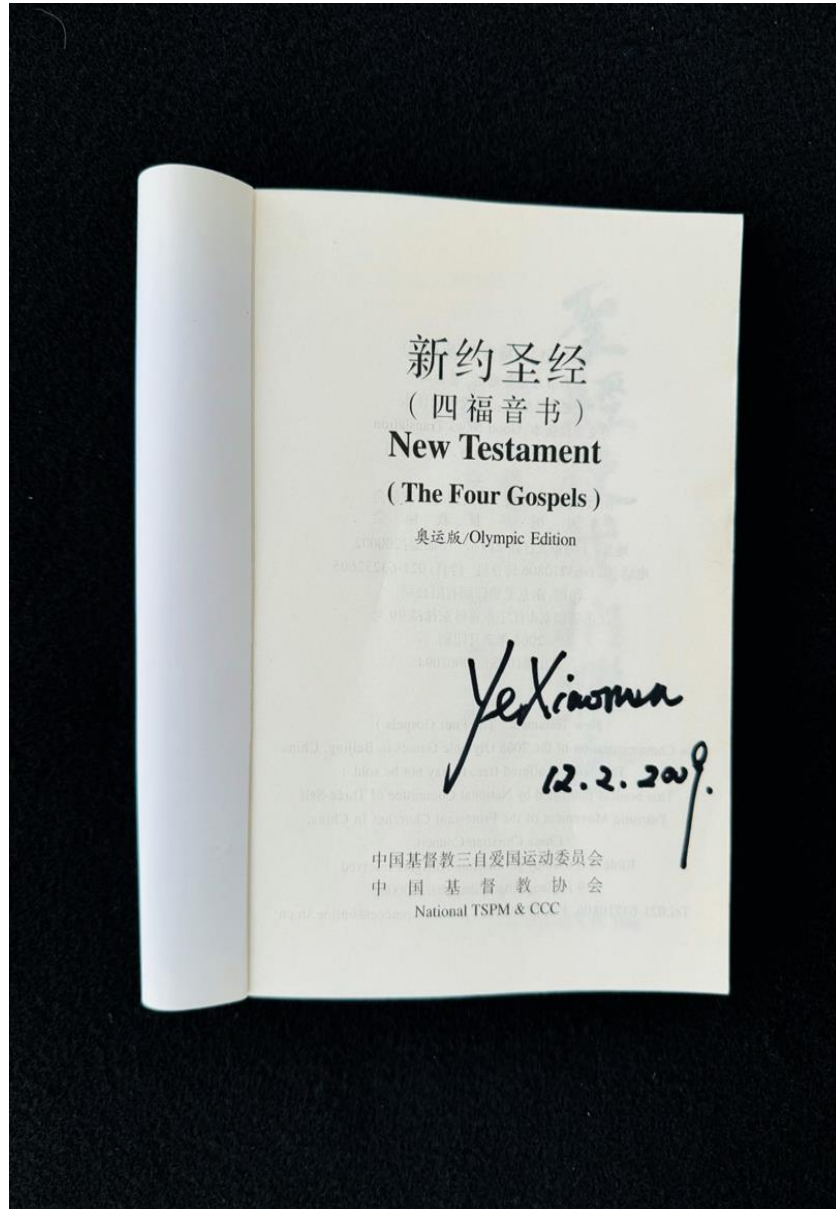


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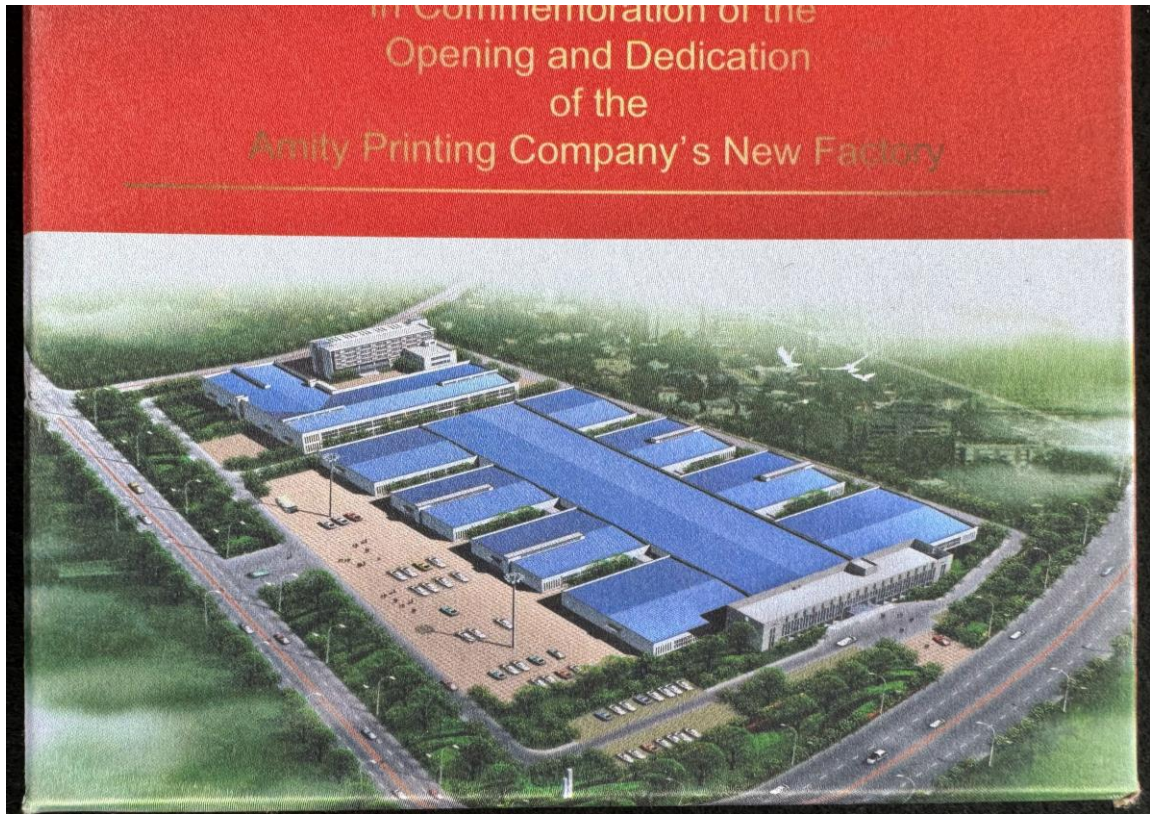


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南京爱德印刷有限公司  
Nanjing Amity Printing Co.,Ltd.

AMITY PRINTING

### 爱德大事记

1986年 - 爱德印刷厂奠基。  
1987年 - 12月5日，南京爱德印刷厂开业庆典暨印刷设备捐赠仪式。  
1989年 - 完成首批100万册全国两会圣经的印刷。  
1993年 - 完成第500万册圣经印刷。  
1995年 - 启动盲文圣经生产。  
1995年 - 完成第1000万册圣经印刷。  
1999年 - 完成第2000万册圣经印刷。  
2002年 - 第3000万册圣经下线。  
2004年 - 第二条生产线竣工扩大了产能。出口圣经（含新约）产量达到450万册。  
2006年 - 第4000万册圣经下线。  
2006年 - 爱德印刷新厂区在江宁工业园区破土动工。  
2007年 - 第5000万册圣经下线，其中全国两会4000万册，出口1000万册。  
2008年 - 4月16日，爱德印刷新厂区生产的首批圣经下线。  
2008年 - 4月21日，爱德印刷老厂区生产的最后一批圣经下线。  
2008年 - 5月18日，爱德印刷新厂区竣工开业典礼。

