

Amity Outlook

A Quarterly Bulletin
No.2 December 2012



**100 Millionth Bible
Celebration**

Contents

One Hundred Millionth Bible Celebration

- 02 100,000,000 Bibles in China
- 03 Address by Mr. Qiu Zhonghui, Vice Board Chair and General Secretary, Amity Foundation
- 05 Address by Rev. Rieweh Robert Cunville, Chair of the board, UBS
- 06 Address by Mr. Michael Leslie Perreau, General Secretary, UBS
- 08 Address by Rev. Martin Krieg, Secretary of Asia/Pacific Desk, EMW
- 09 Address by Mr. Stefan Moebs, Acting Consul General, German Consulate General in Shanghai
- 10 Address by Mr. Robert Wang, Deputy Chief of Mission at US Embassy in China
- 11 Address by Rev. Tang Weimin, Vice President, China Christian Council
- 12 Address by Rev. Yuen Tin-yau, Chairperson, Hong Kong Christian Council
- 13 Address by Ms. Guo Wei, Director, Department of Foreign Affairs, SARA
- 14 Address by Mr. Zhao Xueyi, Director, the Second Bureau, United Front Work Department of CPC Central Committee
- 15 Address by Mr. Luo Yimin, Vice Chair, Jiangsu CPPCC

Amity News

- 16 Ms. Kou Weiwei and Ms. Shen Zhanqing Ordained by the Christian Council of Jiangsu Province

Amity Easter Tour

- 18 The Amity Easter Tour 2012: Impressions of a German Participant
- 22 The Amity Easter Tour 2013: A Plan



Punlished by the Amity Foundation
Printed by the Amity Printing Company, Ltd.

Editorial Board:
Qiu Zhonghui – Chair
Anthony Tong
Philip Wickeri
Chen Zemin

Editorial Team:
Chief Editor: She Hongyu
Editorial Consultant: Theresa Carino
Associate Editor: Miao Jianbing
Guest Editor: Isabel Hess-Friemann
Creative Designer: Li Yan

The Amity Outlook is a quarterly publication reporting on the projects of the Amity Foundation and communicating the news related to the Protestant churches in China. Opinions expressed do not necessary reflect the views of the Amity Foundation. Materials can be reproduced with acknowledgement.

Dear readers,

March 22, 1985 was a remarkable day for the history of Chinese Christianity. It was on that very day that Bishop K. H. Ting, president of the Amity Foundation, signed the agreement with Rev. Jim Payne, representative of the United Bible Societies to establish the Amity Printing Press for Bible printing. From the very humble beginning of the first Bible produced in 1987 to today’s 18 million copies a year, from merely meeting the needs of Chinese Christians to today’s international Bible ministry, the Amity Press has gone a long way under His guidance.

Nov. 8, 2012 was another remarkable milestone for the Bible printing—the 100 millionth copy of the Bible was produced by Amity Press. Bounded in bamboo hard covers, the memorial edition of the Bible is a symbol of living fountain of God’s words.

In this special edition, we bring to the readers the reflections from distinguished guests graced the celebration ceremony for the completion of 100 million copies of the Bible. The speeches represent encouragement and anticipations from the Christian realm as well as from the governments in China, the U.S., and Germany.

The Amity Foundation is also happy to have two colleagues as newly ordained pastors who will lead Amity more in the theological reflection of the social service work that Amity heavily involves.

2013 will see more exciting development of the Amity Foundation. We look forward to a very blessed and abundant year with His guidance.

She Hongyu
She Hongyu
Chief Editor

ON THE COVER:
Plain, elegant, upright and dutiful, bamboo incorporates steadiness, flexibility and vitality. In China, bamboo has always been recognized as a symbol of moral integrity. The memorial Bible features a bamboo cover and a bamboo enclosure, indicating the living water of Christianity and the bread of life. It also expresses the wish that the Bible printing ministry will enjoy continuing improvement and endless grace.



100,000,000 Bibles in China

Steve Pearce

It was a very exciting occasion! On November 8th, I was present in the printing factory in Nanjing as Amity's 100 millionth Bible was produced.

Guests had come from all over the world and all over China, including Party officials, to make speeches giving their congratulations on this wonderful achievement.

Not long ago Chinese Christians were lucky if they had even a few handwritten pages of the Bible, then in 1986 Amity was formed and began printing Bibles. Now they come off the presses at the rate of one every second.

Official figures give the number of Christians as 23 million but it is likely to be far higher, maybe soon approaching 100 million; a huge number but a tiny proportion of the population. Christianity is growing very quickly as are Buddhism, Islam, and Taoism. Providing adequate numbers of well-trained ministers is a priority for the Church and current efforts are not keeping pace with the growth. Religions are now being seen by the government as useful agencies in building a harmonious society and addressing social problems.

In the 27 years since its foundation by Chinese Christian leaders as an independent Chinese voluntary organization, Amity has built a reputation for excellence in social development programmes both within China and internationally, this was reflected in the range and seniority of the 200 guests at the anniversary celebrations. Officials from the central government attended and spoke in praise of Amity's achievements, along with representatives from the provincial government, Religious Affairs Department, universities, diplomats as well as church leaders and Bible societies.

The Bible celebration took place at the new, hi-tech printing works and the actual moment of seeing that 100 millionth Bible - which we all did on a video screen - was very moving. The book was passed in turn to several of the workers who told their story of working at Amity - some of them for



Applauding the birth of the 100 millionth Bible.



Rev. Chen Zeming, President of Nanjing Union Theological Seminary and Senior Board Member of the Amity Foundation, announcing the birth of the 100 millionth Bible

the full 26 years – and finally to Rev. Chen Zeming, the senior board member of the Amity Foundation.

The Amity Foundation, in carrying out its activities, is consciously contributing to China's links with the rest of the world and this is true of its printing work too. Amity Printing Company is now the largest producer of Bibles in the world and of the 100 million produced so far, 60 million are being read in China and 40 million are for the world market, in many different languages. Amity is proud of this contribution to the rest of the World Church.

(Steve Pearce is the partnership coordinator of the Methodist Church UK.)

