

# World Mission News

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<Gospel for Asia, [www.gfa.org](http://www.gfa.org), 4/9/02>

**Nepal:** Terrorist ambushes and military operations continue to control Nepal. The government, fighting a civil war against Maoist Communists who have killed hundreds, has declared a state of emergency and has restricted travel and civil liberties. As a result, native missionaries find it difficult to conduct their ministry, running the risk of being mistaken for terrorists as they travel from village to village, talking to people, and passing out Gospel literature. Five native missionaries were arrested early last April, all of them married except one.

<Voice of the Martyrs, [www.persecution.com](http://www.persecution.com), 4/9/02>

**Pakistani:** Pakistani schoolteacher Parvez Masih appeared in chains, weak and sickly with a fever, for another hearing in court earlier this year. His brother voiced concern that Masih was not getting proper food, was harassed and mistreated by guards and Muslim prisoners. Masih was arrested last year on false charges of blasphemy against the prophet Mohammed, after he refused to hire Muslim teachers for his Christian school or to convert to Islam.

<Dallas Morning News, 3/8/02>

**India:** The All India Christian Council has called for a ban on Hindu extremists after a week's religious violence in Gujarat state that left more than 600 dead, mostly Muslims, last March. They said the World Hindu Council and other groups engaged in a constant hate campaign against the religious minorities, and are training hundreds of thousands for armed warfare. A Roman Catholic mission was burnt down, its priests stoned, and a Christian missionary school ransacked. Of India's 1 billion people, more than 80% are Hindus, 12% Muslims and 2% Christians. The World Hindu Council has branches and expatriate support worldwide.

<Footprints International, Foote Notes, Spring/02>

**Siberia:** In 5 years, the mission in Tyumen, Siberia, Russia has grown from ministering 20 to over 300. Besides the regular church, they have 12 national missionaries, a cultural center, a Christian day school, and a camping program of 3 sessions with 100 children each. And they just announced plans for a Bible college.

<World Christian, 3/02>

**Africa:** Sub-Saharan Africa is saddled with most of the problems one can name - poverty, war, disease, political turmoil, ethnic rivalries, etc. HIV/AIDS is the most overarching, however. World Relief estimates that 32 million adults and 1.2 million children live with it, nearly 75% of known cases in the world. By 2010, 34 million will have died leaving 40 million orphans. Once timid about sex and AIDS, churches have opened up, offering help and love to the victims. And many turn to Jesus through the caring of His people. But Bibles, literature, pastors and teachers are in very short supply.

<World Christian, 3/02>

**Thailand:** On Christmas Eve 2001 the World Bible Translation Center's Easy-to-Read Thai New Testament came off the press in Bangkok, Thailand. Rather than in country's royal language as in the case of other Thai language Bibles, all Thais with the most basic education can use this edition. It was a most welcome Christmas present for the people. The Center is already planning for a second printing as well as a Thai/English parallel version for young people eager to learn English.

<[www.finishers.org](http://www.finishers.org)>

**USA:** For Christians thinking early retirement and wishing to find a second career with significant impact for God, the Finishers Project is organizing a national conference in Atlanta, USA, August 15-17, 2002. It is an "Urban-like" conference for adults with outstanding resources and opportunities. Finishers Project is a cooperative effort of local churches along with 70 leading Christian organizations. More information is available at [www.finishers.org](http://www.finishers.org).

<Every Home for Christ, Pray + Praise, 3/19/02>

**Liberia:** Following the successful "Liberia for Jesus Crusade", the Liberia government, the rebels and political parties were to hold reconciliation meeting in March to seek peaceful solution of the turmoil in the country. The crusade was held in stadiums around the country with hundreds of thousands of believers from every denomination including President Charles Taylor. They prostrated in repentance of sins and asked God for deliverance of the nation.

<The Sentinel Group, [www.sentinelgroup.org](http://www.sentinelgroup.org), 1/02>

**Fiji:** In May 2000 a military coup threw the nation of Fiji into chaos. Afterwards, a growing prayer movement spread through the nation crying to God for renewal. A Transformation video with stories of divinely transformed communities so inspired church leaders that they gathered for weeks of deep and widespread repentance. In July 2001 thousands of Fijians assembled for three weeks of joint prayer and Bible teaching, during which the Christian acting Prime Minister publicly apologized for the nation's shameful treatment of its large ethnic Indian population which sparked the coup. He later won the election and appointed many Christians to his cabinet including a new Secretary of Reconciliation. Since then the nation has experienced a spiritual revival. People of all background flood into the Kingdom including the coup leader and his co-conspirators in jail.

<World Pulse, [www.wheaton.edu/bgc/emis](http://www.wheaton.edu/bgc/emis), 2/22/02>

**Israel:** Israel is a land marked by hostility and violence between Arabs and Jews, but King's Kids ministry, introduced there eight years ago, brings Christian Arabs and Messianic Jewish children together in summer camps and year-round groups. They learn about each other and learn to get closer to the Lord in an atmosphere of respect and acceptance. Some close relationships have been forged.

<Asia Harvest, [www.asiaharvest.org](http://www.asiaharvest.org), 3/02>

**China:** Arguably the largest house church movements in China is the Born Again Movement started by four heroic souls in Henan Province during the Cultural Revolution. It is estimated that they have 20-25 million members throughout the nation. All four have been imprisoned multiple times for a combined 40 plus years and suffered much for their faith in Christ.

<[www.russiangospel.org](http://www.russiangospel.org), 3-4/02>

**Russian:** Russian Gospel Ministries, founded by exiled Russian pastor Georgi Vins in 1980, was merged with Eastern European Ministries in January 2002 into a new mission, Frontline Missions International. The mission is serving in Ukraine, Russia, Poland, former Yugoslavia and Albania.