### Key events

1986 - Foundation stone laid for the original Nanjing Amity Printing factory.  
1987 - The Opening ceremony and dedication of the new factory held on December 5th.  
1989 - The first million Bibles completed for the China Christian Council / Three Self Patriotic Movement (CCC/TSPM)  
1993 - Completion of the 5 millionth Bible  
1995 - Braille Bible production begins.  
1995 - 10 million Bibles had been printed.  
1999 - 20 million Bibles had come off the Presses.  
2002 - A cumulative total of 30 million Bibles had come off the production lines.  
2004 - The completion of a second production line increased production capability. An accumulative total of 4,500,000 copies of scripture for export is reached (incl. N.T)  
2006 - 40 million Bibles printed by now.  
2006 - Building begins at the new Amity factory site in Nanjing industrial zone.  
2007 - 50 million cumulative total of the Bibles reached at the old site. (40 million for CCC/TSPM, and 10 million exported)  
2008 - April 16th sees the first production run of Bibles come off the end of the production line at the new purpose built factory.  
2008 - On April 21st, the last Bibles come off the production lines at the old factory.  
2008 - On May 18th the official opening and dedication of the new factory is held.



**2008 - Commemorative Bible for Amity Press  
New Factory**

#### Story 4

60th anniversary of Nanjing Union Theological Seminary - 2012

Nanjing Union Theological Seminary (NJUTS) has a rich international mission history dating back to 1911 when it began as Nanjing Bible Training School. The school was a collaborative effort, co-founded by various denominational church organizations from the USA. During the same period, missionary seminaries were established in other Chinese cities, and in 1952, they united to form NJUTS. Bishop K.H. Ting served as the founding president of NJUTS and remained in office until 2012. The current president is Rev. Gao Feng.

As of today, NJUTS stands as the only national-level seminary in China, and a significant number of national and provincial leaders of the China Christian Council and Three-Self Patriotic Movement (CCC & TSPM) have graduated from this institution. NJUTS offers a bachelor's and a master's degree in theology, and in recent years, they have initiated a doctoral program. The seminary plays a crucial role as the national theological development and reform center, contributing significantly to the reconstruction of Chinese Theological Thinking Movement and the process of Sinicization.

W4A and its delegation have visited the seminary, providing several lectures. Notably, Daniel Ma, a graduate of NJUTS, formerly served as a teacher there before relocating to the USA. Daniel currently chairs the NJUTS Overseas Alumni Association, which boasts over 100 members.

