



World Mission News

Ivory Coast : Almost all expatriate missionaries have left Ivory Coast last November due to the violence and chaos erupted for the third time in two years. Many held on during the first two periods of unrest. This time the mob turned on the French nationals after a mishap between the government troops and the French soldiers there as peacekeepers in the raging civil war. It is unlikely that the missionaries will return any time soon.

<Christianity Today, February/05>

AIDS: AIDS was not even on the 1999 urgent-issues report of World Vision. Three year later they realized that all of their other work was unraveling by this plague of the 21st century: 43 millions with HIV/AIDS, 8,000 deaths each day, 14 million orphans. They have since trained 491 pastors in 359 churches in 19 nations on the biblical perspective on the pandemic. Now evangelicals willing to support AIDS ministry is up to 14% from 5% in 2002.

<Christianity Today, January/05>

India: In 1998 a native Indian missionary was twice beaten while starting a ministry in a village. He persevered and soon a small church began to grow. The village people considered them 'unclean' and forbade them to draw water from the village wells forcing them to the nearest source 5 miles away. They prayed and through GFA the Lord bored a new 'Jesus Well' by the church. It becomes a busy place for people as it gives sweet water and the town's two wells gives salty water.

<Send!, www.gfa.org, 1-3/05>

China: Among 48 million people in Guangxi province, China 100,000 are Christians, half of them Zhuangs, the largest minority in China. There are a total of 1.6 million of this minority, most of them living in this province.

<Far East Broadcasting, www.liangyou.net, 11-12/04>

Argentina: In a recent International Conference in Argentina, 260 foreigners and 1,500 nationals were challenged to take the gospel to the marketplace. It resulted in the following people receiving Christ and yielding leadership to the Lord for each of their place of service: president of a political party; the entire management team of the leading medical clinic; the leader of the most influential business group and his wife; the founder, the president and the dean of a leading university (they even asked a chapel to be built at the center of the university); the Speaker of the House in the most powerful provincial government.

<Silvoso News, www.harvestevan.org, year end/04>

Internet: Soon there will be a billion Web users worldwide. But of the hundreds of thousands of Christian web sites, very few are meant to attract non-believers. A group of outreach ministries has designated April 24, 2005 as the Internet Evangelism Day to encourage churches to create effective sites for community outreach (www.internetEvangelismDay.com). There will be also a conference on internet evangelism, April 1-2 to assist Christians wishing to become internet evangelists (www.ie-21century.com).

<AN Service, www.assistnews.net, 12/7/04, 1/17/05>

13/30 Window: 60% of world population is under 25 years old, 18- to 25-year-olds are least likely to go to church, and 90% of all Christians become one before their 25th birthday. A college student sensed the importance of these facts in 1998 and coined a term '13/30 Window,' people of ages 13 to 30. He then started the ministry of Campus Church Networks to plant churches at his college of 15-20 members wherever students may met - dorm/class/ Student Union rooms, etc. The idea is spreading.

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Children: Worldwide, more than 29,000 children under 5 die every day; most of those deaths could have been prevented with clean water, immunization, basic nutrition and simple health care. In India alone, nearly 6,000 children die each day.

<www.worldvision.org>

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Myanmar: Last December over 1,000 people attended the dedication celebration of the first Nepali church in Jhil Busti Maymyo, Central Myanmar and 17 new converts baptized! Pray for the young church as it begins to stand entirely on their own feet.

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