

英國:一般人在生活中排除耶穌(及祂所顯示的價值觀 和真理)的社會壓力越來越大,也有些基督徒漸失去基 督確是世人「福音」的信心。9月,當地興起了一個運 動,要公開宣告在這破裂殘暴的世界中,主是獨一無 二的盼望。12月1日是重要的日子,在那天以前,希 望有千千萬萬的人公開佩戴十字型「不以福音為恥」 的徽記。當日,也會將一份《基督信仰是國家真正盼 望宣言》送交公眾領袖們。前聖公會凱利大主教,也 會撰寫一本小冊子,說明為何基督徒「不以福音為 恥」。

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中國:80年代以來中國教會急劇增長,卻缺乏有足夠 訓練的領袖。當時興起家庭教會、現任22個體系的領 導人都已漸近退休年齡,但體系中共有1,600萬信徒。 此外,要實踐中國教會所領受「傳回耶路撒冷運動」 差出10萬宣教士的異象,也需要訓練大批人材。

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該寧:這個東南亞的族群,曾食人肉,拜祖先,相信 泛靈及巫術。1970年代初期,有人開始向他們傳福 音,1983年有母語的新約聖經。現在,這個15,000人 的族群中,75%已成為基督徒,中間也沒有人顯著相 信泛靈,或滲雜不同信仰的象徵。為幫助他們更深入 瞭解神的話,已開始翻譯重要的舊約經卷。

<The Seed Company, www. theseedcompany.org, 2/4/10>

微資企業:一機構使用非常有效的方式幫助在伊斯蘭 教國家的基督徒。他們受到歧視,福音事工被嚴厲限 制。某次,這機構幫助一些基督徒挖井抽水灌溉稻 田。他們本被穆斯林排擠,甚至有些殉道,但當乾旱 來臨,穆斯林的井無水時,他們竟向基督徒求助。基 督徒的收費低廉使他們吃驚,也令他們對基督發生興 趣。不久整個地區大復興,教會急速增長。這種微資 企業不僅幫助了基督徒維持生計,也讓他們得到資源 供應穆斯林鄰居,因而受到尊重。

> <Farms International, www.farmsinternational.com, 9/20/10>

中非共和國:這世上最貧窮國家之一最大的問題是, 常常吸引被逐出別國的恐怖份子,如從烏干達及乍得 前來和從盧旺達來的胡圖族人等。當地兒童被迫從軍 的百分比很高,也缺乏正規的教育體制。該國的基督 徒首相已要求一個差傳機構為他們製作特殊的教科 書,輔導和醫治兒童的心靈。與教育部洽商後,他們 揀選75個教導為人之道的聖經故事,計劃5年內接觸 200萬兒童。

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可蘭經的有關暴行:美國密西根州發生的焚燒可蘭經事件,引起國際的譴責及暴徒攻擊基督徒事項。印度一所基督徒學校被摧毀,一所教堂內的傢具被焚燒。情況 看似已平靜,但因與基督教義相反的仇恨行為,甚至只 是恐嚇要焚燒可蘭經,嚴重損害了基督徒的見證。

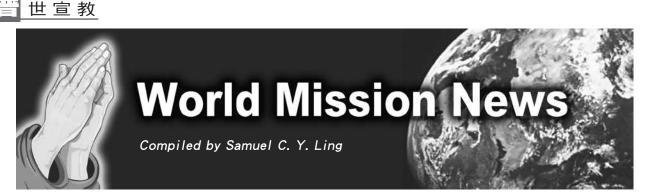
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不同的宣教機會:6年前兩機構合辦一項事工,給受感 要宣教卻不清楚到何處或作何事的19-26歲年青人機 會,在觀察不同宣教事奉時,讓神在他們身上作工。 這事工相當成功,年青人用兩年的時間在福音船上與 不同國籍的人配搭,參與街頭傳福音,或分發書籍; 或作翻譯、教學、出版、語言學研究,或醫療事奉 等。

<Wycliffe Associates, www.wycliffe.org, 9/3/10>

緬甸:這個獨裁專制的國家,90%人口是佛教徒,宣 教士很難進入傳福音,1966年大多數差傳機構被驅逐 出境。然而有一個機構能繼續發展,特別在數年前颱 風摧毀沿海地區後,該機構的本土工作人員有機會以 行動彰顯基督的愛,供應受災民眾需要的物資,領了 許多人歸向基督,成立了不少團契及家庭教會。他們 很需要牧者的牧養;一位姊妹失去了家園,但創立了 三間教會,在她現時的居所有50人聚會。