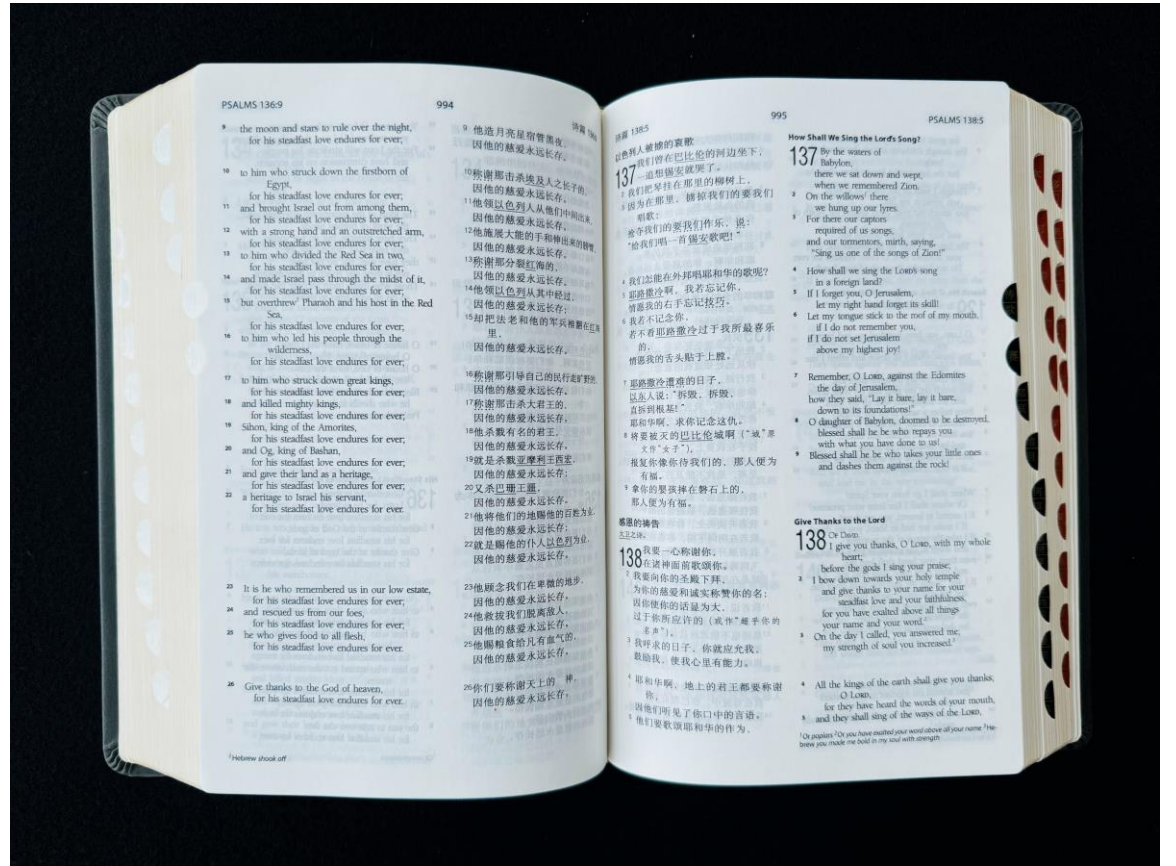


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## Story 5

the 9th Jiangsu Christianity Conference - 2013

At various administrative levels, from the national down to the provincial, municipal, and county levels, Christian Conferences are convened every five years. These conferences play a role similar to constitutional conferences, determining new leadership and introducing new church regulations or amendments. During each conference, both the CCC and TSPM elect their respective leadership teams.

Jiangsu, a province on the east coast of China with its capital in Nanjing, stands out as a developed region, situated next to Shanghai. With a population of 80 million, approximately 2 million Christians worship in 5000 churches across the province. Jiangsu hosts a provincial Bible Seminary, which includes a church open to the public and an impressive CROSS museum. Notable international figures associated with the province include Nelson Bell (Billy Graham's father-in-law) in Huai'an city of the North and Hudson Taylor in Zhenjiang city of the South.

The Jiangsu CC & TSPM have been welcoming and supportive of the W4A team since its inception. They have hosted W4A on numerous occasions and were the first to host American friends after the pandemic. Additionally, they serve as the primary publisher of spiritual books related to W4A initiatives.



**2013 – Special Edition Bible – The 9<sup>th</sup> Jiangsu CC & TSPM Conference**





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## Story 6

the 30th anniversary of Amity Foundation - 2015

The Amity Foundation, an independent Chinese social organization, was founded in 1985 on the initiative of Chinese Christians led by Bishop K.H. Ting and joined by people from all walks of society. They work to promote education, public health, social welfare, community development, environmental protection, disaster relief and other philanthropic undertakings in China and other parts of the world. Amity projects have benefited more than ten million people at home and abroad.

At the same time, the Amity Foundation is the major owner of Amity Printing Press. The press is the largest Bible printing press in the world. Since the first copy of the Bible came out of the press, it has been the major printing press not only for China, but for the whole world, offering more than 70 languages Bible Printing experience. As for the Chinese Bible, it has printed over 200 million copies, through the SOLE publisher, CCC & TSPM.

The Amity Foundation, with headquarters in Nanjing, has also been the major host of W4A for decades. Dr. Gene Wood has given several lectures to Amity staff.



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### **Story 7**

100th anniversary of Chinese Union Version Bible (CUV) - 2019

The Chinese Union Version (Chinese: 和合本) is the predominant translation of the Bible into Chinese used by Chinese Protestants, first published in 1919. The CUV was translated by a panel with members from many different Protestant denominations, using the English Revised Version as a basis and original-language manuscripts for cross-checking. Work on the CUV began in 1890 and was completed in 1919. The revised version was completed in 2010.

Despite the existence of several new translations, Chinese Christians, including church leaders, pastors, seminary teachers, and overseas Chinese churches, continue to prefer the Chinese Union Version (CUV). This preference is shared by the entire community.

