



In my recent visit to the Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibition, I (Jeremy) was shocked to know that the Bible was once chained to the church pulpit! The Great Bible, so named because of its size, was the first authorized edition of the English Bible issued in 1539 by King Henry VIII. Due to the scarcity of printed Bibles back then, they were chained to the stand for fear of being stolen.

"But God's Word is not chained!" Paul exclaimed, hundreds of years before that. And it is for this reason that we preach the Gospel, and we teach the Bible, "that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory" (2 Tim 2:9-10).



In the months of April and May, Jed and Jemi warmed the hearts of many parents when they sang at different Chinese churches with me and the Heavenly Harmony Singers. What a great way to celebrate Father's Day and Mother's Day! The Good News is the best gift we can give to our unbelieving parents!



Jeremy and Jed in the center, and Jemi on the extreme right



Jeremy and Dr. Ho in the center, with a couple of students from Hong Kong

Last month, Dr. Ho and I spent two weeks in China teaching the New Testament. The class consisted not only of local students, but also representatives from Singapore and Hong Kong as well. These students remind us of the Bereans "for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so" (Acts 17:11). They left deep impressions on us because of their diligence in working at their quizzes, exam, presentation and written papers.

This trip had pushed me a step further because I was required to translate all my class notes, and lecture in Chinese. However, my visit to the Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibition helped me see the dedication of many heroes who gave their lives to the translation of the Bible. For God's Word to be truly unchained, it must be heard by people in their mother tongue, their hearts' language.

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