

普世宣教快訊

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尼泊爾：今年5月18日，國會廢除君主政體，並宣佈不再是印度教王國，不設國教。基督徒現在可為教會登記，建造教堂。1990年以前，政府嚴格執行禁止勸說他人改變宗教的條例。自政府放棄執行此條例以來，教會增長迅速，2,500萬人口中已有1,500間教會，70萬信徒。請為擬定新憲法禱告，能有真正的宗教自由。

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電影：「基督受難記」一片很賣座，好萊塢製片商遂競相效法，拍攝所謂「耶穌影片」。今年12月，將推出一齣由福音派基督徒編劇的「耶穌誕生」影片，明年復活節期間，亦有「耶穌的復活」一片，講述耶穌被釘十字架至升天之間40日的事蹟，製片人是以寫《末世迷蹤》系列著名的作者之一。

<www.Christianity Today Movies.com, August/06>

剛果民主共和國：自1996年，叛黨與政府軍爭奪礦藏地點(包括鑽石、黃金及高價金屬)而爆發戰事，6,200萬人口死去390萬。眼見平民受苦，90年代後期，一位醫療宣教士開始提供「福音社區衛生服務」，教導他們注重保健、水質、衛生及當地所需的各項預防措施，同時也教導聖經。事工甚有果效，80%村民由此決志歸主。這事工現已推行至70個國家。

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文萊：全國有23萬馬來人，佔人口66%，但據所知只有2位是基督徒。馬來人都是很嚴謹的穆斯林，因擁有大量石油及天然煤氣致富，並居政治領導地位，集權於一身的蘇丹，就是馬來人。

<East Asia Insight, www.us.omf.org, Summer/06>

蒙古：1990年，蒙古只有4位基督徒，今日教會增長迅速，有2萬名信徒，但仍不及人口的1%。

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城市：聯合國報導，2007年都市人口將首次超過全球人口50%，其中三分之一住在貧民窟，困苦情況類似甚至亞於鄉村貧民。這是因農業失調，而非工業發展所致。預計2030年時，全球80億人口中有50億居於都市內。若基本生活問題得不到解決，貧民窟將成為恐怖分子及失望狂熱者之溫床。

<Dallas Morning News, 7/17/06>

美國：屬多種族教會(即沒有一個種族超過信徒人數80%)的只佔7%，穩定以一種族為主的教會可能只佔3.5%。一位社會學教授在所著《有夢想的人：美國多種族教會》中發表說，這種情況已慢慢改變。作者深入研究30個教會，其中1個在曉士頓。這教會在1970年成立，會友曾增至500名。90年期間，社區改變，大批白人遷離，教會人數急降。教會決定聘請有心牧養多種族的牧師，一位有四分之一華人血統，妻子操西班牙語的牧師，與一位黑人牧師同工，克勝阻礙；如今，人數恢復，會友的國籍逾40種。

<Dallas Morning News, 7/8/06>

泰國：2004年聖誕節海嘯大災後，遠東廣播在泰國參與「靈命重建」事工，許多災民因收聽福音廣播而信主，未信者也多繼續收聽。去年聖誕節，他們舉辦了六場活動，參加者人數遠超過以往，每場至少有200人，有些超過1,000人。

<Far East Broadcasting, www.liangyou.net, 3-4/06>

耶穌傳：今夏在德國舉行的世界杯足球賽，一所基督教機構大批分發特製的「耶穌」電影光碟，共有兩齣電影，各有24種語言的版本。其一名為「得獎」，是一些基督徒球員在球賽中的鏡頭及個人的見證，另一則是「耶穌傳」影片。這光碟甚受歡迎，許多來自對福音封閉國家的觀眾及球員，很樂意收到，更索取轉贈親友。

<Mission Network News, www.mnn.gospelcom.net, 6/29/06>

網站：全球約9,600萬人使用互聯網上的「個人空間」網站，其中許多心靈受創、孤單及渴求友誼。某機構在他們的網頁上供應資料及輔導，幫助這些人認識那最佳之友耶穌，並可聯接其它基督教網站。若需更多資料，可上網聯接<http://myspace.com/agapespace>。

<Mission Network News, www.mnn.gospelcom.net, 7/28/06>

東南亞：東南亞11個國家中，有600餘「未得之民」的群體。其中5個國家中，這些群體人數佔全國人口50%以上；柬埔寨的比例高至95.2%，印尼則約有200個未得之民群體，總人數超過1.3億。需要很多本土及外來宣教士，以創新方式進入，去傳福音並培訓信徒。

<LCWE Mission Report, www.lcwe.org, June/06>

World Mission News

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Nepal : On May 18 this year, Parliament of Nepal abolished the monarchy and declared the state secular rather than a Hindu kingdom. Christians can now register their churches and build buildings. Under the Hindu monarchy's constitution: "No person shall be entitled to convert another person from one religion to another." This was strictly enforced until 1990. Since then churches have flourished. They now number 1,500 with 700,000 members among 25 million population. Pray for the drafting of a new constitution that true religious freedom is incorporated.