Address by Mr. Qiu Zhonghui, Vice Board Chair and General Secretary, Amity Foundation



Distinguished leaders, distinguished guests, brothers and sisters in the Lord, dear co-workers, ladies and gentlemen,

Good morning!

First of all, on behalf of the Amity Foundation and the Amity Printing Co., Ltd., I'd like to extend our most sincere thanks to all the guests coming to witness this milestone moment. We are making history. We are making the history of Christians in China and the history of the world's Christianity.

Thirty years ago, a great man, Mr. Deng Xiaoping, opened the door to China's reform and opening up. Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter once asked Mr. Deng Xiaoping three questions about religious issues. The first question is "Can Chinese people have their own Bibles?" The question was very clearly answered. Xiaoping said, "Yes." The simple word provided a policy precondition for our Bible printing ministry. Therefore, our first gratitude goes to the Party and the government's policy of reform and opening up.

As Christian Holy Scripture, the Bible has always been regarded as a treasure house of truth and the Fountain of Life. In 1987, we experienced the great joy of seeing the first Amity printed Bible in Nanjing. At this moment, with the one hundred millionth Bible in our hands, we are so excited with heartfelt gratitude. It took Amity 20 years to print the first 50 million Bibles. But the printing of the second 50 million Bibles only took Amity five years. Today, one hundred million Bibles have been printed. With the efforts of generations, we have experienced the change from the lack of the Bible to the availability of the first Bible and the provision of more Bibles. The video about the story of three generations illustrates the experience very well. We're experiencing historical changes.

At the dinner last evening, one of our guests made a special calculation. According to his calculation, the Bibles printed by Amity may encircle the earth five times if placed end to end. The Bibles we printed have ensured a sufficient supply to brothers and sisters in China. Of the one hundred million Bibles, 60 million are provided to the Chinese church and the Christians in

China under the guidance and support of the China Christian Council and the National Committee of TSPM. The remaining 40 million have been provided to churches around the world to meet their needs. We are printing Bibles for the whole Christian community of China and even of the world. We have realized the dream of Bishop K. H. Ting and Dr. Han Wenzao and the whole older generation of Chinese Christians: "We shall have our own Bibles." Now I'm here very pleased to announce that we have not only realized their dream but also been able to supply more Bibles to churches around the world. It's Chinese Christians' pride.

I'd like to share you one of my personal experiences. Five years ago, I met a missionary during my visit to Europe. He asked me, "Are you Japanese?" I said, "I am Chinese." He then said, "You Chinese do not have the Bible. We are raising funds for shipping Bibles to you." I was astonished. I handed my business card to him and said, "Do you know I am the board chairman of one of the world's leading Bible printing companies?" I told him that I hoped he could visit China and cooperate with Amity. But he never contacted me. Fortunately, 27 years ago, the United Bible Societies began to seek the opportunity of cooperating with the Chinese church and the Amity Foundation to

launch the Bible printing ministry in China. Since the UBS presented us the first main printing equipment, we have made great progresses. Now we have three sets of main printing equipment and a lot of other state-of-the-art equipment. Our cooperation for years is a model for sustainable cooperation. We valued and meticulously used that donation equalling to RMB 26 million. Owning the world's largest single facility for Bible printing, we are listed among the three leading Bible printing bases in the world.

Therefore, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to our overseas partners. Your cooperation and support have enabled Amity to open a window through which the world can know China better. Your cooperation and support have made a real China visible to more and more overseas friends and the voice of the Chinese Christians audible to more and more Christian communities around the world. Our foreign friends become more and more attentive to China. Many of them even directly involve themselves in the cause of social development in China by providing voluntary services for people who need help.

Having printed 100 million copies of the Bible, Amity Printing Co., Ltd. is now listed among the world's largest Bible

printing companies and placed at a new historical starting point. We hope to enjoy the continuous support of our friends at home and abroad, governments at all levels, and all sectors in China. We firmly believe that, with adherence to our commitment to "serving the Chinese church, overseas churches, the Chinese community and the Chinese people", Amity Printing Co., Ltd. is bound to print the Bible in larger quantity and better quality for the Chinese church and overseas churches.

We have been thinking, "Why do so many friends from different countries and different sectors in China enthusiastically support Amity?" I remember that Bishop Ting once told me, "The most exciting thing in Christianity is not the doctrine but love. God is love." We spread love and sow love, attracting numerous people to join us. I look forward to enjoying our friends' continuous and greater support to our Bible printing ministry and our efforts of spreading and sowing love!

Thank you!



Address by Rev. Rieweh Robert Cunville, Chair of the Board, United Bible Societies

I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I bring the warm greetings from the family of the United Bible Societies and especially from the 4 vice-presidents of the UBS:- From Africa, America, Europe Middle East and our dear Archbishop John Chew VP for Asia who is with us today.

We thank God for the wonderful ministry of the Amity Press,

Later Mr. Mike Perreau, General Secretary of the UBS will share some more on our relationship with the Amity Press.



When we hold the 'news papers' on one hand and the 'Bible' on the other hand

We see the incidents that is taking place in the world today

happening exactly as the Bible had predicted.

All over the world men and women are searching for peace.

We are searching for Peace in a Nuclear Age.

Soon we will be celebrating Christmas and the announcement that the angels gave when Jesus Christ was born is

"Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

There are 3 kinds of peace that the Bible speaks of:-

First—"Peace with God"

When God created man and the world

He never meant that there will be suffering or death or injustice or war

But He gave to man the possibility to make his own moral choices

And He said if you choose to disobey and break the moral laws of the universe you will suffer and die

And if you keep them you will live and build a beautiful world

But the Bible tells us that man deliberately rebelled against those laws of God

Man today is not man or woman what God had planned he or she was meant to be

As I read the Bible I see that It is becoming quite clear that it is not war, not nuclear armament but man himself is mankind's greatest danger!

James tells us that wars come from within man himself!

