



## Getting the Gospel to the East Asian Peoples

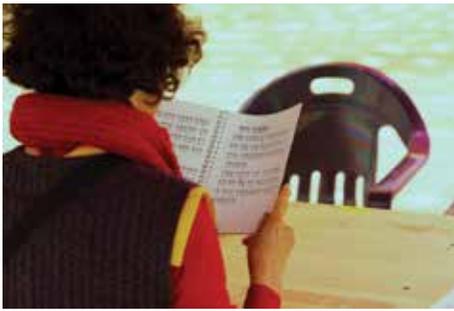
IN A WORLD OF INCREASING HOSTILITY TO THE GOSPEL, HOW DO YOU REACH THE WORLD? IN COUNTRIES THAT NO LONGER WELCOME YOUR PRESENCE, HOW DO YOU ACCESS THOSE WHO DESPERATELY NEED TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS WE WANT TO TELL THEM? YOU TRAIN OTHERS TO GO.

### Hearing the Good News

Brother Yang\* and his family left their church in China to serve amongst the Chinese Diaspora in the Middle East. He faces challenges like any cross-cultural worker: new language and culture, making new friends, and eating new foods. For the average East Asian, this is incredibly difficult. Migrant construction workers, a majority of Diaspora Chinese, find it even harder. One Chinese holiday, Brother Yang invited workers to a celebration. More than 400 people heard the gospel, and most trusted Jesus as their Savior. Today more than 80 of them come to church. Brother Yang discipled them and trains his core team to reach others cross-culturally.



Brother Yang received good training before he left for the field, but there are still challenges. With the crack down on churches in China, receiving financial support has been increasingly difficult. He is currently working through the challenges of obtaining a visa, raising support, and being bi-vocational. His story is a reoccurring one in the Chinese Diaspora. They faithfully go, but there are many barriers in the way. Pray they will stay the course and not give up.



**1 EAST ASIAN PEOPLES.** Pray for creative ways that will enable believers to live long term amongst the currently unengaged peoples of East Asia. Pray they will be able to minister to physical needs as well as spiritual ones.

**2 PEOPLES OF THE AMAZON RIVER BASIN.** Pray that a Baptist church in a town near the Amazon will find a pastor. The Amazon Peoples Team is filling in temporarily, but the church needs a shepherd.

**3 DEAF PEOPLES.** Believers in the Deaf church in a Southeast Asian city are experiencing relational difficulties. Some are frustrated and overwhelmed, and one has left. Pray for harmony in the church as they try to reconcile and learn to live in community

**4 EAST ASIAN PEOPLES.** Praise God for opportunities to financially support projects, such as the KIMCHI and DUMPLING projects, which enable global Christians to participate in sending and supporting East Asian missionaries to the nations.

**5 SENUFO SUPYIRE OF MALI.** Two young local believers were forced to marry unbelievers. They feel so defeated by their arranged marriages. Ask God to sustain them and use them to bring the unbelieving spouses to faith in Christ.

**6 PARIS, FRANCE.** Pray for the Paris City Team to be faithful and obedient in discipling others and that they will always keep their eyes fixed on Jesus. Ask that they will be diligent in prayer and in reading God's Word.

**7 EAST ASIAN PEOPLES.** Solid biblical teaching is needed for those who have a desire to go into all the world to preach the gospel. Pray for training centers to be established and staffed to meet this need.

**8 CITY OF SAND, NORTHERN AFRICA.** Pray for leaders to arise and develop from small groups in North Africa. Ask that the overseers of these groups will trust the Holy Spirit and let him have control. Pray that many will show their commitment and obedience in baptism.



**9 YANGON, MYANMAR.** In rural Yangon, many people don't have access to clean water. A group of believers went there to deliver water filters and the Good News that Jesus can cleanse their sinful hearts. Ask that many will have faith in Jesus.

**10 EAST ASIAN PEOPLES.** Crossing cultures to share the gospel can happen within a country's borders yet is still difficult. Pray those being called to the remote areas will joyfully embrace the new culture God is calling them to reach.

**11 SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES.** Tailoring classes provide job training in five centers in southern India. Praise the Lord that, among the recent graduates at one center, three families accepted the truth! Pray for these new followers of Jesus and for more transformed lives.

**12 KABUL, AFGHANISTAN.** Pray for Mary\* and her family in Kabul to have dreams and visions of the one true God. Ask for Joseph\* also in Kabul to surrender to the truth he has seen.

**13 EAST ASIAN PEOPLES.** As East Asians relocate to other countries, they often hunger for relationships. Pray the Christian community will be faithful to offer this. Pray for hearts to be receptive to the Good News that accompanies these relationships.

**14 NORTHERN AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN UNENGAGED PEOPLES.** The Hemat Baggara's nomadic lifestyle in Chad makes it difficult for them to hear the Good News. Pray for them to hear that God loves them and has sent Jesus for them. Ask for more believers to love and share with these nomadic people.

