

GIVE THE WORD THIS YEAR!

CAN YOU BELIEVE THERE ARE ONLY 123 BRETHREN to reach 800 million souls in these four countries of India, Nepal, Sri Lanka & Bangladesh! Sweet, humble, receptive people, so hungry for love & the Words of David! There's a lot of darkness here, but just a little light shines so brightly. Is He calling you to come & "let your light so shine before men"? "Say not ye there are yet four months..."! And thanks to all of you who

have been so faithful to give to the missionaries here. We need you so much! Please continue to give all you can to help win this country for Jesus! You can send all correspondence & gifts to the India CRO via your Reporting Office. Much love, Timothy & Faithy, VSs.
(PTL! GBY faithful ones there with a great harvest of His sheep! It won't be long now till He says "Well done!" - D.)

MANDARIN IS THE OFFICIAL CHINESE LANGUAGE spoken throughout all China as well as in Taiwan. It was originally taken from the regional language of Beijing (Peking) & the surrounding area. It became, with some refining, the official court & governmental spoken language. The Chinese written language now in use follows the grammatical lines of this spoken language of Beijing & is itself commonly called Mandarin.

MANDARIN AS IT IS NOW WRITTEN & SPOKEN IS AN OFFICIAL LANGUAGE originally compiled by command of the Imperial Court in an effort to simplify & practicalise the Chinese language. The Chinese written language was from quite ancient times universal through-

out China & was adapted by the local regional languages or dialects.

THUS, CANTONESE, THE REGIONAL LANGUAGE OF CANTON (which includes Hong Kong) can be written in Chinese characters, but the oral pronunciation of these characters in Cantonese is often quite different from Mandarin & even often bears no resemblance at all. Both are tonal languages, as are all Chinese dialects, but Cantonese has nine tones & Mandarin only four. Also, there are structural differences in these dialects & this along with purely Cantonese terms is what has been coming thru in our translations.

SO ALTHO' OUR WORK CAN BE EASILY UNDERSTOOD BY

PEOPLE IN HONG KONG it can on occasion be confusing to other Chinese, like our disciples in Taiwan. There is, however, a proper way to translate that should be understood by all, & this is what we are trying to achieve. Most of our translators are from Hong Kong & are trying hard to overcome this difficulty, so please pray for them.

Thanks! WLYI—Matthew & Dawn for the Chinese LIT-PIERS. (Amen! GBY! I can imagine your problems, as both my Grandparents travelled extensively in China & spoke fluent Cantonese!— & my Grandmother had a Sunday School of 2000 Chinese! I'm sure she helps! She's your Patron-Saint! GBY!)



Give the greatest gift of all, Jesus & His love! He is the Word of God! Give Him to your friends & relatives this year in print & on tape!

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Matt.1:21.



Receive Jesus, God's Son, as your Saviour, by asking Him into your heart today!

Michael Christian



And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS. Matt.1:25.

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For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isa.9:6.



THE PRINCE OF PEACE

Michael Christian