So dear friends the Bible tells us that we need change from within us

Because we are infected by Sin

Rom 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our

Lord Jesus Christ

Second—"Peace of God"

There is a painting of a storm—the waves lashing the shores like Sandy lashing New York, the lightning flashing, you can almost hear the thunder as you look at that picture but there is a little bird under the crevice of a rock with its head under its wings asleep! And the title of the painting is Peace. And that is the peace that God promises

The turbulence of the world will continue
The problems of the world may get worse
But in the midst of it you can peace in your heart

The Bible says
Phil 4:7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus

Then there is the "peace on earth"—peace with one another

Perhaps China has one of the most wonderful symphony orchestras in the world
But before they play if you listen to them tuning their instruments—you will hear the most unmusical noise that you will ever hear.
But then the conductor enters in and he waves his baton and the most beautiful music comes out!

The world today that we see in the TV and read on the newspapers is filled with rape and killing and fighting and racial prejudice,

of war, of building bombs,
And it is getting worse and not better
But one day before man blows himself up
The Bible teaches that Jesus Christ will come with all His holy angels and will set up a kingdom of which will last forever
When Jesus prayed in the Lord's Prayer "Thy will be done, Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven"
That prayer has never been answered, but someday it will be answered
But till then,
We have a responsibility to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ as recorded in the Bible.

I thank God for the wonderful work that the Amity Press has been doing, is doing right now and will be doing in the future
To give people, not only in China, but all over the world,
the privilege to read the Word of God
which talks about this wonderful Peace that God only can give.
Many things of the world will change
But thank God
The Word of God will remain the same forever.



Address by Mr. Michael Leslie Perreau, General Secretary, United Bible Societies

Today we come together to celebrate the completion of 100 million Bibles by the Amity Printing Company – An achievement that is beyond all expectations.

On the 22 March 1985 in a small room in Kowloon Hong Kong, Bishop K H Ting, representing the Amity Foundation, and Rev Jim Payne, representing the UBS, signed an agreement that formed the basis for the partnership that the Amity Foundation and United Bible Societies have now enjoyed for over 27 years.

In the context of that time, the step being taken was a very courageous one. It required a great deal of courage on the part of those who received the vision and took the initiative.

Today I want to pay tribute to the people associated with the Amity Foundation who at the very beginning were instrumental in establishing the framework for the production and publishing of the 100 million Bibles we are celebrating today. Those that I know by name are Bishop K H Ting, Dr Han Wenzao, Dr Philip Wickeri. I want to honour those who pioneered the partnership from the UBS side also. Dr Chan Yong Choi, the UBS Asia Pacific Regional Secretary at the time, Dr John Erickson, Rev Jim Payne, Dr I-jin Loh, Dr Uli Fick, Dr Chow Lien Hua and Mr David Thorne. Chow Lien Hua, Chan Choi and David are here celebrating with us today.

I honour the contribution of the General managers who have served the company throughout the last 25 years – Mr Peter McInnis, Mr Han Shaning, Mr Li Chunnong, Mr Ricky Chiu and our current General Manager Mr Liu Lei. I honour the UBS advisers Mr Kua Wee Seng, Mr Mike King and Mr Peter Dean who were prepared to reside in Nanjing in order to contribute to building the capacity of the Company. Wee Seng, Mike and Peter are also with us today.

I also honour the current General Secretary of the Amity Foundation, Mr Qiu Zhonghui,

the Board of the Amity Printing Company and the entire Amity Printing Company staff for their dedication and professionalism. Congratulations and well done!

Today, all of us in this room are acknowledging a miracle. A miracle that has been orchestrated by God.

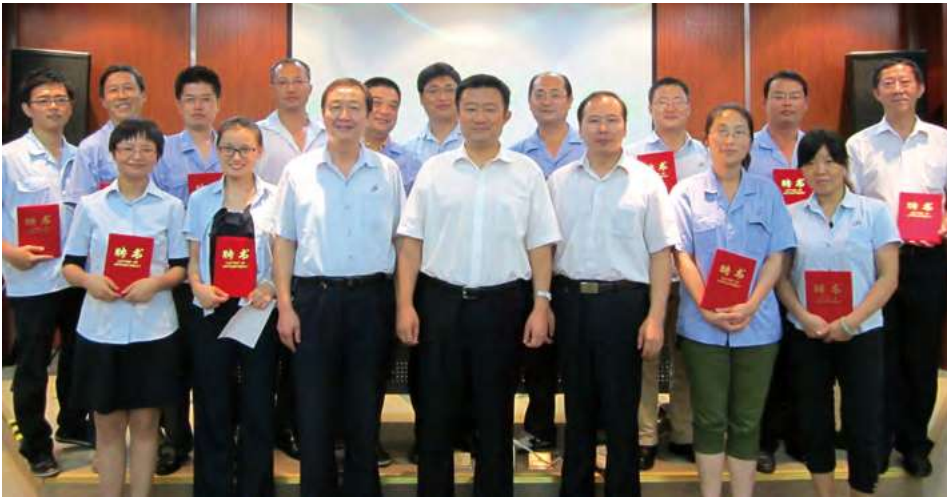
The miracle is not only the completion of 100 million Bibles. The miracle is that through the Amity Foundation and the UBS, a world class printing company has been formed. The Amity Printing Company is one of the few printers in the world that specialize in the production of mainly Bibles using 22 gram paper. The Amity Printing Company provides gainful employment for over 500 men and women who have been given the opportunity to develop highly technical skills. The Amity Printing Company gave the paper industry in China the opportunity to develop the capacity to manufacture world standard

thin printing paper. The Amity Printing Company has now become a world-renowned ethical manufacturer and exporter of high quality Bibles. The Amity Printing Company has placed 60 million Bibles in the hands of people here in China and 40 million Bibles in the hands of people in other parts of Asia, in Africa, Europe and the Americas. APC is truly the largest Bible printer in the whole world.

Could we on this occasion be describing a more significant contribution to Society in the name of the Church in China than this?

On the occasion of the Celebration Ceremony for the Completion of the 100 millionth Bible I invite you all to give thanks to our God for the the work of the Amity Foundation, the Amity Printing Company and the United Bible Societies.

To God Be the Glory!



