

World Mission News

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Mexico: A pastor had a vision to establish one of the first evangelical schools in the nation in Juarez in 1992. Starting with 2 kindergarten and 2 first grade students, it grew to 500 students at one time until lack of teachers limits it to 200. The school is tuition free and teachers receive no salary. 60% of students come from non-Christian families but two-thirds accept Christ before graduation. And 60 families have come to the faith in last 8 years. The school receives help from US and Mexican churches and hope to add a high school.

<Christianity Today, December/05>

China: There are 500 million children under the age of 18 in Mainland. All of them are not allowed to be baptized not even in the official Three-Self church, but as young as 4 are expected to join government's Young Pioneers program where they are indoctrinated with Communism and atheism. A few years ago, house churches began developing children's material and training teachers. Now there are thousands of Sunday Schools with tens of thousands of students and many changed lives. Much more is needed.

<Asia Harvest, www.asiaharvest.org, 9/05>

Venezuela: After President threatened to expel missionaries of Florida-based New Tribes Mission, hundreds of Indians from the Amazon jungle protested in the capital. The missionaries were accused of being CIA spies and destroying Indian culture. But the Indians leaders praised them for helping during hard times when no official aid came, and bringing much needed medical, educational and other assistance to the impoverished Indian communities long neglected by the government.

<Dallas Morning News, 10/29/05>

Spain: In 1985, WEC missionaries began a caring ministry, Betel, of inner-city drug addicts and other needy people in Madrid. Today the ministry is in 60 some cities of 13 countries in Europe, America, Asia, Australia and North Africa freeing tens of thousands of drug addicts and alcoholics. The ministry consists of live-in settings with co-workers, wholistic healing, counseling, job training, etc. In 20 years, over 70,000 serious addicts have entered the program. It is estimated that 60-90% who stayed over a year will never relapse. In Madrid, there is a 2,000-member church of the 'graduates'.

<WEC International (HK), www.wec-int.org, 9-10/05>

New Zealand: Pathway Trust, founded 8 years ago by members of a church in New Zealand, had a growth of 192% over 3 years and was honored as 36th of the fastest growing NZ companies for 2005. The company was started with the vision of the evangelism director of the church and a member of a troubled past that survived a serious motorcycle accident under the influence of drugs and alcohol. They

hire ex-inmates prisoners to make folding chairs providing stable living environment, jobs and strong mentoring with production team leaders as mentors and life coaches. Many workers have found Christ, their families reconciled, lives turned around and felt accepted as never before.

<Assist News Service, www.assistnews.net, 12/4/05>

Argentina: A church in Argentina of 200 set out to evangelize their community. They handed out 2,000 Books of Hope in the public schools. With enthusiasm spreading, schools adopted it for curriculum, and family visitations grew into radio distribution. A festival culminated the campaign with 3,000 exposed to the gospel.

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Indonesia: Christian relief efforts to the tsunami victims in Indonesia and the continuing work have softened the hard soil of that nation. In the hardest hit Aceh province previously closed to the gospel, a radio station is now willing to air gospel programs. Meanwhile more projects are added, a repair service for medical equipment in Aceh, child survival program in 8 villages on Nias Island to provide basic health care, etc. Christian workers are accepted and trusted by the people. They hope to develop personal relationship that enable them to explain who Jesus Christ is.

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Algeria: Algeria is in a building boom. There are over 70,000 Chinese workers there working 13 hours each day, 7 days a week, for US\$400 per month and 10 vacation days a year, living in crowded housing on site and watched over by Communist bosses. After work, there was not much to do except smoke and sit around, until Chinese tourists brought in large amount of Christian literature. Every worker now wants his own Chinese New Testament and hundreds of Jesus Film are circulating. A growing number have accepted Christ.

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Romania: Since 1993, co-workers of Bible League have planted more than 1,000 churches in Romania, 81 new churches with 18,000 new members in 2005. A church in Bucharest, the capital, has been very active in sending out missionaries. Recently, 300 pastors met for mission planning.

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Qatar: Early 2006, the first Christian church in 1,400 years will be built in the Muslim nation of Qatar. After Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman and UAE, Qatar now allows church building for foreign workers.

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