Undoubtedly, the translation of the Bible into Chinese is a fundamental step for the Sinicization of Christianity, a process that began in 1919. The translation and publishing of the CUV have made significant contributions to spreading the Word of God within the Chinese community, both in China and abroad.



**2019 - Chinese Union Bible  
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition**





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## Story 8

### Historic Movement

From the printing of 100 million copies of the Chinese Bible in Nanjing in 2012 to reaching 200 million copies in 2019, it only took 7 years to print an additional 100 million Bibles. The scale and speed of this achievement is truly remarkable. Looking back to 1919, when the first Chinese Union Version (CUV) Bible was printed, it was unimaginable that 200 million copies of the CUV would be printed in China within a century.

In addition to the efforts of the CCC & TSPM, the Chinese government has played a crucial role. The State Administration of Religious Affairs (SARA), now the National Religious Affairs Administration (NRAA) under the Central United Front, along with the News and Publishing Ministry, gives the final approval for Bible publishing and printing.

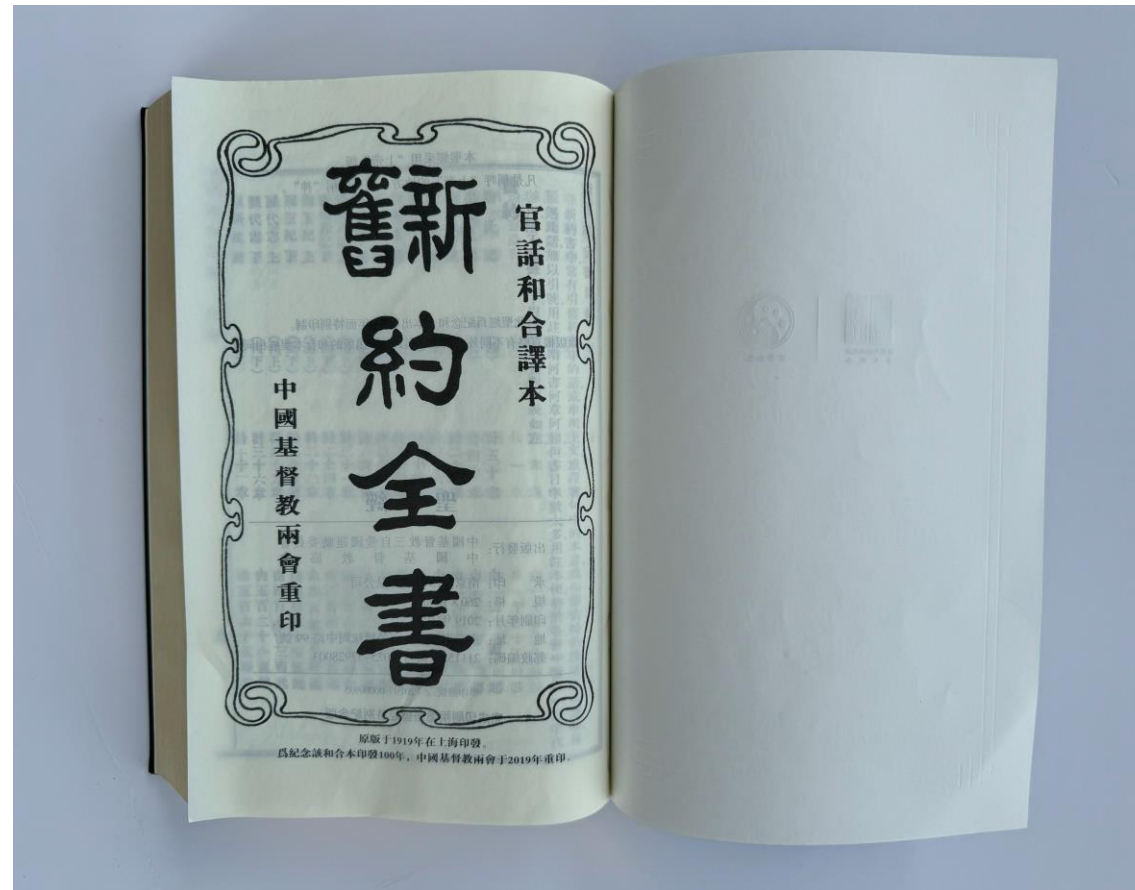
Since 1998, Dr. Gene Wood has had meetings with many General Chiefs of SARA/NRAA, as well as those at the provincial and municipal levels. Word4Asia respects the laws of China and operates everything in China and Asia openly and legally.



