

中國:由於政府鼓勵農村居民,尤其年青人移居城市城市,一些機構遂增強城市事工,使教會急速增長。再者,城市教會較少受到逼迫,而官方也較容忍他們的工作,包括准許從美國及加拿大邀請商界領袖,來幫助訓練本地基督徒,以及如何使用商業場所去推動基督事工。

< WorldServe Ministries, www.worldserveusa.org, 1/26/10>

印度:某機構報導印度每月增加700個新教會。幾年前,他們在馬哈拉施特拉省開始福音事工,該省人口9,500萬,當時基督徒只佔1%,現在福音派信徒已達3%。他們正在訓練1千名植堂者,準備遣派到福音未及之地,期望三、五年內有200萬新信徒。

< India Gospel League, www.iglworld.org, 1/8,22/10>

荷蘭:60萬大學生中僅6%為福音派信徒,一些教會較為自我封閉。某學生福音事工使用不同形式去接觸非基督徒學生,特別注意其中8萬國際學生,許多來自封閉國家如中國、伊朗及伊拉克,發現穆斯林學生驚人地願意聽福音。

<InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, www.intervarsity.org, 1/13/10>

哥倫比亞:幾年前一年青人被招攬加入幫會,入會條件是殺掉1人,目標是位牧師。他的女朋友得到一本耶穌生平鼓勵他看。他深受書中的救恩信息所感動,按書末的指示找到一位牧師,竟然是他本要殺掉的一位。今日,他已成為青年領袖,協助該牧師帶領崇拜。

<OneHope, www.onehope.net, 1/6/10>

差傳奉獻: 22,000學生在聚會中被挑戰為12項福音事工籌募50萬美元。他們收到66.8萬餘,加上一對夫婦的等額配對奉獻,共得130萬餘。某機構原計劃以75,000元在印度建造一個為達立人的教育中心,如今得到雙倍款項,可以建造兩個中心。

< Operation Mobilization, www.omusa.org, 12/17/09>

福音船:世上最古舊的福音船真道號Doulos,已於去年底退役。該船於1914年啟航,過去32年曾帶著福音盼望、基督教書籍、賑濟物品及事奉工作,訪問100多國家的港口共600多次,並且協助當地教會。該船可能有新買主,用作博物館及事工訓練場所。

 $<\!Operation\ Mobilization,\ www.omusa.org,\ 12/29/09\!>$

馬來西亞:去年12月31日,法庭判定准許某天主教報章使用阿拉伯文「阿拉」稱呼神後,已有10間以上教會被惡徒攻擊。在這一個一向號稱宗教和平共存的國家,警局已開始調查,所有政黨也斥責這種惡行,教會的出席人數並沒有受到影響。

< Open Doors USA, www.opendoorsusa.org, 1/19/10>

印度: 2008年奧里薩省爆發嚴重逼迫基督徒事件,500 多名基督徒被謀殺,幾千名受傷,房屋被毀以致無家 可歸。去年夏季,突有野象群在該省30多個村莊出 現,摧毀許多曾帶領逼迫基督徒者的房屋。這事件發 生於該村基督徒受害的一周年,象群似乎越過基督徒 的居所,特別挑出逼害者的房屋。

<Asia Harvest, www.asiaharvest.org, December 2009>

菲律賓:颱風嚴重摧毀漁村及農園後,一宣教機構分發了幾百個漁網,在東南亞第三大淡水湖中放了100萬魚苗,並幫助幾百農戶重建稻田,教導他們改善農耕技巧,又分派農具。此外,他們又派出30隊流動醫療隊,醫治了4千病者,清理了500間被水淹沒了兩個月的房屋,又將房屋消毒。

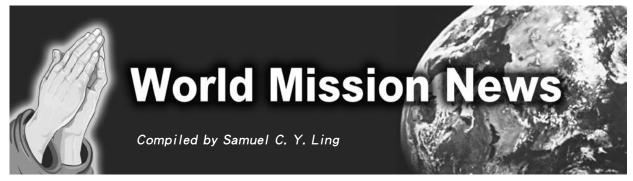
<Christian Reformed World Relief Committee, www.crwrc.org, 12/28/09>

贊比亞:國民一向相信巫術,認為疾病源自邪靈的咒詛,所以將病人帶往巫師處,讓巫師把符咒放在病人身上;這種做法使這已深受愛滋病摧殘的國家情況更嚴重。某機構在該國設立了一些營養講習班,教導母親養育兒女、注意健康食物、清潔飲水及適當醫療措施。很快,這些婦女就帶她們患病的兒女來治療,並且聽到了福音。

