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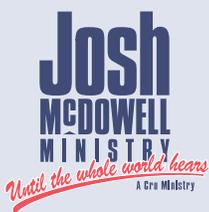
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"And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty."
Matthew 13:23 NASB

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Seminary graduates receive personal library sets of Josh's books YOU helped provide!

Equipping graduates with the tools they'll need for ministry

Seminary students in East Asia are thrilled with your gifts of Christ-centered books

Christianity is **growing at an unprecedented rate in East Asia** — from 2.7 million believers in the 1980s, when we first began ministry there, to over 100 million today.

While this is exciting news, it leaves us in a predicament: there is a shortage of Christian resources to

properly teach and train pastors.

A great need — you are helping to meet!

Seminary students **receive just a few years of training** before they begin to shepherd others. They need reliable resources like Josh's apologetic and relational books to learn how to **discern false teaching and defend the truth.** And as new pastors, who will leave seminary with nothing but a Bible in some

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Read more about the eternal impact you are making in East Asia >>>

Seminary students in East Asia

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cases, they're **hungry for solid, truth-filled resources.**

The 8-book personal libraries your gifts help provide are equipping East Asia's next generation of church leaders with the sound biblical knowledge they'll need to teach and defend their faith. You're equipping THOUSANDS of future church leaders — who will influence MILLIONS of people — in a region of the world that is receptive to the truth like never before!



From businessman — to man of God

How you helped Zhou discover God's calling upon his life

Zhou was a successful businessman. By the world's standards, he had it all — a thriving business, wealth, a loving family. But with each passing year, his success brought him less and less happiness. He found himself bored and feeling empty.

Until one day he was given the book, *More Than a Carpenter*.

Zhou could relate with so many things that Josh McDowell had

gone through — and he wanted to experience that same grace and mercy in his own life. “So one day I prayed and asked God to forgive me of my sins,” shared Zhou. “I gave up my past activities that dishonored God. I joined a Bible study, and I began to grow in my knowledge and understanding



of God and His ways.”

But the biggest change came when Zhou sold his business and responded to God's call to go into full-time ministry.

Paying it forward — through your gift of books

Last year, Zhou graduated from seminary! During our book distribution, he was so excited to tell us his story when he noticed that *More Than a Carpenter* was one of the 8 books you helped provide! He's passionate about reaching others in the business world who have a similar background.

Please join us in prayer:

- Pray for this year's graduates in East Asia, that the Lord will provide everything they need as they begin a life of ministry.
- Pray that God will place these future leaders in positions of influence throughout East Asia and that they will bring Him glory.
- Pray that the seeds of truth you and others have helped plant in East Asia through your gifts of Christ-centered books will continue to take root and bear fruit.

From Josh

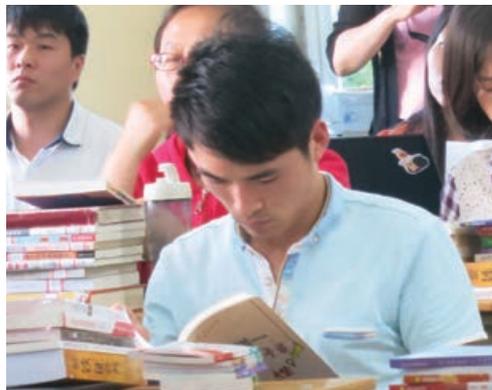
Words of heartfelt thanks — that are really for YOU!

Since we first started providing books to seminary students in East Asia almost five years ago, so many students have shared with us how your gifts have made a difference in their lives. **These comments were shared with our team last year in East Asia, but they are really meant for you — to thank you for your incredible, compassionate support.**



“I am so happy to have these books you gave us today. [They] will be a great resource for us to use as pastors, but also they will help us easily have explanations for people’s questions as we counsel them.” ~Liu

“I am so very grateful for this generous gift of books. They will better prepare me for counseling others and in my sermon preparation. These are two areas where I need some practical help.” ~Huang



“When graduate students complete their studies and go on to the church, they’re like a child leaving home for a long journey. We miss them so much and really want to continue to give them spiritual support. The donated books will [equip] the students to serve better in their workplace, spreading the gospel and expanding the kingdom of God. Thank you so much!” ~Professor Z.



The “little missionaries” you’re sending to East Asia



Imagine you’re a brand-new pastor living in a region of the world where Christianity is not welcome.

Christ-centered resources are not widely available in your country. And when they are, they’re very expensive. Besides your Bible, you have no books. No study resources of any kind. You no longer have access to the books in your seminary library — only the spiritual truths your professors poured into you in the classroom.

Today, in East Asia, many graduating seminary students and young pastors find themselves in this situation.

Friend, this is why your gifts of Christ-centered books are so critical!

The books you help provide are like “little missionaries” — coming alongside these future pastors in a way you and I just aren’t able to. Discipling them, enabling them to defend the truth and equipping them to invest in others. Thank you for your ongoing faithfulness!

Until the whole world hears,

Josh D. McDowell

YOU can help equip seminary students in East Asia with Josh's books

We need your help to provide book sets for approximately 3,000 seminary students graduating next month. Please send a generous gift TODAY!

Help send Josh to East Asia this summer with biblical resources such as these for future leaders:

- *More Than a Carpenter*
- *The New Evidence That Demands a Verdict*
- *Answers to Tough Questions*
- *The Father Connection*
- *Why True Love Waits*
- *How to Be a Hero to Your Kids: 6 A's*
- *Straight Talk with Your Kids About Sex / The Bare Facts* (flip book with two titles in one)



EVERY \$7.33 YOU SEND WILL ADD 1 OF THESE CHRIST-CENTERED BOOKS TO A FUTURE PASTOR'S 8-BOOK PERSONAL LIBRARY!



As you read this, I will be on the ground in East Asia. We stepped out in faith to commit these 8-book libraries to approximately 3,000 seminary students graduating this June. Your gift today will provide the \$175,920 needed to cover printing and distribution — and ensure we can say "Yes!" to all 3,000 students. Please send a generous gift by May 31 if possible.

Josh

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