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### **Story 9**

#### **Other Special Bibles Collection**

In addition to the Chinese Union Version (CUV) Bibles, a wide variety of Chinese Bibles, including Chinese and English bilingual Bibles, double Chinese versions, Chinese minority language Bibles, and Bibles in international languages, have been printed in Nanjing, China.

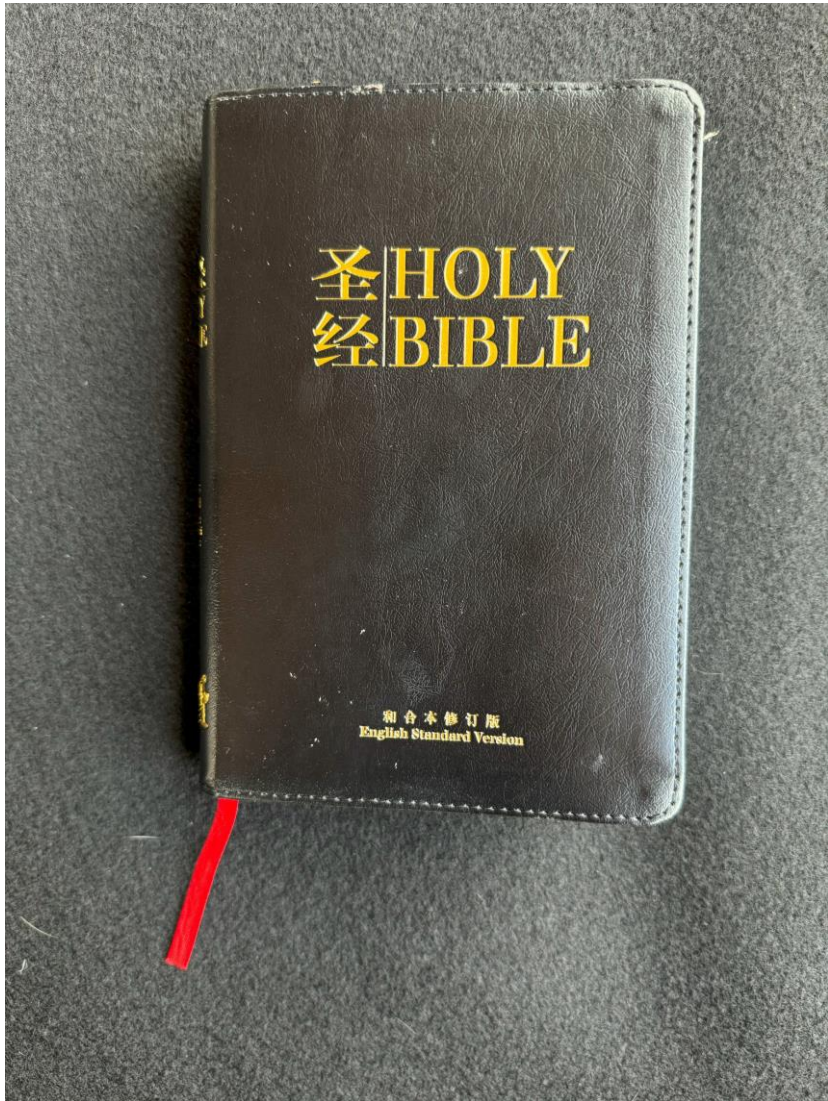
Special editions such as the New Testament with Psalms and Proverbs, the Gospel of John, Gospel of Luke, Gospel of Mark, and others have been produced.

Moreover, there are Bible commentaries and devotionals available in China, encompassing Study Bibles, Life Application Bibles, the John Stott Series, and more. The range of offerings reflects the diverse needs and preferences of readers in the Chinese Christian community.