Some staffers of the Amity Printing Co. Ltd.

Address by Rev. Martin Krieg, Secretary of Asia/Pacific Desk, EMW



Please be reminded that the first book printed was the Holy Bible. Therefore, friends and colleagues of Amity Printing Company, you are on a historical way. What has started some hundred years ago in microcosm you have continued in macrocosm today. Printing of the Holy bible is like taken the chain away from the word of God and open it to the people to enable them to read the Good News of God for themselves and to let God's word change their life. Yours success is God's success.

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen

Dear Mr. Qiu Zhong Hui, General Secretary of Amity Foundation

Dear respected leaders of government and churches.

"Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things..."

With this quote from Psalm 98 I would like to congratulate you on the printing of the 100 Millionth Bible. I'm delighted and honored to bring you greetings not only on behalf of the Association of protestant churches and missions in Germany, but also of all overseas partners in Asia, America, Oceania and Europe.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Book Printing is not only a craft. Book printing is an art and in that kind it is one of the greatest achievements of mankind. Life and society of the middle age in Europe has been challenged when Johannes Gutenberg invented the art of printing in the 15th century. With good reason his invention is seen as cultural historical turning point and can only be compared with the invention of language and orality, the culture of writing and of course the digitizing and computers. The art of printing has changed the style of reading. People were able to own their own books and this of course has instigated the process of literacy and changed the way of thinking.

80 Million Bible in 2010 and only two years later 100.Million Bible. Your work is a great part of Gods Mission in China and the world. We as partners are to accompany you on this historical way in fellowship. In Hamburg where EMW is located we do it by sailing. Therefore, I bring you a souvenir from Hamburg: A sailing ship in a bottle. With great respect and joy we are looking forward to the next celebration: The 150 millions' bible maybe in a short time to go!

May our gracious God bless your ministry.

Address by Mr. Stefan Moebs, Acting Consul General, German Consulate General in Shanghai



Ethiopia at the very beginning of my diplomatic career, in Ethiopia's most dire times, I know what need means - and I know what relief aid can do.

I have seen Government organisations, non-Government organisations and religious and faith-based organisations at work. So I can compare their output. And, one important factor: The most minimal overhead costs were with the religiously oriented or organised institutions.

Distinguished guests,
Ladies and gentlemen,

Thank you very much for the invitation to speak to you at this exceptional occasion - 100 million Bibles having been printed. This is indeed reason to gather and celebrate. Thank you very much for the occasion to be among you and share your joy.

Printing bibles is one branch of the manifold activities of Amity in China. It is an important one but not the only important one. For the German Government, religion is a private matter. Nothing with which the state has to deal or interfere. Many faiths are at home in Germany, Christianity and Judaism and Islam, to name but a few.

No, I am here because another activity of Amity is: help in a very down-to-earth way. As you know, Amity was created in 1985 on the initiative of Christians in China, with the main objective of helping poor areas of the country to develop, to promote education, social services, health, and rural development from China's coastal provinces in the east to the minority areas of the west.

Amity sees itself not as a faith-based but as a faith-initiated organization. Consequently, it works with Christians, members of other religious communities and even atheists. Partner organisations have praised the work and activity of the charity. Among them is quite a number of German charity organisations. As I had been posted to

Let me thank Amity in the name of German donors for the good work it is doing, let me praise you for your mindfulness in choosing projects and your careful approach to implement them. Let me thank the vast number of supporters who not only do their duty but go far beyond.

But my gratitude is a small one - compared to the thousands and thousands of thankful members of communities, among them the most vulnerable of any society: children. Children are our future. We merely hold the future of our children as a trustee. Let us rise to this challenge and let us thank Amity for serving exactly this purpose.

Congratulations again and please, continue your good work!

Address by Mr. Robert Wang, Deputy Chief of Mission at US Embassy in China



So let me first congratulate Amity Printing Company on this landmark event, that is, the publication of your 100 millionth Bible. Your work in providing people in China and around the world with copies of the Bible in so many different languages – including Braille - and knowledge of the Christian faith is a major achievement. And to have such an impact in just 27 years, since the founding of Amity in 1985, is remarkable.

Beyond the printing and distribution of bibles, however, your work underscores the value of religious freedom. We believe this is a universal human right that should be the basis of social progress for all societies around the world. As Secretary Clinton recently said in releasing the State Department's latest International Religious Freedom Report: "the absence of religious freedom makes it more difficult to achieve national progress." So the distribution of bibles throughout China is an important element in promoting religious freedom and allowing Chinese citizens to better understand and appreciate all religious faiths. It opens up their minds to new

ways of looking at the world. It breeds greater understanding and tolerance, and contributes to individual dignity and social harmony.

Finally, I believe the Amity Foundation not only promotes religious understanding, but it also generates "compassion" through its charitable work helping those in need in China. On my last visit here, I visited some of Amity's projects that provided training for migrant workers as well as those with disabilities to help them earn a living and live a normal life. I was deeply moved by all of the volunteers at the Foundation. This is what it means to be a Christian. This is what it means to be a civilized society. I understand Amity Foundation will launch another program to help the elderly this afternoon, and I applaud your continued efforts.

General Secretary Qiu: Thank you again for the invitation to this event. You and your team at Amity represent the best of Chinese society. We look forward to continue working with you!

Thank you, General Secretary Qiu and our friends from the Amity Foundation, for inviting me to take part in this special event today. I have flown down from Beijing for this event because we – including the Ambassador and my colleagues from Shanghai and in the China Mission - believe very much in what you and your Foundation are doing, and what it means for the future of China.

Address by Rev. Tang Weimin, Vice President, China Christian Council

Distinguished leaders, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, dear fellow workers,

Good morning!

Highlighted by the good news of the successful opening of the 18th Congress of the Communist Party of China in Beijing, the celebration of the birth of the 100 millionth Bible is indeed a landmark event in the history of the Amity Printing Co., Ltd. On behalf of the TSPM and the CCC, I'd like to extend the warmest congratulations to the Amity Printing Co., Ltd. and all the staff. At this historic moment, my heart is full of joy and gratitude.