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Movie: Hollywood studios have jumped on the Jesus film bandwagon since the success of The Passion of the Christ. This December, The Nativity Story will be released based on the script of Mike Rich, an evangelical. Next Easter, The Resurrection will come out telling the story of 40 days between the Crucifixion and Ascension with Tim LaHaye, co-author of the Left Behind series, as a producer.

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Congo: Democratic Republic of Congo in Central Africa has suffered 3.9 million dead of her 62 million population since perpetual fighting broke out in 1996. Rebel groups and government forces fight over territory and rich mining of diamonds, gold, and coltan (vital for building electronics, sold as high as US\$400/kg). Amidst such devastation and misery, a medical missionary started to train committed Christians for Community Health Evangelism (CHE) project in late 90's. CHE focuses on hygiene, safe drinking water, pit latrines and other health projects geared to local needs as well as Bible teaching. Some 80% of the converted villagers come through CHE. Mission groups in 70 nations now have CHE projects.

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Brunei: The 230,000 Malays in Brunei comprise 66% of the nation's population, but among them only 2 are known Christians. They are strict Muslims, rich from abundance of oil and natural gas, and dominant in political leadership led by an absolute ruler.

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Mongolia : In 1990, there were only 4 known Christians in Mongolia. Now the small but fast growing church has 20,000 Christians, still less than 1% of the population.

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Urban: According to a UN report, urban dwellers will exceed 50% of the world population for the 1st time in 2007. A third of them will be stuck in slums as bad off as or often worse off than the rural poor. Because the change is due to failed agriculture instead of increased industrialization. This percentage will increase to a projected 60% (5 out of 8 billion) by 2030. These slums are breeding grounds for

terrorism and disillusioned fanatics until the root problems are fixed.

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USA : Only 7% of churches in USA are multiracial defined as no one race being more than 80% of the membership. As many are sliding toward one race majority, maybe only 3.5% are stable and integrated. Thus reported a Rice University sociologist in his book, People of the Dream: Multiracial Congregations in the United States. A Baptist church in Houston is one of 30 the author studied in depth. It started in 1970 and grew to 500 members. Rapid social change by 1990 caused white flight and plummeting membership. They called a pastor who is 1/4 Chinese married to a Mexican-American. Through many struggles and together with a young black youth minister, they brought the membership back to previous level with over 40 nationalities.

<Dallas Morning News, 7/8/06>

Thailand: After the tsunami on Christmas in 2004, Far East Broadcasting participated in the 'Spiritual Reconstruction' project in Thailand. It is reported that many people in the region came to Christ due to gospel broadcast and others continue to listen. Last year they conducted 6 Christmas programs with unprecedented attendance of at least 200 each and with some exceeding 1,000.

<Far East Broadcasting, www.liangyou.net, 3-4/06>

Jesus Film: During the soccer World Cup in Germany this summer, a unique 'Jesus' DVD was distributed at the games on which there are two films in 24 languages. One titled 'The Prize' has action footage of some Christian players and their testimonies. The other is the 'Jesus Film'. Even spectators and players from Saudi Arabia and Iran, countries closed to the gospel, were glad to get the DVDs.

<Mission Network News, www.mnn.gospelcom.net, 6/29/06>

Internet: Some 96 million people are using the MySpace internet website. Many of them are hurting, lonely and seeking friendship. An Christian agency is targeting these people with their own webpage providing information and counseling to help people learn more about Jesus, the ultimate friend, and connect them to other Christian websites. For more info, visit <http://myspace.com/agapespace>.

<Mission Network News, www.mnn.gospelcom.net, 7/28/06>

S.E. Asia: In the eleven countries of Southeast Asia, there are over 600 people groups remaining least-reached. In five countries these groups represent over 50% of the population. In Cambodia it is 95.2%. And in Indonesia there are over 200 groups with a total of more than 130 million people. Many expatriate/indigenous workers, creative means of access and leadership training of believers are needed.

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