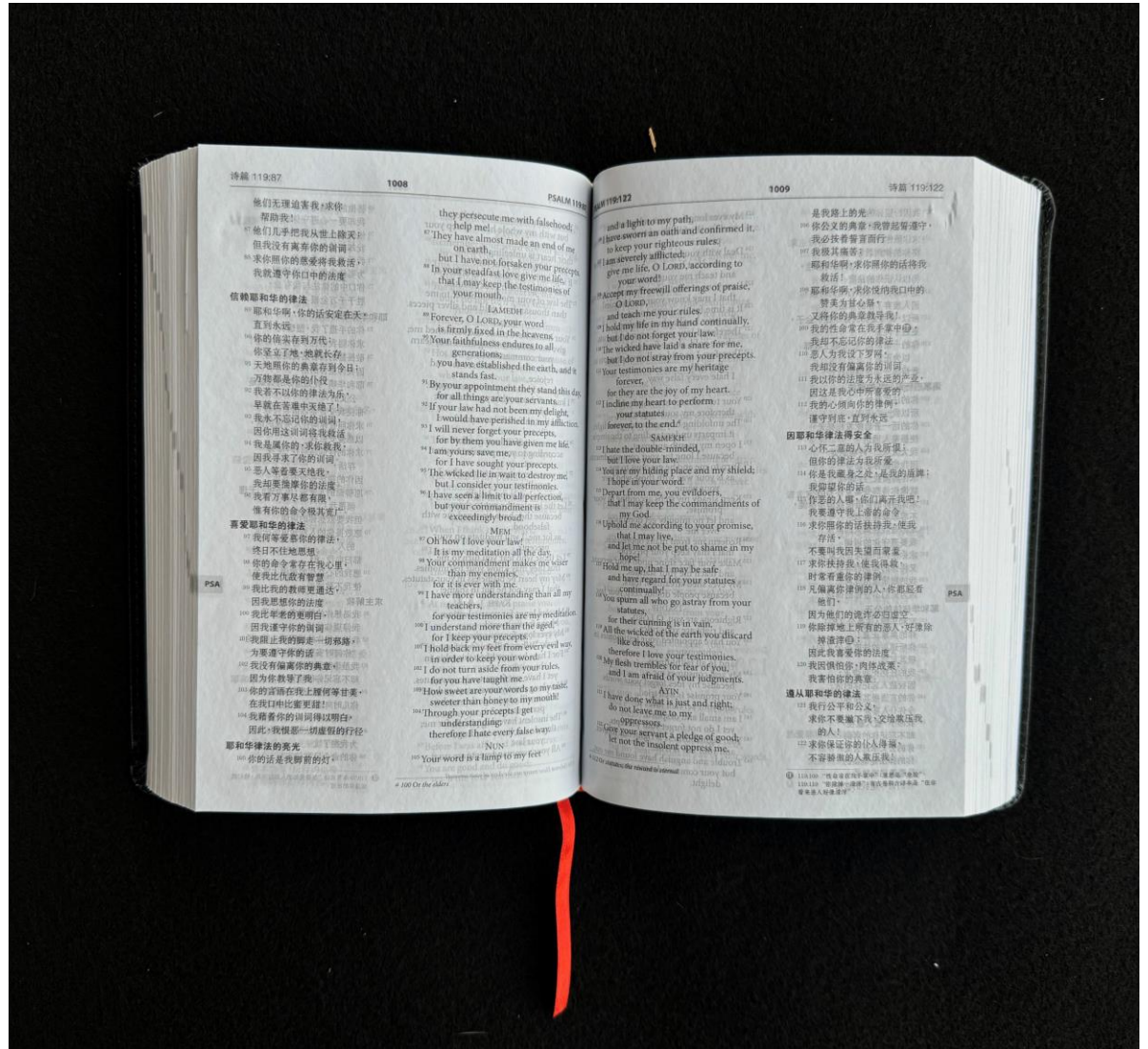


***There are three main sizes of Bibles distributed in China.***





The thinnest bilingual Bible



The thinnest bilingual Bible





The New Standard Chinese Bible & CUV for New Testament in one Bible



### Story 10

The Senior Pastor at the church in Beijing gave Gene this hand-written Bible/set of books from the Bible. The church has a study group which meets weekly to do handwriting of Scripture portions. They do have printed Bibles. The concept is one of Scripture meditation, meticulous care for each word of the Holy Bible. It demonstrates also the reverence modern day Christians have for their Bibles. While there are numerous people involved in this spiritual discipline, each copy is unique.

