



**Web pages:** Growth in Web pages dealing with God, religion, and churches had been more than fourteen fold from 1999 to 2004. But there was a drop of 30% of visits to religious websites in the US over the past year.

<Christianity Today, June/07>

**Turkey:** 3 Christians were tortured and killed last April 14 in south-eastern when 5 young Muslims stormed a Christian publishing house carrying notes that they would slit the Christians' throats to defend Turkey's Islamic identity. Two of the three were Turks converted from Islam to Christianity and the other a German. The Turks were the first to died for their faith since the Republic was founded in 1923. Earlier an Italian priest and an Armenian Christian journalist were killed.

<Christianity Today, June/07>

**Mormon:** Worldwide membership has reached 13 million, more outside of the US than within. Much of this growth comes from outreach by young missionaries who typically serve two-year terms funded by themselves. Since 1830, more than 1 million have served. Today there are 53,000 of them in the field.

<Dallas Morning News, 6/10/07>

**Olympics:** The 2008 Olympics will be held next August in Beijing. Chinese government is showing signs of cracking down on foreign Christians as well as the house church leaders restricting their travel. Between last April and June, about 100 foreign Christians were expelled from the country. An agency is calling Christians worldwide to pray for China everyday at 8pm Beijing time. Anyone interested will receive a monthly prayer calendar and daily e-mail brief by contacting <opendoorsusa.org>.

<Mission Network News, www. mnn.gospelcom.net, 7/19/07>

**Tibet:** It is estimated only have a few hundred Christians there. But a gospel radio program has received thousands of responses every year including letters from Buddhist monks seeking better grasp of evangelical viewpoints. A missionary recently accompanied Tibetan men involved in follow-up ministry. He witnessed broad interest and openness even in monasteries and among the military.

<Mission Network News, www. mnn.gospelcom.net, 7/16/07>

**India:** "Godman", a 3D animated film on the life of Christ, has been translated into many languages and contextualized for different areas of the world. Last Easter, it was aired on satellite TV across the country in 12 languages with a leading actor playing a key role. It reached nearly 13 million households of some 51 million people. Local Christians have hosted "Godman" viewing parties and of the 31,000 people viewing the film 11,127 came to Christ. Plans are made to show the film on national TV at Christmas time.

<Mission Network News, www. mnn.gospelcom.net, 6/11/07>

**Indonesia:** Three Christian women were released from prison last June 8. They were sentenced to 3 years in jail for "illegally converting children to Christianity" when children attended Sunday School with permission from their parents. The women were grateful to God and those who participated in global letter writing and prayer campaign that had shortened their stay in prison to 2 years. They plan to continue the gospel work.

<Mission Network News, www. mnn.gospelcom.net, 6/12/07>

**Italy:** People in Europe have long been skeptical of Christian faith. Recently, a new "Mission For You" website there has seen 65,000 hits and thousands more downloaded Omega Course for church planters.

<Mission Network News, www. mnn.gospelcom.net, 6/8/07>

**Nigeria:** The Idoma people group of about 1 million has a Christian leader now. Recently, the chief saw the JESUS film and heard the gospel from a missionary. He asked that the prayer to receive Christ be written down for him. Local pastors were ecstatic about the response. It meant he wished to pray in private. Later he did accept Christ and in ten days 14,000 in the tribe did so too. Follow up work to train and disciple new believers is ongoing.

<Mission Network News, www. mnn.gospelcom.net, 6/8/07>

**Mission:** Many young people have gone on short term mission and asked "What next?" Now they can go deeper in mission through the Nomad program. It sends them abroad for 5 weeks to a full year. Recently, a group of 16-19 years olds went to the Philippines and, in three and a half weeks, reached 160,000 elementary through college students with the gospel. The program is working with colleges/universities and hopes to ignite another student volunteer movement.

<Mission Network News, www. mnn.gospelcom.net, 7/30/07>

**Medical Equipment:** A Christian agency is partnering with GE to distribute donated/refurbished equipments and train people in their repair. In 2006, they have sent out 1,400 pieces of anesthesia machines, ventilators, maternal and infant care equipment, patient monitors and ultrasound systems plus training some 500 technicians in 18 countries. With this they even went into difficult fields like North Korea.

<Mission Network News, www. mnn.gospelcom.net, 6/21/07>

**Bible:** 70% of world's evangelical Christians will live in global south like Latin America, Africa, China and South Asia in the near future. Publishers are gearing up to meet the critical needs of Bibles in these regions.

<Mission Network News, www. mnn.gospelcom.net, 6/14/07>