

# BIBLES FOR CHINA - 5 MYTHS & FACTS

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MYTH

China is overflowing with Bibles

FACT

The need for Bibles in China is as great as it ever has been. Tens of millions of Bibles are needed. Experts estimate the Chinese Christian population will reach 250 million by 2030\*. The chasm between need and resources will only grow.



2

MYTH

The need is being met by big international Bible organizations like United Bible Society, American Bible Society, Bibles for the World, Bibles for China, and Bible League

FACT

While these large organizations have Bible programs for China, **ALL** get Bibles into China through the official state church and state run Bible printing press in Nanjing. Biblia Global is one of the very few organizations who go through non-state approved methods to get Bibles to the millions of unregistered Chinese Christians.



3

MYTH

Bibles aren't needed from the outside because it can be downloaded from the internet

FACT

While the Bible can be accessed on the internet at certain times and places within China, the internet saturation in China is only 53.2%\*. That means 46.8% of the 1.38 Billion people in China - 732 million - don't have access to the internet.



4

MYTH

The largest Bible printer in the world is in China. Therefore, there is no need to bring in Bibles from the outside into China or print underground.

FACT

While the largest Bible printer in the world -Amity Press - is in Nanjing, China, only 52.5% of the 125 million Bibles printed since 1987 are for mainland China - 65.7 million\*. The rest of the 47.5% are for export to the rest of the world. The material printed for distribution in China since 1987 is not nearly enough for the estimated 130 million Chinese Christians. To meet the need other avenues are needed to get Bibles into China.



5

MYTH

Christians in China don't need Bibles from the outside as what is printed in China can be purchased in bookstores and churches.

FACT

Limited Bibles can be purchased in the largest Chinese cities in some government approved bookstores and churches. However, many times, one must register with the state church to do so, risking security services following up with large (more than one) requests for Bibles. Additionally, there is limited availability of Bibles at these locations. The vast majority of Chinese don't live near these city centers to even have the opportunity to purchase a Bible, let alone the economic means to travel to these places.



\* To learn more, visit [bibliaglobal.org/biblesforchina](http://bibliaglobal.org/biblesforchina)