When the Pastor heard our name was **Word4Asia** she knew this would be a perfect gift for us, and it is!



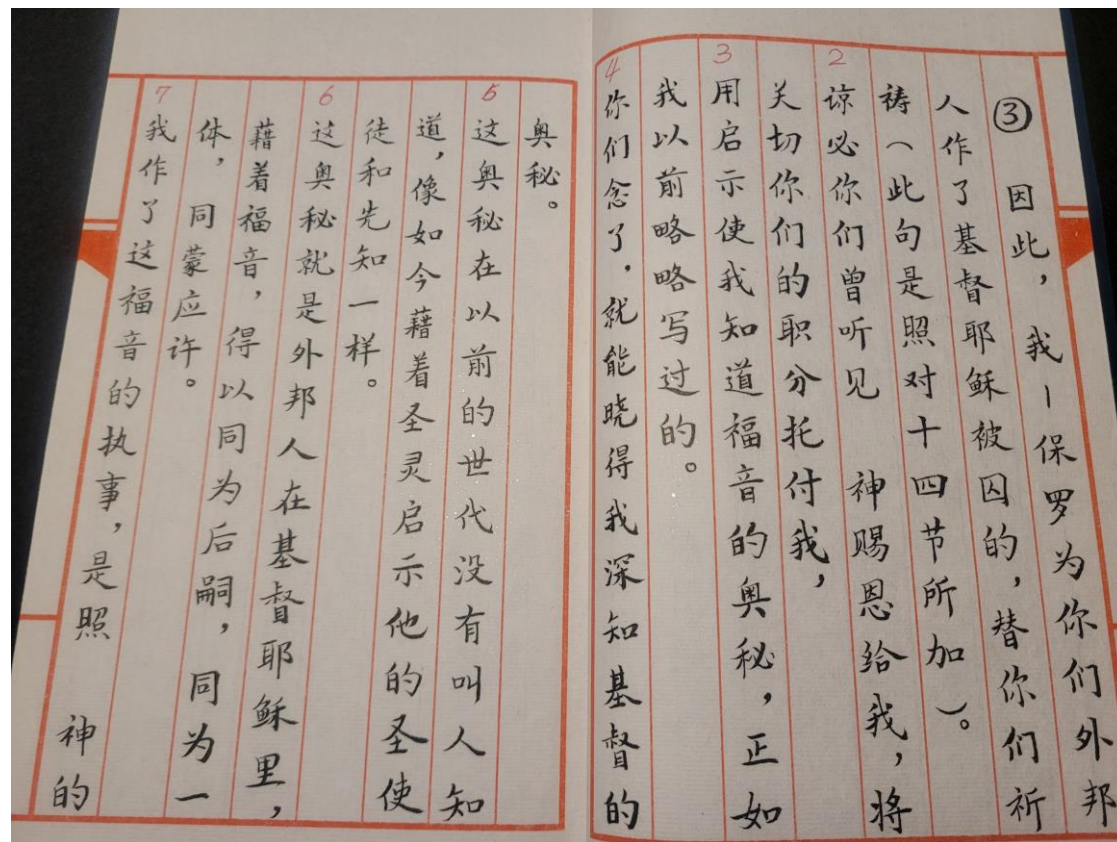
*Beijing Christian TSPM & CC*







**Book Collections: (left to right)**  
**Hebrews (1-8)**  
**Leviticus**  
**Proverbs**  
**Ephesians in Li style**  
**Ephesians in Kai style**



**Ephesians 3: 1-7**



Dear Friends,

We hope you enjoyed these exquisite photos capturing historic moments. If you have any questions about this special Chinese Bible Museum or Word4Asia, please feel free to contact us.

Let us continue to pray for China!

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