The course of development of the Amity Printing Company is also a showcase of the growth of the Chinese church. Before 1986, the Chinese church had printed 3 million Bibles. Neither the quantity nor printing schedule was able to meet the needs of the development of the church. The establishment of the Amity Printing Co., Ltd. enabled faster printing, higher quality, and increasing varieties of the Bibles.

One hundred million Bibles printed by the Amity Printing Co., Ltd. prove that the Chinese government's implementation of the policy of religious freedom is the reality. The Chinese church and Christians enjoy real freedom of religious belief. The 100 Millionth Bible Celebration held today, proclaims to the world again that China has indeed implemented the policy of religious freedom.

The foresight of Bishop K.H. Ting and Dr. Han, together with the great support of the United Bible Societies and overseas churches, initiated the establishment of the Amity Printing Co., Ltd. and set a good example of joint service and resource sharing between the Chinese church and overseas churches. The cooperation between the China Christian Council and the United Bible Societies continue to expand and grow. To print the Bible and preach the Word of God is not only the purpose of the United Bible Societies but also the responsibility of the Chinese church. We believe that, under the guidance of a common intention, our future cooperation will be more effective



and more conducive to the development of the Chinese church.

Finally, I wish the Amity Printing Co., Ltd. enjoys a more prosperous future and makes greater contributions to the ministry of the Chinese Church.

Thank you!

Address by Rev. Yuen Tin-yau, Chairperson, Hong Kong Christian Council

On behalf of the brothers and sisters in Hong Kong, we'd like to thank Amity for inviting us to join the celebration of the printing of one hundred million Bibles. We are so honoured. It is very pleasant and honourable to be here to witness the birth of the one hundred millionth Bible. We'd like to congratulate the Amity Printing Company's success of printing one hundred million Bibles. The Amity Printing was founded over 20 years ago. The achievement of printing one hundred million Bibles deserves sincere admiration and praise.



We used to read the 1919 edition of the Chinese Union Version of the Bible in Hong Kong. Now we have a new version of translation of the Bible. A good number of the new copies are printed by the Amity Printing Company. The Bible in my hand is an Amity product. Thank the Amity Foundation for printing the Bible for us. Hong Kong Christians, including Protestants and Catholics, make a proportion of less than one tenth of the total population. The Christian population in Hong Kong does not exceed

700,000. With the rapid development of Christianity in these years, we will need a good number of the Bibles. Printing the Bible is a very important work with great significance to the development of Christianity. I look forward to more Bibles printed by the Amity Printing Company and read by to more people.

There are different denominations of Christianity in Hong Kong. But we enjoy many opportunities of cooperating with Amity through the Hong Kong Christian

Council, the Anglican Church of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Chinese Christian Churches Union, and other organizations. The cooperation will not be limited to printing the Bible. I hope that there would be greater opportunities of cooperation between the Hong Kong church and the Mainland Christian community, especially the Amity Foundation. I wish our work would benefit more people to glorify God.

Address by Ms. Guo Wei, Director, Department of Foreign Affairs, State Administration of Religious Affairs of P.R. China



Distinguished guests, dear friends,

Good morning!

Just two days ago, the TSPM Committee and the Christian Council of China celebrated the distribution of 60 million Bibles. Now we are gathering here to celebrate the Amity Foundation's printing of 100 million Bibles!

On behalf of the State Administration of Religious Affairs, I would like to warmly congratulate the Amity Printing Co. for printing and distributing one hundred million Bibles and extend heartfelt thanks to the United Bible Societies and all friends at home and abroad for your long-standing support to the Chinese church!

Today, China has become the largest producer of the Bible in the world. Amity's printing of the Bibles fully meets the needs of Chinese Christians. With the growing overseas orders, more and more Bibles "made in China" are provided to overseas churches. It is proved that the Chinese government sincerely implement the policy of religious freedom.

Amity's printing of one hundred million Bibles has enabled a successful example of friendship and cooperation based on equality and respect between the Chinese church and overseas churches. Bishop KH Ting once wrote, "The Bible Unites Us". Since 2004, the TSPM Committee and the Christian Council of China have arranged the Bible Ministry Exhibition

tours in Hong Kong, Germany, and the United States. The Bible printing ministry enhances and expands the understanding and cooperation between the Chinese church and overseas churches.

Dear friends, the State Administration of Religious Affairs will continue to encourage and support the Chinese church to print and distribute the Bibles. We'll continue to support the China Christian Council and the TSPM Committee to communicate and exchange with overseas churches on the basis of independence, equality, friendship and mutual respect. We also encourage and support Chinese Christians and the Amity Foundation to cooperate further to serve the church and contribute to society. Finally, I sincerely wish the Amity Printing Co., Ltd to constantly make new achievements! I also hope all friends at home and abroad to continue to support the Chinese church, especially the Bible printing ministry and contribute to harmony, peace and development of the world.

Thank you!

Address by Mr. Zhao Xueyi, Director, the Second Bureau, United Front Work Department of CPC Central Committee



efforts on health care, disaster relief, and environmental protection, Amity has achieved remarkable results in poverty alleviation in the central and western areas of China and enjoys a great reputation. Last year, the United Front Work Department of CPC Central Committee, the State Administration of Religious Affairs and other ministries jointly issued the Opinions on Encouraging and Regulating Religious Entities to Engage in Charitable Activities. Under the guidance of the Opinions, Amity will work out clearer goals and direction for future development, identify opportunities of improving people's life quality, and make greater contributions to China's economic and social development.

Dear friends, while we are celebrating the Amity's printing of 100 million Bibles here, the Eighteenth Congress of the Communist Party of China is held in Beijing. After such an important meeting held in the critical period of building a moderately prosperous society, China will be more open and more prosperous. We believe that Amity will be able to take the great historical opportunity to make great contributions to the development of Christianity and philanthropy in China!

Directors of the Amity Foundation, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Today, we are here celebrating Amity's printing of one hundred million Bibles. Congratulations!