<Teen Missions International, www.teenmissions.org, 12/17/09>

穆斯林:兩位著名作家往中東7個國家逗留了幾星期,寫了一本幫助人認識穆斯林的書。他們面見了許多政治、宗教、社團領袖及音樂家,電影明星等等。特別訪問了伊斯蘭律法師、阿訇、大酋長、皇室成員等30人,也訪問了拉登在阿拉伯國內的弟兄們、黎巴嫩和巴勒斯坦國內恐怖分子的領袖們。兩位作者作結說:穆斯林徒也是普通的人,很多都願意談到耶穌。古蘭經中曾80次提到耶穌;他們相信有神,有拿撒勒的耶穌這一個人。基督徒應從耶穌開始與他們談道。

<Mission Network News/ www.mnnonline.org, 1/11/10>



China: Officially encouraged mass migration, particularly young people, from rural area into cities has prompted agencies to increase efforts in urban areas, resulting in explosive growth of churches there. Also the urban area have less persecution and officials have allowed them to do their work, including bringing Christian business leaders from US and Canada to help train the local Christians in using business as platform to serve God.

< WorldServe Ministries, www.worldserveusa.org, 1/26/10>

India: An agency reported strong church growth of 700 new churches every month. Several years ago, they started work in the state of Maharashtra (population 95 million) where 1% of people were believers. Today 3% are evangelicals. They are now training 1,000 church planters to send into areas with no Christian and expect to see 2 million believers in 3 to 5 years.

<India Gospel League, www.iglworld.org, 1/8,22/10>

Netherlands: Only 6% of the 600,000 college students are evangelicals. As most churches are quite self-absorbed, one student ministry is using a variety of ministries to reach out to them, especially some 80,000 international students many from closed countries like China, Iran and Iraq. The Muslim are surprisingly willing to listen.

<InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, www.intervarsity.org,</p> 1/13/10>

Columbia: Several years ago an urban youth was recruited to join a gang. But first he had to kill a man and a pastor was the target. His girlfriend had received a story book about Jesus and give it to him to read. After the salvation message convicted him, he followed the contact info in the book and met a pastor who turned out to be one he was to kill. Today, he is youth and worship leader for this pastor.

<OneHope, www.onehope.net, 1/6/10>

Mission Giving: 22,000 students at a conference were challenged to raise US\$500,000 for 12 Christian ministry projects. They raised over \$668,000 that was matched by a generous couple for a total of \$1.3 million. One agency's \$75,000 project to build a Dalit education center in India received twice the amount and will build two centers.

<Operation Mobilization, www.omusa.org, 12/17/09>

Gospel Ship: World's oldest ocean-going passenger ship, Operation Mobilization's Doulos, retired at the end of last year. Built in 1914, the ship made 600+ port visits in over 100 nations in the last 32 years bringing the hope of the gospel, Christian literature, relief work, and support for local churches. There is a potential buyer for possible use as a museum ship and for ministry training.

<Operation Mobilization, www.omusa.org, 12/29/09>

Malaysia: The Dec 31, 2009 court ruling allowing a Catholic newspaper to use the Arabic word "Allah" to refer to God prompted attacks by vandals on more than 10 churches. The police has launched an investigation in this traditionally religious tolerant nation. All political parties have condemned the attack. Church attendance has not been affected.

<Open Doors USA, www.opendoorsusa.org, 1/19/10>

India: In 2008, severe persecution of Christians broke out in Orissa state with 500+ Christians murdered, thousands injured and homeless, and homes destroyed. Last Summer, herds of wild jungle elephants have stormed 30 villages of homes of some of the worst persecutors. In one village the attack occurred exactly one year after the persecution. The herd seemed to single out homes of persecutors, sparing the Christian homes.

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Philippines: The typhoon severely damaged fishing villages and farms. One agency distributed hundreds of fishnets, released 1-million baby tilapia into the third-largest freshwater lake in Southeast Asia, helped hundreds of farmers to restore rice crop including training on green farming methods and distributing tools. They also launched 30 mobile medical clinics treating 4,000 patients, cleaned and sanitized some 500 houses filled with water for 2 months.

< Christian Reformed World Relief Committee, www.crwrc. org. 12/28/09>

Zambia: For generations people have practiced witchcraft, believing illness is due to curse from evil spirit. So, sick persons are taken to the witch doctors that place charms on them. This worsens the situation in a country already ravished by HIV/AIDS. An agency has set up nutrition seminars to teach mothers of proper childcare, healthy food, clean water and proper health care. Soon, mothers bring their children in for healing and get a chance to hear the gospel.

> < Teen Missions International, www.teenmissions.org, 12/17/09>

Muslims: Two best-selling authors traveled to 7 Middle Eastern countries for several weeks to write a book to help people better understand Muslims. They met political, religious, and social leaders also musicians, movie stars, etc. They interviewed with personal questions some 30 people including muftis, imams, top sheiks, royalties, and specifically Osama bin Laden's brothers, and leaders of Hezbollah and Hamas. The authors concluded that Muslims are regular people. Many of them like to talk about Jesus. Jesus is mentioned 80 times in the Quran. They believe there is a God and a person named Jesus of Nazareth. Christians should start and focus on that.

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