

World Mission News

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USA: Last spring, 25,000 Christian youths rallied at San Francisco against so-called pop culture's terrorism against virtue. City supervisors later passed a resolution warning against the negative effect such Christians could have on the community. And one supervisor suggested that these Christians should leave the city. Even the *San Francisco Chronicle* editorialized that such reaction was so boorish over the top it was 'intolerant.'

<Christianity Today, June/06>

Taiwan: Officially 3.9% of 23 million people and less than 0.5% of the 14 million blue-collar workers are Christians. Most of them are less educated and not comfortable to attend churches where most members are highly educated and sermons usually intellectually demanding. Some churches and missionaries have reacted by starting house churches, developing long-term relationships, using colorful Bibles books, and audio tapes and CDs in Taiwanese, etc. Much more resources are needed.

<Christianity Today, May/06>

Asian Americans: Populate elite colleges more than ever and campus ministries even more. At California Berkeley, 42% of undergrads are Asian, MIT 28%, Stanford 24%, Harvard 17%, Princeton/Yale 13%, Rice 15%, etc. At Berkley, 90%+ students involved in campus ministries are Asian. These students are taught from birth to 'work hard, study hard and get a good job.' But they also sense they need purpose and meaning. Many turn to God and once they find Christ they become very committed. They engage in campus evangelism as well as looking to the 10/40 window maybe returning to their countries of origin. In recent years, 25% of students attending the InterVarsity's Urbana mission convention are Asians.

<Christianity Today, April/06>

Evangelical Training Database: <www.trainforChrist.org>, a cooperative effort of several mission agencies, is now fully working since May this year. Anyone is free to search and/or input information on training programs. Only information validated as authentic evangelical programs are posted. It hopes to become an inclusive on-line source on evangelical training institutions and courses worldwide in all major languages.

<www.lausanneworldpulse.com, May/06>

Mercy Ship: Africa Mercy will enter service later this year in Africa. It will be the newest and the world's largest non-governmental hospital ship with six operating theaters, 78 recovery beds, a CT scanner and a crew of more than 450. It effectively doubles the medical capacity of her predecessors. Besides providing medical care, the crews share their Christian faith with patients and others they come in contact.

<www.lausanneworldpulse.com, May/06>

Gospel ads: A mission agency has found a cost-effective way to get the gospel to Hindus, Muslims, Buddhists, etc who might never talk to a Christian. They are placing ads in secular newspapers and magazines and average between 4,000 to 5,000 responses monthly.

<Mission Network News, www.mnn.gospelcom.net, 5/19/06>

Iran: Of the 70-million people 70% say they are atheists. They came through the Islamic revolution. It did not work and did not make their lives better. So they are open. Dozens of mission agencies have started a 40-day 'Pray for Iran' campaign on May 25th. They pray for the political situation, for the persecuted but vibrant church, and for this window in time that God would reach out and really start a revival to spread outside the church to the rest of the country.

<Mission Network News, www.mnn.gospelcom.net, 5/24/06>

Tsunami relief: Southern Baptist International Mission Board have raised nearly 17-million-dollars. They have some 125 projects now underway in Asia, including home and business rebuilding, well revitalization, etc. The work has allowed them to establish a longer-term or permanent presence in areas previously closed to them.

<Mission Network News, www.mnn.gospelcom.net, 5/17/06>

Lab in a suitcase: It is a portable, compact and inexpensive lab kit and unique tool for medical missions. It does 85% of basic diagnostic work of most common diseases including the avian flu. It is especially a valuable diagnostic equipment for Christian mission hospitals and doctors in the developing world.

<Mission Network News, www.mnn.gospelcom.net, 5/3/06>

Uganda: 30,000 children between 10 and 15 have been abducted by the rebel group in northern. They were used as child soldiers or sex slaves. Thousands of them have escaped returning home with post-traumatic stress. World Vision have taken many to its centers and tries to restore them emotionally, spiritually, physically and eventually to their families. A lot of the work is to bathe them in the Scriptures allowing the power of Christ to help them forgive themselves and know that they have been forgiven.

<Mission Network News, www.mnn.gospelcom.net, 3/27/06>

Rwanda: 1 million people die in genocide in 100 days in 1994. This year an agency took 100 days to share eternal life with 2 million school aged youths through their *Book of Hope*. In four weeks they trained 500 nationals in 12 provinces and resourced the national church to do the work. In one province they distributed 15,000 books in one week. In a village they show the film "Godman" to 3,000 students and 1,000 made solid commitment to Christ.

<Mission Network News, www.mnn.gospelcom.net, 5/12/06>