

# Celebrate Christ with Bibles for Asia

## Committed Believers are Burning Idols

Animism is the primary religion among the hill tribes of Vietnam and beyond, that supports the belief of spirit beings dwelling within every living and non-living thing. Villagers submit themselves to appease these false gods by worshipping hand made idols in return for temporary protection and provision.



*They have thrown their gods into the fire, for they were not gods but made by human hands—wood and stone. So they have destroyed them. Is 37:9*

As over 30 “Feed & Seed” teams bring rice to **FEED the hungry** during Vietnam’s Covid shutdown, miracles regularly occur as they **SEED** souls with the glorious word of the one true God. Blind eyes are opening and eternal commitments are being made to Jesus Christ by individuals, entire families, and sometimes whole villages.



With sincerity, many are burning their false idols as an expression of their new faith. In addition, baptisms are occurring regularly, numbering up to 40 or more at one event.

Good News on the Vietnam trails is...  
“God’s Kingdom is Growing!”

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit...” Matt 28:19*



*Nearly all individuals within this small village were baptized together in one day.*

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# EDUCATION

## Development Timeline: BFA Leadership Training Program

- Fall 2016:** • **Village Gospel Listening Groups** began
- Nov 2019:** • BFA began **training leaders** to share the gospel.
- Aug 2020:** • BFA received and revised **new training curriculum** gained from IHU (see below).
- April 2021:** • BFA Leadership **Training School** became operational in village classrooms.
- Aug 2021:** • Leadership Training began **teaching ONLINE** with 120 students.
- Nov 2021:** • **393 GRADUATES** completed the first series of three formal courses.
- Present:** • Enrollment currently totals **800 active students**.
- Plan, Mar 2022:** • **Will add 8 new online trainers** to expand enrollment opportunity.
- Plan, Mid 2022:** • Rent temporary space for **Resource Center** while constructing new facility.
- Plan, Early 2023:** • **New BFA Resource Training Center opens** for operation.
- Plan Mid 2023:** • BFA to expand the training school program by adding **9 new specific training courses**, followed by **10 more in 2024**.

***BFA's original intention for mobilizing leadership training is solely for establishing clear training standards that will be accountable, organized and true to God's word.***

*Evangelism and discipleship training to village church leaders.*



Early this year, BFA was offered the use of a well-established teaching curriculum that was originally developed by International House University (IHU), a credited Hong Kong teaching affiliate of Christ for All Nations. IHU has successfully extended Christian education to 7 Asian countries, plus Canada and USA, and is now based in Los Angeles as an independent partner. Although IHU continues to contribute curriculum assistance, BFA intends to keep the Leadership Training School Program completely independent.

Within the next three years, approximately 20 new leadership courses will be added to train more leaders in: Evangelism, Gospel Listening Groups, Youth Ministry, Church Planting and Pastoral roles.

*Interesting aside:* For the purpose of Don's personal growth, as well as for practical assessment of the training program, Don has been enrolled in an intense IHU training course for the last two years. He officially graduated on Dec. 3 with a *Master's Degree in Christian Education and Leadership*. As a result, he will continue to mentor and disciple a growing number of 50+ individuals, from 6 different countries, online. As numerous lives continue to grow in Christ, BFA is discovering much more about the great commission:

***"Go and make disciples..."*** [Matt. 28:19].

*Gospel Listening Group facilitator training to motivated village believers.*



*BFA Mobilizes*

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**EXPANSION**

**KINGDOM  
FUTURE  
AHEAD**

As hearts are very ripe for harvest in Vietnam, there seems to be no end to the growing desire of people to turn their lives over to Jesus Christ. However, our evangelizing teams are finding this hunger for Christ does not end in Vietnam. As they persevere in sharing the gospel, our teams continue to discover many other unsaved people groups beyond the borders of Vietnam. This loud cry from a greater distance has convicted BFA to endeavor **to bring hope to the world** through Jesus Christ.

It has become clear that **God is leading BFA** to expand our ministry efforts beyond South East Asia. As we continue to depend on our Lord, we hope to introduce the gospel to more people across the globe. Bibles for Asia is excited to announce that we will soon venture toward **International Expansion**, as commanded in Mark 16, *“Go into all world and preach the gospel to every creature.”* God has already called several new key national leaders from other countries to join with BFA for the sole purpose of duplicating our Asian ministries within their country.