Under the leadership of Bishop KH Ting and the Christian Council of China, the great support of the United Bible Societies and many friends at home and abroad, and the joint efforts of all staff, the Amity Printing Co., Ltd. has printed 100 million Bibles. Today, China has become the largest producer of the Bible in the world. The Chinese church has made great

contribution to worldwide evangelization by printing the Bible. Amity deserves high recognition!

Amity also enthusiastically makes philanthropic efforts and has made noteworthy achievements. The Amity Foundation is one of the earliest non-governmental organizations established since the reform and opening up. With the support of the Jiangsu provincial government and the help of friends from various circles at home and abroad, Amity has made great efforts in serving the community, benefiting the people, and safeguarding world peace. With fruitful

Address by Mr. Luo Yimin, Vice Chair, Jiangsu Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC)

Ladies and Gentlemen, Comrades and Friends:

Good morning!

We are here today making a grand gathering to celebrate the printing of Amity's 100 millionth Bible. This achievement is made under the background of more than 30 years of reform and opening up in China. It's also the result of the country's many-years adherence to the policy of freedom of religious belief. Adhering to the practice of serving the Chinese community and churches both at home and abroad, the Amity Foundation and the Amity Printing Co., Ltd. have achieved great results. On behalf of the United Front Work Department of the CPC Jiangsu Provincial Committee, I would like to congratulate all directors and staffers of the Amity Foundation and the Amity Printing Co., Ltd. and extend our warm welcome to leaders and friends at home and from abroad attending the celebration!

Amity Printing Co., Ltd. is a joint venture founded by the Amity Foundation and the United Bible Societies. After 20 years of development since its inception, it has become the world's largest single Bible printing press and an important base of Bible



printing for churches at home and abroad. By the end of July this year, the accumulated volume of printed copies of the Bible exceeded 100 million. The Bibles printed by Amity have not only met the religious needs of Christians in China but also contributed a lot to the development of the Bible ministry of overseas churches. So far, Amity Printing Co., Ltd. has provided forty million copies of the Bible in more than 90 languages to churches in more than 70 countries. By printing the Bible, the Amity Printing Co., Ltd. has become an important window showing the world the policy of religious freedom in China and the real situation of Chinese Christians. It has made important

contributions to the communication and exchange between Christians at home and abroad.

On behalf of the United Front Work Department of the CPC Jiangsu Provincial Committee, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all friends at home and abroad, including all of you being present here, for your long-term support to the development of Amity Printing Co., Ltd.!

I sincerely wish the healthy development of Christianity in China, the Amity Foundation, and the Amity Printing Company! I wish all the guests good health and all the best!



Kou Weiwei and Shen Zhanqing Ordained by the Christian Council of Jiangsu Province

On October 21, 2012, the Christian Council of Jiangsu Province held an ordination ceremony at the Mochou Road Church in Nanjing. Ms. Kou Weiwei and Ms. Shen Zhanqing serving at the Amity Foundation were ordained as pastors.

The ordination ceremony was held on the morning of October 21 at the Mochou Road Church where approximately 2000 co-workers and believers from the Protestant

church in Nanjing and the Amity Foundation witnessed the sacred moment. Mr. Qiu Zhonghui, Vice Board Chairman and General Secretary of the Amity Foundation attended the ceremony and congratulated the newly ordained pastors.

On behalf of Rev. Zhang Keyun, president of the Christian Council of Jiangsu Province, Rev. Li Lancheng presided over the ordination ceremony. Rev. Kan Renping,



vice president and General Secretary of the Christian Council and TSPM Committee of Jiangsu Province, introduced the two co-workers to be ordained. Rev. Lilan Cheng asked the two co-workers about their dedication and sincerity. The two co-workers answered that they would follow the example of Christ and become the good shepherds of the flock.

Presided over by Rev. Li Lancheng, chairman of the TSPM Committee of Nanjing, the rite of laying on of hands was

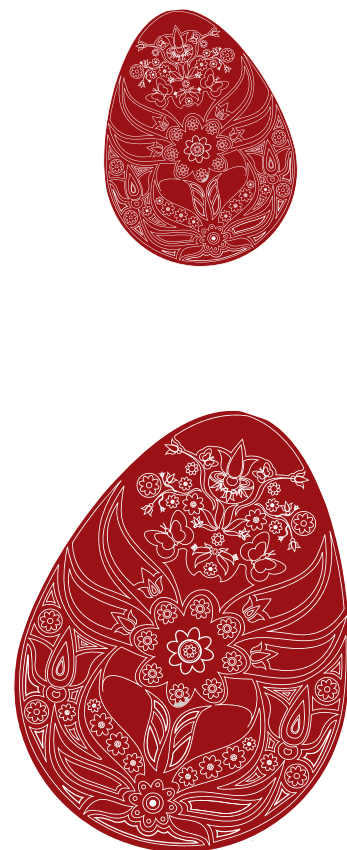
co-conducted by Rev. Chen Zemin, Rev. Zhao Zhi'en and Rev. Kan Renping.

After the completion of the rite of laying on of hands, Rev. Chen Zemin granted two newly ordained pastors the stoles. Rev. Kan Renping presented them memorial copies of the Bible. Rev. Li Lancheng announced to the congregation that Kou Weiwei and Shen Zhanqing had been ordained as pastors.

On behalf of the newly ordained pastors, Rev. Kou Weiwei made a short speech to express her appreciation and gratitude to the trust and care of pastors, brothers and sisters. She also articulated her dedication to the ministry of God.

Finally, the ordination ceremony concluded with the blessing words intoned by Rev. Shen Zhanqing.





The Amity Easter Tour 2012: Impressions of a German Participant

Heinrich Grosse

For some years I had the strong desire to get at least some insights into the society, culture and landscape of China and into the life of Christians and churches in that country unknown to me. Wanting to be more than a tourist and strongly interested in Christian commitment to social service, I chose to join the Amity Easter Tour 2012 (April 18-26). The focal points of this tour were development work and church life in the province of Hunan. Amity has worked for over twenty years in this province

because many people, especially in rural areas, are poor and the economic and social development is relatively slow.