**15 EAST ASIAN PEOPLES.** It is not uncommon for Chinese believers living abroad to be burdened for their homeland. Pray for them to seize opportunities to return often and share Christ with those who remain separated from Christ.

**16 WASSULU OF MALI, GUINEA, AND COTE D'IVOIRE.** Cultural barriers keep Dagon Christians from sharing the gospel with their Wassulu

neighbors. Pray that the Dagon church will be a light among the Wassulu people and lovingly embrace Wassulu believers.

## 17 MIR OF COLOMBIA.

Political moves underway aim to create new restrictions about entering the area where unreached people groups like the Mir people live. Pray that God will not allow the door to close for the Mir people to hear the gospel.

**18 EAST ASIAN PEOPLES.** As opposition to the gospel increases, pray believers will remain faithful, counting it joy knowing the trials will produce endurance. For those imprisoned because of the gospel, pray they will be glad to be considered worthy of suffering.



**19 DEAF PEOPLES.** A believer had several opportunities to teach an Old Testament overview in two Southeast Asian cities. In one of the cities, 11 people participated, including three Buddhists. Praise the Lord for these opportunities! Pray for lasting fruit.

**20 MALTESE OF MALTA.** Pray for a growing fellowship of Christian young people and a new a group of young professionals to be faithful witnesses. Pray that God forms more groups! And as local churches meet immigrants, pray that they will be loving and welcoming.



**21 EAST ASIAN PEOPLES.** God is calling East Asians to some of the most dangerous countries in the world, and they are going. Pray for their efforts to be multiplied and their faithfulness to be duplicated. Our prayers undergird their work and perseverance.

**22 HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM.** Christian rehabilitation houses have helped many out of drug addiction and introduced them to Christ. These houses provide friendship and discipleship. Pray for people in the program to know Christ, remain strong, and share their testimony.

**23 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN PEOPLES.** In some African countries, churches will start schools for their children because of the persecution in the public schools. Pray that these schools will stay safe, attract qualified teachers, and provide a good education.

**24 EAST ASIAN PEOPLES.** As East Asians go to the nations and the nations go to East Asia, the reality of Revelations 7:9 becomes clearer. May we be faithful ourselves to pray, give, go, and send until God's name is known in all the world.

**25 TRIBAL PEOPLES OF NEPAL.** The Tamachhange Rai live in the eastern hill region of Nepal. Partly due to the rugged terrain, the Good News has yet to reach to them. Pray that workers will find them and that many among the Tamachhange Rai will believe in Jesus.

**26 TIHAMA YEMENI ARABS OF YEMEN.** Pray for Tihama Yemeni Arab believers to know God as their rock, deliverer, and shield (Psalm 144). Ask God to move mightily on their behalf and protect them. Pray for courage and wisdom as they share God's story with those around them.

**27 EAST ASIAN PEOPLES.** When East Asians choose to serve God, they often let go of lucrative careers. Pray they will be satisfied with what God provides and will not resent what he asks of them. Pray eternal blessings will replace earthly desires.

**28 CENTRAL ASIAN PEOPLES.** Initial efforts have been made to use social media and websites in a Central Asian country to proclaim the gospel broadly. Pray for creativity, effectiveness, and resources so that people in all parts of this country may hear the gospel.

**29 EAST ASIAN PEOPLES.** Pray young people in East Asian countries will have the financial and prayer support needed to go into the world and make disciples of all nations. As they serve, pray God will continue to call many to long term service.



## Excited to be part of His plan

My name is Mary\* and I've been serving for one year as a Korean Hands-On student. Before I went, I had no idea about my future. I heard about the Hands-On program through my church. I wanted to participate because other mission trips had been unforgettable experiences. Additionally, I felt like all other directions were blocked and God was calling me to come. I grew tremendously.

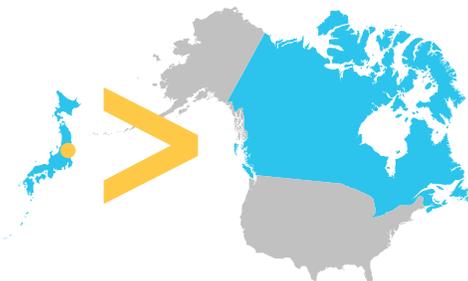
Through my quiet times and prayer, God taught me to become more like Jesus. I didn't have room for others and didn't know how to love them; but as I served God, he gave me a loving heart. I became friends with students, invited them to my house, cooked for them, gave gifts and told the gospel. I prayed earnestly for their salvation. God blessed me with two local friends becoming Christians and being baptized. It was a wonderful experience to watch them change.

*\*Names changed*

## EAST ASIAN AFFINITY

**1/4** of the world now lives in East Asia.

**1.7 BILLION PEOPLE**



Tokyo's population is greater than the entire population of Canada.



In just 26 years, Mongolia's Christian population grew from 40 people to more than 60,000.

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