Starting early in **2022**, **BFA’s plan for Expansion** is as follows:

1. Begin recruiting national instructors to build up believers in their native country.
2. Fully educate and equip these new leaders through our training program.
3. Support these new national leaders to:
  - deliver the gospel to villages within their country.
  - establish Gospel Listening Groups.
  - encourage new believers to evangelize others.
  - lead faithful followers to intensive ONLINE Bible training.
  - raise up leading pastors and church planters.
4. As doors open in new ethnic areas, BFA will assess the language needs pertaining to translating, recording and printing educational media for both personal and online training.



*Reaching the nations personally and with technology.*

**BFA’s ultimate goal** is to follow God’s lead to introduce the gospel to unbelievers and to build up believers to grow effectively in Christ.

## Matching Funds Opportunity . . .

*BFA is very excited about the construction of the new Resource Training Center planned for 2023. It will not only serve to provide classroom training, but also as a facility for translation, recording and educational media supply.*

*Prayer and financial support is greatly needed.*

*Please be reminded that our small faithful group of supporters will MATCH EVERY DONATION made until Dec 31<sup>st</sup>!*



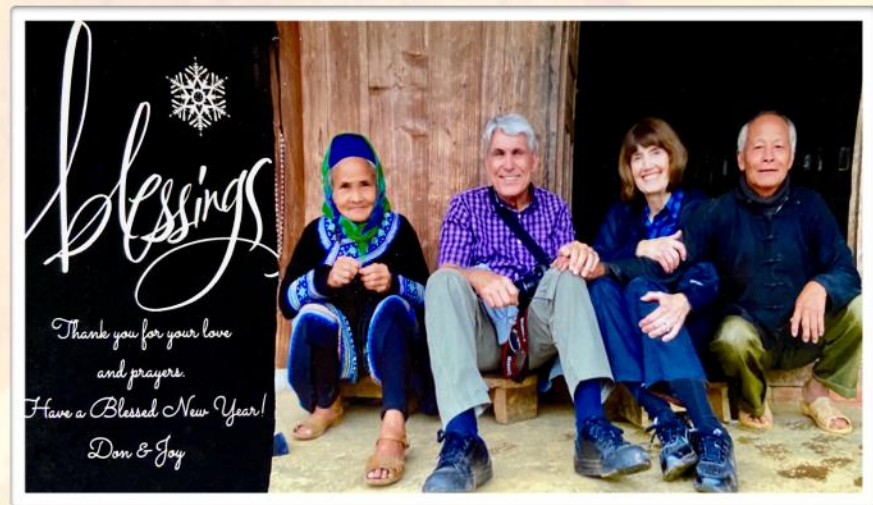
## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- God to guide and protect all new believers and BFA's ministers of the gospel from all evil influences.
- The hearts of unbelievers to be prepared to repent and receive new life in Jesus Christ.
- Continued growth of the Gospel Listening Groups.
- Encouragement and safety of the evangelism teams as they share, yielded to the leading of the Holy Spirit.
- Increased activity and local support for the church planting teams.
- Students learning experience to be deeply and authentically life changing.
- BFA Training Instructors to remain faithfully strong and surrendered to the leading of Christ.
- Clear direction for expanding the ministry of "Bibles for Asia" into other nations.
- The new national leaders as they are trained to introduce the gospel to the people of their country.
- Guidance in selecting property for the new BFA Training School / Resource Center and it's construction.
- Protection in maintaining authentic faith among all the volunteers serving with Bibles for Asia.

Dear Friends,

At this celebratory Christmas time for the One who gave His all so we could be saved, we are extremely grateful for God having saved more lives in one year through BFA than ever before. We Praise the Lord for His guidance with the "Feed & Seed" outreach ministry and it's upward growth; having reached over 1000 families with the gospel from September to present. We are particularly thankful for your prayers and consideration for all those serving with "Bibles for Asia," and for your thoughtful financial gifts that aid in the ministry of Christ. We are deeply grateful to God for using you and your love to encourage us to reach the lost in Asia with the gospel.

Our prayer for you is that you Celebrate the joy of Christmas while sharing the Good News of Salvation through Jesus Christ with those you encounter. Have a Blessed Christ-filled season and may God use your life for His purpose.



Don & Joy with our volunteers in Jesus Christ.