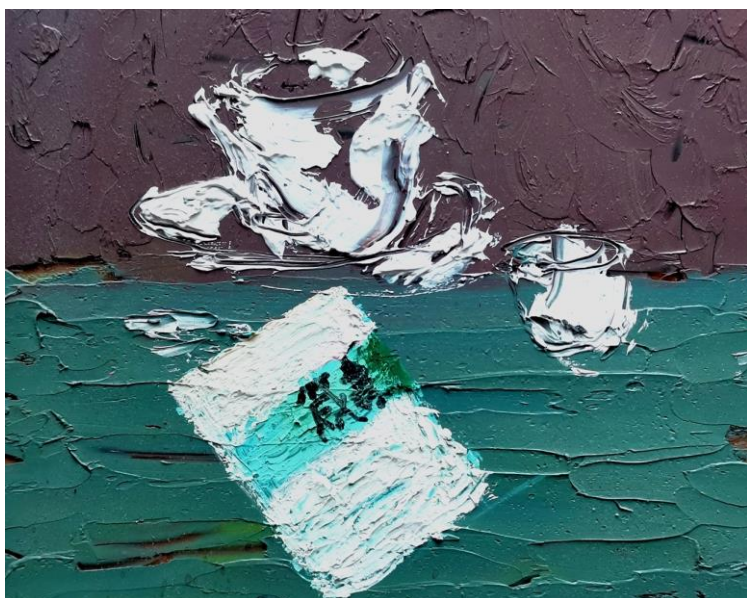


The Unsaid Words Behind the Postcard

Relaxing Moments



The artist's story

Ke Li is the artist who created this painting using acrylic and brushes.

Ke Li is an evangelist in China, he is very committed to serving the ethnic minorities and teaching the Bible. He studied art before he responded to his calling, and thereafter he travelled extensively in China, using photography to document local customs and colours. Now he uses painting as a means to partner with CCL, allowing the life and ministry of field evangelists to be seen, and to promote missionary education, so that Hong Kong Christians can know more about God's work in China.

Dear readers, when is your “relaxing moment”? A good meal in front of you? On vacation? Spending time with your beloved family or friends?

An evangelist in China shared, “Every time I study the ‘*Living Word*’, it’s my relaxing moment, and it recharges us with the most needed and precious power!”

In addition to helping participants acquire the fundamental knowledge and skills such as observation, analysis, and grasping the core message of individual Biblical books, the teachers and pastors in the “*Living Word*”¹ group are also exposed to the following learning experience:

- Fun-packed learning - instead of “lecturing” forcibly, the teachers use activities and games to help participants look at Bible passages from different perspectives, and this is carried out amid the aroma of coffee and refreshments (as the postcard suggests);
- Interactive discussions - the teachers guide each participant to share his or her thoughts on the Scriptures with the group, this fosters the growth of both the teachers and the students;
- The power of the Holy Spirit – when each person opens himself or herself up to genuine fellowship, group members become keen to look after each other on the ministry path.

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17, ESV)

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<sup>1</sup> “*Living Word Bible Teaching Series*” is a set of Bible teaching materials compiled for Chinese churches and believers, hoping to help believers take root in biblical truth and grow healthily. Our team of Bible teachers travels to various places to personally demonstrate student-centered teaching and cultivate Bible teachers in various places.

## The “Living Word” Motivates Believers to Go Back to the Bible

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Mandarin-speaking Community Ministry Team

The vision of CCL’s Bible teaching ministry is to help churches in China build a firm foundation upon Biblical truth and experience healthy growth. More than 20 years ago, CCL set a goal to train 100 Bible teachers in every county in China. How are we moving forward to achieve this goal?

The publication of the “*Living Word Bible Teaching Series*” is a beginning. The “*Living Word Bible Teaching Series*” is a set of Bible study materials covering all 66 books of the Bible with the objective of helping Chinese churches and believers learn God’s words in a systematic way. It has not been easy at all to publish the “*Living Word*” book volume by volume, but God has been gracious to us along the way, and now there are only two volumes left to complete the entire set.

In addition to the publication of written materials, training is also needed! If resources and materials are utilized effectively, the results will multiply. But how? This is an important aspect, or else the resources will be wasted. We thank the Lord that very dedicated pastoral leaders have joined our Living Word instructors’ team, they have a strong desire to motivate believers to go back to the Bible! The Bible teachers whom we have nurtured over a long period of time are now hitting the road. They travel to churches across the country and tailor the training according to different local needs. They demonstrate how the materials can be adapted to meet the needs of different groups. As mentioned earlier, they are bringing Biblical teaching to new frontiers and will train another generation of Bible teachers wherever they go.

In addition to publishing and training, we also need to provide continued development! We regularly bring Bible teachers together for additional training, one example is a study course on reading the Scriptures in the context of the Holy Land. These teachers may not have the opportunity to visit the Holy Land, but through listening to speakers familiar with the Holy Land and small group discussions, they are able to gain a more comprehensive understanding of the Bible in terms of its historical background, geography, Jewish culture, etc. Recently, they have been studying the book, which is about looking at the Israel-Palastinian conflict from history, politics, and the Bible’s perspective. It is hoped that they can be better equipped to respond to questions related to this hot topic.

We are using a multimedia approach, this year we have started producing “Living Word” teaching videos. Mandarin soundtracks and simplified Chinese subtitles have been added to these teaching videos. They become another teaching resource. Through watching how different speakers approach, analyse and apply different Bible passages, it is hoped that the Bible teachers can gain a fresh understanding and inspiration from the Scriptures. A major advantage of the videos is that Bible teachers can watch and learn anytime and anywhere.

We (CCL together with the “Living Word” Teachers Team) have seen the blessings that the “Living Word” has brought to churches in China, the communities are learning the truth, and the individuals are living the truth<sup>2</sup>, they are no longer the same. How amazing is the power of the Word and the work of the Holy Spirit!

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## Strengthening Church Leadership— Bible Teaching Ministry



Church leaders from the Southwestern region are studying the Gospel of John and the Epistles of John attentively using the “Living Word” materials.



Church leaders and believers from the Eastern region formed a “Living Word” Bible study group, they share what they have read and learned from the Scriptures and discuss how to apply the teachings in their lives.

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<sup>2</sup> “Living Word” means “Learning the truth, living the truth”.

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Continue to be Our Partners in Nurturing Leaders

You are invited to become our partners

✓ Donation Support

If this is the Lord's will, we hope to provide church leadership training to 100 Shepherd Leaders this year!

The resources include:

1. Bible Teaching Resources

- a. Publication of one volume of the *“Living Word Bible Teaching Series”*
Fund needed: USD 32,052
- b. Production of 20 *“Living Word”* teaching videos in simplified Chinese.
Fund needed: USD 25,642

You are invited to give a donation of USD 577 to supply resources for one Shepherd Leader (Project: Living Word Bible Teaching Series)

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## 2. Bible Teaching Training

- a. Conduct 300 sessions of Living Word Bible Teaching Training  
Fund needed: USD 88,462
- b. Conduct 20 sessions of church leadership exchange  
(e.g. team building, spiritual formation, etc.)  
Fund needed: USD 5,900

**You are invited to give a donation of USD 295 to support one Shepherd Leader to attend one training session** (Project: Leadership Development Ministry).

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