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UK: There has been a growing societal pressure to remove Jesus (and the values and truths revealed through Him) from public life, and some Christians losing confidence in Christ as "good news" for all. A movement was launched in September to stand up for the Lord as the only hope in this fragmented and violent world. December 1 was designated as the focal point of the campaign. Hopefully tens of thousands of Christians were wearing the "Not Ashamed" symbol of the cross on that day and in the days running up to it. A "Declaration of Christian Hope for our Nation" will be delivered to key public leaders. Former Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Cary, was to write a booklet showing why Christians are "Not Ashamed" of Jesus Christ.

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China: Churches in China are growing so fast since 1980's that not enough leaders are trained to keep up with it. There are 22 leaders of church networks who essentially began house church movement and represent about 16 million believers. All of them are nearing retirement age. Leaders are also needed to realize the vision of Back to Jerusalem Movement of the Chinese Church by sending out 100,000 missionaries.

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Ketning: This people group in Southeast Asia were known for practicing cannibalism, ancestors worshipping, animism, and "black magic." Early evangelical work among them began in mid 1970's. And they got their New Testament in 1983. Now some 75% of this group of 15,000 are Christians. And there is no obvious animistic practice or syncretism. To deepen their understanding of God's Word, translation of critical Old Testament portions is in process.

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Micro-enterprise: An agency is using this very effective way to help Christians in predominantly Muslim nations where they are discriminated and severely hindered in evangelistic efforts. One time, Christians received help to built water pumps for a rice farming community. They used to be rejected by the Muslims and some had been martyred. But when Muslims' wells dried up during a drought, they asked Christians for help. They were then astounded at being charged such a low price. This sparked an interest in Christ. Soon, a revival spread across the land, and church growth shot up. Micro-enterprise is giving Christians not only means to survive, also service to and respect from their neighbors.

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Cen. African Republic: The worst problem of this one of the poorest nation of the world is as a magnet for terrorist castaways from other nations, such as Uganda, Chad, Hutus from Rwanda, etc. And they have very high % of child soldiers and no educational system. The Christian prime minister has asked an agency to prepare a special textbook to heal the lives of the children. In cooperation with ministry of education, they have chosen 75 stories in the Bible to teach basic life lessons and plan to reach 2 million kids in 5 years.

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"Quran Riot": The Quran burning incidence in Michigan sparked international outrage and mob attack of Christians. In India, a school was destroyed and a church was attacked with its furniture set on fire. Though things appear to have settled down now, witness of the church is severely damaged by hateful unchristian action, even the threat of Quran burning.

<Mission India, www.missionindia.org, 9/20/10>

USA: Almost 90% of Americans believe in God or a higher power. But many of them are religiously illiterate, very ignorant of tenets of their faith. A recent study shows that many Protestants and even evangelicals cannot name Genesis as the first book of the Bible. Half of Protestants cannot identify Martin Luther's role in Protestant Reformation. Majority have never read the entire Bible. Disturbingly, to a poll of 32 questions, atheists/agnostics got the highest average scores.

<Sammy Tippit Ministries, www.sammytippit.org, 10/1/10>

Mission Options: 6 years ago two agencies joined in setting up a program for young people ages 19-26 who felt called but not quite sure about where or what. It gives them a two-year opportunity to let God work in their lives while examining various options. The program is going strong today. Young people may work with members of many nationalities on a gospel ship, participate in street ministry and book distribution. Or they can be involved in translation, teaching, publishing, linguistics, or medical.

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Myanmar: This nation of 90% Buddhist under a dictatorship is very difficult for missionaries to enter and proclaim the gospel. Most missions were expelled in 1966. Yet one mission continued to flourish, especially after the last devastation by Typhoon Nargis. It gave the national workers of that mission opportunity to show the love of Christ in action by meeting the physical needs of the people in crisis. Many came to Christ, and a number of fellowship groups and house churches developed. There is a great need for shepherds for the new believers. One lady lost her own home but started three churches with 50 meeting in her present house.

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