

# Audio Library of Great Chinese Preachers: A Journey Through Faith and History

## About Me

My name is Yilin (Elaine) Chen. Born into a Christian family in China, faith has always been a natural part of my life. During my undergraduate years in Shanghai, I was mentored by missionaries from CRU and actively engaged in student fellowships, which laid a strong foundation for my personal faith. After graduating, I pursued a master's degree in materials engineering at Lehigh University in the US, where I transitioned from being served to serving others. Upon returning to China in 2015, due to my passion for film, I pursued a career in the film industry, gaining experience in storytelling, business development and project management. However, I felt a persistent calling to explore what it truly means to be a Christian. This led me back to the US to join AFC.



## About The Audio Library Project (ALP)

Along with AFC's vision to equip and mobilize Chinese immigrant churches in North America to reach young Chinese-speaking intellectuals, we launched a groundbreaking project in 2023 to create a digital archive of sermons by renowned Chinese preachers from the 1980s to 2000s, preserving and sharing valuable spiritual wisdom and historical insights.



With this archive, we aim to-

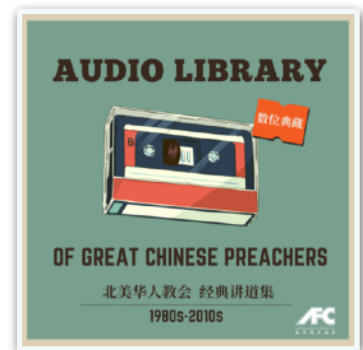
- Illuminate the unique spiritual identity of Chinese Christian immigrant churches in NA.
- Connect younger generations with their spiritual roots and cultural heritage.
- Provide rich resources for spiritual growth and academic research.
- Inspire young Chinese in North America to engage deeply with their faith.

By preserving this spiritual legacy, we hope to empower the next generation of Chinese Christians to understand their history, deepen their faith, and actively shape the future of their communities.

## Building the Foundation and Curating Timeless Content

In 2024, we established collaboration with Gospel Tape Ministry (GTM) and Gospel Tape Missions International (GTMI), securing a treasure trove of 8,000+ sermon recordings from 300+ esteemed pastors as the foundation of our archive.

To bring these messages to life for a modern audience, we launched a podcast on [Spotify](#) featuring carefully restored sermons. Throughout 2024, we've published 88 sermons, garnering 1,358 streams, 152 dedicated followers, and reaching listeners in 26 countries with over 300 hours of playtime. This global engagement shows that these spiritual insights remain timeless and meaningful, resonating deeply with people across cultures and countries even today.



## Expanding Our Reach

In May 2024, we hosted a symposium highlighting spiritual figures Christiana Tsai, Rev. Moses Chow, Rev. Stephen Chiu, and Rev. Moses Yu. This allowed the participants to follow these historical figures' life stories, and furthermore, trace the development of Chinese immigrant churches in NA.



At the intergenerational symposium AFC held in June, Dr. Lu and I presented the Audio Library Project to over 30 church pastors. The enthusiasm from pastors of different generations was deeply encouraging. One pastor remarked, "Your work not only preserves history but also leaves a spiritual legacy for the future church."

## Mentorship and Inspiration

In July 2024, I visited Moody Bible Institute's Museum and Archives department in Chicago, where I met retired Moody Radio's National Operations Manager and passionate archivist Philip Shappard. He had been digitizing A.W. Tozer's sermon tapes for over a decade, publishing them online and collaborating with Moody Press to compile selected content into books. Philip provided invaluable technical assistance as a vital stakeholder in this project. and became a mentor for me, inspiring me with his humble service and meticulous work ethic.



## Looking Ahead

As we step into 2025, we are building on our efforts to organize, digitize, and distribute sermons on Spotify, while advancing new initiatives to expand and enrich our archives:

- **Preserve Historical Treasures:** Digitizing rare historical materials such as letters from Christiana Tsai and handwritten sermon notes from Rev. Moses Chow.
- **Bring Sermons to Print:** Publishing selected sermon series by Rev. Moses Chow as books, inspired by Philip Shappard's work on Tozer's sermons.
- **Engage Younger Generations:** Creating podcasts and videos to share the inspiring life stories of historical faith leaders with today's youth.
- **Foster Collaboration:** Hosting symposiums and partnering with churches and organizations to raise awareness and grow this ministry's impact.

Through these efforts, we aim to preserve spiritual heritage, inspire deeper faith, and strengthen the connection between past generations and the future of Chinese Christian communities.

## Join Our Mission

Your support is essential to sustaining this ministry and its impact. We aim to raise \$80,000 by January 15, 2025, to fund two years of operational costs and staff salaries, addressing the deficit from 2024 and meeting the needs of 2025. If you feel called to contribute, please visit [AFC's giving page](https://afcinc.churchcenter.com/giving) (<https://afcinc.churchcenter.com/giving>) and select "Audio Library." AFC will provide tax-deductible receipts for your generous support.

Together, we can preserve and share the rich spiritual heritage of the Chinese Immigrant Church in NA, ensuring these timeless voices continue to inspire this generation and those to come.

In Christ,  
Elaine Chen  
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\*For more information about this project, please visit [www.afcdrc.org/audio](http://www.afcdrc.org/audio) or contact Elaine via [echen@afcinc.org](mailto:echen@afcinc.org).