

How a Few Faithful Christians Sparked a Revival That Would Bring Millions to Christ

When Anglo-Scottish Congregationalist Robert Morrison became the first Protestant missionary to set foot on Chinese soil, he had no idea how difficult it his work would be. Chinese society was hardwired in the piety and ritual of Confucianism, and therefore extraordinarily difficult to evangelize. Due to cultural customs, the male preachers had very little contact with the Chinese women, and struggled to reach them with the good news.

Female missionaries did their best, but progress was slow and frustrating. So, the missionaries thought up inventive ways of spreading the gospel message, such as recruiting local Chinese women, named “Bible women,” to evangelize the female community.

Writing for *Christianity Today*, Alexander Chow describes how this extraordinary group of women was formed.

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