



Reformation Translation Fellowship Australia

澳洲改革宗翻譯團契

...but the word of God is not bound (2 Tim 2:9)

Ministry Update from RTF Press Taiwan 2025

Looking Back at 2024

The Christian publishing ministry continues to face many challenges. It has become increasingly difficult to send books into China, and across the wider Chinese-speaking world we are seeing a decline in readers' willingness to purchase books. In this rapidly advancing AI age, reading itself can appear unnecessary—after all, AI seems able to answer almost any question.

Yet we give thanks to God, who has faithfully sustained us in this calling to the ministry of the written word. He has continued to use the books we publish to extend His kingdom. In May 2024, we were delighted to release *Van Til's Apologetic* (P&R) by Greg Bahnsen—a monumental work that systematizes and summarizes the apologetic thought of his mentor, Cornelius Van Til. This translation was a long and challenging project (spanning 750 pages and occasionally paused for other publications), but by God's grace, after nearly eight years, it finally reached completion and was published.

In addition, because Volume I of *Voices from the Past* (Banner of Truth)—a 365-day devotional—was so warmly received, this year we published the much-anticipated Volume II. Both volumes are ideal for daily personal devotion, or for sharing and reflection in church prayer meetings and fellowship groups.

Another highlight of this year was *Grace at Work: Redeeming the Grind and the Glory of Your Job* (Crossway) by Bryan Chapell. Addressing 11 themes on the Christian view of work, this book encourages believers to see their daily labor as service to God. We especially recommend forming small reading groups in the workplace or church, so that through shared study and mutual encouragement, we may learn to serve Christ faithfully and bear witness to Him in our vocations.

New Partnerships in Children's Publishing

In 2024, we also partnered with the Reformation Translation Fellowship Taiwan to help distribute their newly launched Bible story picture books. Two volumes have been published so far: *In a Beautiful Garden* (on Eden) and *That Rainbow* (on the Flood). This new ministry presents key biblical events from a covenantal perspective. These beautifully illustrated and easy-to-read books are designed not only for children, but also for the elderly, seekers, and new believers—helping all to come to know God and His gospel.

2025 Projects

Looking ahead, several projects are already in motion. Recently, we published *A Quest for Godliness* (Crossway) by J.I. Packer and *The Flow of the Psalms* (P&R) by O. Palmer Robertson. Toward the end of the year, we will also be releasing *The Godly Home* by the Puritan Richard Baxter—a timeless guide to shaping a Christ-centred household through marriage, parenting, and daily worship, so that Christian families may be firmly grounded in Scripture and holiness.

Financial Report

Since 2024, book sales have continued to decline, leading to a noticeable drop in income compared with the previous year. Yet even in this, we have witnessed God's gracious provision. He moved the hearts of churches and believers to uphold the work of Christian publishing with their faithful support.

Alongside our long-standing partners in Taiwan and other regions, we especially thank the CRC denomination in the United States and the Reformation Translation Fellowship of Australia (RTFA), whose generous contributions enabled the publication of several titles this year.

It is only by God's mercy and grace—and through the faithful prayers and gifts of brothers and sisters like you—that we are able to continue producing quality Christian books to serve the church and advance the gospel.

2025 RTF Australia Projects Updates

The Valley of Vision

(AUD 5,600 – Fully Funded)

Thanks to the generous support of several Australian churches, we have fully funded the translation and first printing of *The Valley of Vision*, the much-loved collection of Puritan prayers and devotions from Banner of Truth. This treasured work has shaped the spiritual lives of many contemporary Christian leaders, including D.A. Carson, Mark Dever, John Piper, and Carl Trueman. Its timeless prayers continue to guide believers into deeper communion with God.

Let's Study: First Corinthians by David Jackman

(AUD 9,000 – 50% Funded)

Building on our partnership with RTF Press' Let's Study series, we are raising funds for David Jackman's volume on 1 Corinthians. This accessible yet profound commentary will provide clear guidance through Paul's letter to the Corinthian church, making it a valuable resource for individual study, small groups, and church teaching.

How You Can Help

Your partnership will make these treasured Reformed resources accessible to more readers. Whether through prayer, financial support, or sharing this project with others, you can play a vital role in this work. To contribute or learn more, please visit our website or contact us directly. Full donation details can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Request for Speaker

Would you like to invite someone to engage your church or group about the necessity for a translation ministry?

Committee members of RTF Australia are available as guest speakers for mission events, youth groups, prayer groups, and other ministry events. Please feel free to contact us at enquiries@rtfa.org.au.

2025 Prayer Requests

We give thanks for the growing number of people hearing the Gospel in China. As we unite in prayer, let us bring these vital needs before our Lord:

For the Chinese Church to flourish in truth, congregations would be deeply rooted in Scripture and Reformed doctrine. Pray for ministers and elders to be anchored in historic Christian faith as they shepherd their flocks.

For our brothers and sisters facing persecution, that they would stand firm in their faith and continue to proclaim the Gospel with boldness. May their families find strength and comfort in Christ.

For RTF's mission of translating and distributing Reformed literature to reach those hungry for sound teaching.

Please pray specifically for our 2025/26 translation projects:

- David R. Jackson, *Crying Out for Vindication: The Gospel According to Job*
- Zack Eswine, *Recovering Eden: The Gospel According to Ecclesiastes*
- Arthur Bennett E.d., *The Valley of Vision*
- David Jackman, *Let's Study 1 Corinthians*
- Richard Baxter, *The Godly Home*
- Richard D. Phillips, *The Masculine Mandate: God's Calling to Men*

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The doctrinal basis of the Reformation Translation Fellowship is the Reformed understanding of Christianity as set forth in:

- The Westminster Standards
 - Confession of Faith
 - Larger Catechism
 - Shorter Catechism
- The Three Forms of Unity
 - Belgic Confession
 - Heidelberg Catechism
 - Canons of Dort

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