I was part of a small international group of Christians which was competently orientated and guided by the Amity staff members Anthony Tong, She Hongyu, Harry Ching, Zhong Fei. Although the tour lasted only one week, the impressions I got were strong. In this article I can mention only some aspects of this ecumenical learning experience.

The first two days we spent in Beijing. In talks with staff of Yanjing Theological Seminary, Gang Washi Church and Chong Wenmen Church, we learned much about church-related social services and their theological founding. In a meeting with female pastors of congregations in the Beijing area I was impressed by the role women pastors play in these organizations. For the first time I heard of “overflow churches” – something which is far away from the reality of German congregations with their low worship attendance.

In the province of Hunan, Rev. Yao Zengyi, the president of the Hunan Christian Council and the Hunan Bible College in Changsha, accompanied our group. We heard that one woman who attends the bible school comes from a rural area where it takes her four hours of walking to attend a worship service. I was very moved when she read, at my request, the famous verses of Matthew 25, 34-40 in Chinese. In the Nantang Church of Changsha we met with volunteers who informed us about church-run social services: their work with marginalized groups, in psychological counseling, in hospice care. In the Deaf Centre of Changsha, we met dedicated staff and volunteers caring for 61 children.



I was very moved when she read the famous verses of Matthew 25, 34-40 in Chinese

On Sunday, April 22nd, we attended a worship service in the Hengyang City Church. I had the unexpected privilege of preaching to the congregation. Rev. Xia Airon informed us about the life of Hengyang Church, especially about its social work: the Caring Hotline for AIDS and the Warm Embrace Volunteers Group, caring for the weak and needy, e.g. orphans. Spontaneously, we joined a group which distributed leaflets with helpful information on HIV/AIDS. I enjoyed being a “missionary” at a busy street for a few hours. Several social projects of the congregation

are carried out in cooperation with Amity. In the afternoon, a visit to the department for HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment in the People’s Hospital in Hengyang confronted us with the problems of HIV patients.

On a one-day ride from Changsha to Longshan (via Zhangjiajie) we saw many hard working poor people along the roads and in the fields. From Longshan we started for a visit of several projects which are developed or supported by Amity and which I can mention only briefly here. These projects aim at poverty

alleviation, sustainable development of rural communities and of the natural environment.

We started with a visit to a biogas project in Banzhai Village, Ciyantang Township, which supplies energy for households and promotes planting and husbandry development. In a nearby village clinic, I was impressed by the commitment of the female village doctor who is an admirable advocate of poor people, earning very little money herself.

From the clinic we drove on a street

constructed with the help of Amity to a remote village high up in the mountains: Miaoyan Village, Xinglongjie Township. The inhabitants of this village belong to the minority of the Miao people. Most families living there are Christians, due to a conversion experience of a single man who came to Miaoyan Village in 1996. In the simple mountain church, it was very moving to hear him speak of his life and to communicate and pray with some parishioners led by Rev. Lee.

Later, in Longdong Village, Tongche Township, we saw further positive results of Amity's engagement: the improvement of irrigation channels and of the drinking water system, which relieves about 5000 villagers of drinking water shortage. In Yangpeng Village, Xilongjie Township, the same was achieved by the repair of an aqueduct.

Back in Longshan, we had an interesting exchange with teachers who participated in the Rural English Teacher Training Project. I must admit, I was shocked by the size of the English classes – at least 70 pupils in one class! How can there be successful learning? In front of the Longshan church, the largest Christian church in the Tujia and Miao Autonomous Prefecture of Hunan Province, we were welcomed by powerful



Distributing leaflets on HIV/AIDS prevention in Hengyang City

trombone music (reminding me of German congregations). The building is a joint effort of Amity, the Overseas Friendship Association and the Christian Commission of the county.

A highlight of the Easter Tour, in my eyes, was our visit to Xibi Village, Menghui Township. Before we entered the plain houses, we were greeted by fireworks beside

the local river. Amity has helped to build 15 water cisterns and a small water tank for the 600 villagers. They told us gratefully that they no longer have to climb above 1000 m to fetch drinking water.

On our way to the airport of Zhangjiajie we stopped at the Yongding Christian Church. There I had a chance to see batiks which showed biblical stories in a "Chinese" interpretation.



Visiting a drinking water system in Xibi Village, Longshan

When I look back at the Amity Easter Tour I am impressed by the many ways through which Amity has brought hope to poor people, especially in rural communities. I am impressed by Amity's emphasis on grass-roots participation and its cooperation with non-Christians.

The hospitality of our hosts during the Amity tour – Christians and non-Christians, people from the political realm and "ordinary citizens" – warmed my heart. I especially enjoyed the wonderful Chinese custom of eating together and communicating at a turning round table.

My first encounter with life in China was, of course, too short to find well-founded answers to questions such as: What is the relationship between the different churches and groups of Christians (house churches, TSPM, CCC)? Which trends will probably dominate Chinese Christianity in the future? Will religiously and politically conservative,

fundamentalist groups – as, unfortunately, all over the world – grow or will an enlightened form of the Christian faith, which does engage in the struggle for justice, peace and the integrity of the creation, be lived by many? What is the current relation between politics and religion, church and state, and between the religions? How does the society, how do Christian organizations react to the growing gap between rich and poor and to the ecological problems?

Considering the vastness of China and the complexity of her society, I can speak only of first impressions I gained. But the committed work of Amity which I got to know during the Easter Tour 2012 strengthened my conviction: if Christians

and churches take following Jesus seriously, they cannot confine themselves to a self-centered piety but must care for others, for those in need, for the poor and the marginalized, whether they are Christians or not. They must, like Amity, go out into the arena of social action and diaconic work, actively taking part in social development.

I share the conviction of Martin Luther King: As Christians "we must speak for the voiceless. Our loyalties must transcend our race, our tribe, our class, and our nation; and this means we must develop a world perspective."

Ping An!



A group picture taken after Sunday service at Hengyang City Church

The Amity Easter Tour 2013: A Plan

Shaanxi and Beijing, April 12-19

Shaanxi Province

Located in the very heart of China’s territory, Shaanxi Province has an area of 205,600 square kilometers, about the size of England and Wales combined. The Beishan Mountain and the Qinling Range stand as two boundaries that divide the province into three natural areas, namely the Loess Plateau in the north, Guanzhong Plain in the middle, and the Qinba Hilly Land in the south. Plateau and mountainous land make up most of the province's area. The Yellow River carries away huge quantities of yellow loess as it flows along Shaanxi’s eastern border, hence the name of the river. Shaanxi Province is one of the places where Chinese culture originated. Over 1,000 years ago, Shaanxi was the centre of the powerful Tang Dynasty and was one of the wealthiest places on earth. Now it is a relatively underdeveloped inland province, struggling to catch up with the prosperous coastal provinces. The Amity Foundation has undertaken drinking water supply, integrated rural development, homeless child care, and education projects in Shaanxi for many years. The tour will take us to poor but scenic areas where some of these projects are being implemented.



The map shows the location of Shaanxi province in China

Days	Places	Activities
Day 1	Beijing	Arrival in Beijing
Day 2		Orientation of the Easter Tour; visiting the Beijing Christian Council; and touring the Forbidden City
Day 3	Xi'an	Arrival in Xi'an, reception by the Shaanxi Christian Council, and joining in worship at a local church in Xi'an
Day 4	Sanyuan County	Visiting an Amity-funded homeless child care project at the Dongzhou Children's Home
	Zhouzhi County	Visiting an Amity-funded drinking water project at Daqu Village
Day 5	Fengxiang County	Visiting an Amity-funded integrated rural development project at Kangjiahe Village
Day 6	Qishan County	Visiting an Amity-funded education project and returning to Xi'an
Day 7	Lintong District, Xi'an	Visiting the Museum of Terracotta Army
	Hu County	Visiting the Taiping National Forest Park
Day 8	Beijing	Return to Beijing and departure

Tour Schedule (Draft)

If you are interested in joining Amity's study tours in the future, please contact Ms. She Hongyu, Assistant General Secretary of the Amity Foundation.

E-mail: shehongyu@amity.org.cn
Tel: (86-25) 83260802

Tour Details (Draft)

Day 1

Arrival in Beijing

Day 2

Orientation of the Amity Easter Tour; visiting the Beijing Christian Council; and touring the Forbidden City

Day 3

Arrival in Xi'an, reception by the Shaanxi Christian Council, and joining in worship at a local church in Xi'an



A Christian wedding at a local church in Shaanxi Province



One of the "overflowing churches" in Beijing



A shy girl living in the Dongzhou Children's Home chatting with visiting children from an urban school



A villager washing his hands with tap water from the Amity-funded water supply system



The Amity-funded water tower behind a deserted temple housing the god of earth

Day 4

Visiting an Amity-funded homeless child care project at the Dongzhou Children's Home

The Dongzhou Children's Home allows homeless children, whose parents are in prison, executed, or are unable to take care of them, access to all basic living needs, including food, clothing, shelter, social insurance, education and entertainment for free. The children are fostered and educated in a way that ensures a brighter future.

Visiting an Amity-funded drinking water project at Daqu Village

Though located at a scenic valley, Daqu Village suffered a lot from lack of water. Funded by Amity, the villagers sank a 180-meter-deep well, built a 20-meter-high water tower, and laid pipelines. The drinking water supply system now satisfies more than 200 villagers and their livestock.

Day 5

Visiting an Amity-funded integrated rural development project at Kangjiahe Village

Kangjiahe Village is located on the top of a loess hill. The villagers of the Hui Ethnic group suffered a lot from the village's altitude. The water in a reservoir down the hill was not easy accessible to hilltop dwellers. Their farms also suffered the lack of water. Poverty prevailed in the village. To facilitate the integrated development of the village, Amity provided RMB 100,000 for building the drinking water supply system, RMB 200,000 for building villagers' houses, and RMB 250,000 for planting drought-tolerant walnut trees in 2009 and 2010.



A loess cave residence



A happy couple of the Hui ethnic group at the gate of their new house built with Amity's aid

Day 6

Visiting the Qishan County Church and return to Xi'an



A night worship service at the Qishan County Church, where the aspiring pastor and believers are making great efforts in building a diaconia center.

Day 7

Visiting the Museum of Terracotta Army

The Terra-cotta Warriors and Horses is a sensational archeological find of all times. It was listed by UNESCO in 1987 as one of the world cultural heritages.

Visiting the Taiping National Forest Park

Major attractions in the park include varieties of the palaeoproterozoic migmatite, rock veins, erosional valleys and waterfalls, as well as the virgin forest with peaks, ridges, escarpments and alpine meadows.

Day 8

Return to Beijing and departure



Headquarters

71 Hankou Road
Nanjing 210008
Jiangsu Province
People's Republic of China
Tel: (86-25) 8326-0800
Fax: (86-25) 8326-0909

Bank Details:

The Amity Foundation
Bank of China, Nanjing Centre Branch
29 Hongwu Road
Nanjing 210005
PR China
A/C #: 5105 5820 9952

Nanjing Headquarters: amitynj@amity.org.cn

Hong Kong Office

13/F, Ultragrace Commercial Building
5 Jordan Road
Kowloon, Hong Kong SAR
People's Republic of China
Tel: (852) 2723-8011
Fax: (852) 2366-2769

Bank Details:

The Amity Foundation, Hong Kong Ltd.
Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corp.
238 Nathan Road
Kowloon, Hong Kong SAR
PR China
A/C #: 127-5-017372

Hong Kong Office: amityhk@pacific.net.hk

The Amity Foundation is an independent Chinese voluntary organization founded in 1985 on the initiative of Chinese Christians to promote education, social services, health, rural development, environmental protection, disaster relief, and poverty reduction in the underdeveloped areas of China. Up to now, Amity projects have benefited more than ten million people in 31 provinces, municipalities, and autonomous regions in China.

The Amity Foundation has more than 70 full-time staffers at its Nanjing headquarters. Hundreds of volunteers work with Amity all over China. The Foundation receives funds from partners abroad as well as in Hong Kong and mainland China.