

中國:90年代以來,社會急速由農業轉型為工業社會, 農村人口比例從73.8%降至2007年的56%。(編按:人民 網報導,預計2015年城鎮化比率超過51%)同時,城市 人口的教育及生活水平都顯著增高,城市教會如雨後春 筍,且素質提升。農村教會人數則不斷減少,遷入城市 的基督徒容易流失,不上教會或無法融入城市教會。但 家庭教會的傳道人中,大部分只有初中以下教育程度及 未曾受正式神學訓練。中國教會面臨的嚴重挑戰,是城 市教會缺乏適當的領導者及神學教育師資。

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不丹:這新興的民主國家,似乎有意准許國內基督徒團 體公開註冊。雖然在全國3,000萬人口中,基督徒僅有6 千名,且大多在暗中活動。一政府官員在公共場合中提 到,基督徒團體如何可向政府註冊,但觀察者懷疑政府 可能只准一個基督徒團體註冊,以便控制。

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阿爾巴尼亞:政府文化部長在11月正式承認135間福音派 教會為合法,對這個在冷戰期間關閉了所有宗教敬拜場所 並正式宣佈為第一個無神論的國家來說,實有重大的意 義。外籍宣教士進入阿爾巴尼亞,是在1991年冷戰之後。

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海地:2010年1月12日,一位宣教士剛回到太子港旅館, 便被困在因地震倒塌的廢墟中。他勉強找到電梯坑,發 現有一名旅館服務員在那裡,兩人在黑暗中彼此激勵。 之後,他分享了他的基督徒生命,領了那服務員信主。 兩人被救出後,他接受電台及電視訪問,並寫了一本 書。他因有機會向更多的人作見證而心存感恩。

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義大利:5,000多萬人口中,福音派基督徒不到1%,卻有 10萬名職業魔術師,都靈市內更有全歐最大的撒旦教堂 之一。歐洲是一塊福音硬土,不少人喜歡從藝術領悟真 理,而不理會別的信息。一機構試用藝術家透過舞蹈、 音樂、戲劇、攝影、藝術品及其他較深奧的方式分享福 音信息,發展不錯,也開始嘗試招募實習員及組織短期 宣教旅程。

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烏茲別克斯坦:政府官員扣留了兩批輸入的聖經,指申 請送檢太遲,而且人人也可以從網路上下載;這情勢看 似會加緊限制福音派教會。宗教書籍經常被警察抽查取 走,然後銷毀。

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秘魯:2009年,一對宣教士夫婦移居國內一城市,從事 門訓、教授英語及識字事工。因看到這50萬人口的城市 中,沒有一間圖書館可讓兒童閱書及借出,於是決定建 立一所。圖書館極受兒童喜愛,常帶他們的朋友及家長 前來,又告訴老師。轟動整個城市,電台來採訪,其他 圖書館紛紛要求他們協助設立同類服務。他們藉此與許 多人建立關係,打開了其他事工的門,已在附近鄉村設 立了流動圖書館。

<The Mission Society, www.themissionsociety.org, 1/5/11>

俄國:在西伯利亞最後的一個福音廣播電台被官方封 閉,這是第三個以不同藉口被封閉的電台。

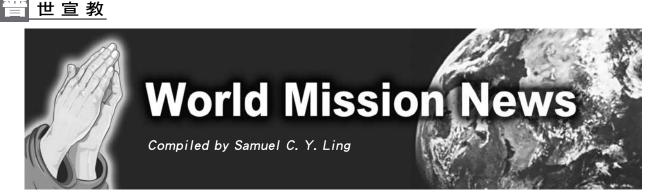
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逼迫:2011年一開始,顯示這是普世基督徒會遭受嚴重 逼害的一年。年初的12天內,埃及的一教會被襲擊,死 了12人;埃及另一處,6位基督徒被槍擊,1死5傷;在 伊朗,70人因轉信基督教被捕;此外,在伊拉克、敘利 亞、約旦、迦薩等處均有人威脅基督徒。大多數事件由 極端穆斯林分子所引起。

<e3 Partners, www.e3partners.org, 1/12/11>

烏干達:2000年一個宣教機構進入一個極度貧苦無望的 鄉村,當地的學齡兒童大部分時間要下田,或作家務, 沒有人對教育有興趣。這機構最初為50名最無助的兒童 設計了一個關懷課程。幾年後,得到400名家長的贊助, 為學校增添了1間辦公室、6間教室、1棟教師宿舍、1個 圖書館、1個室外活動場、1間育嬰所,也幫助整體社區 設立了成人教育課程、藥房、信用合作社及一個教會。 這鄉村現已全然改觀,也能夠自立。這機構安然退出, 村民也樂意接納這安排,欣然負起責任。

<Food For the Hungry, www.fh.org, 2/21/11>



China: As the society undergoes rapid transition from agricultural to industrial since the 1990's, the rural population decreases from 73.8% to 56% in 2007. It is expected to reach 51% by 2015. Meanwhile the educational level and financial status of urban people increase substantially. And rural churches have suffered steady decline. Most of rural Christians moved to the cities lost to or unable to integrate into churches there. The cities, though, have seen rapid growth of new churches. But 80% of preachers in house churches have not finished junior high school and are without theological training. The Church faces a serious challenge to supply leaders to the urban churches and qualified faculty for seminaries.

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Bhutan: This nascent democracy seems ready to grant official recognition and accompanying rights to a tiny group of 6,000 Christians that has remain largely underground among a population of some 30 million. An official has discussed openly how a Christian group may register with the authority. But some suspect that they are likely to register only one Christian group thus bringing the entire Christian community under regulation.

<Christianity Today, christianitytoday.com, January, 2011>

Albania: The Minister of Culture signed an agreement in November giving legal recognition to 135 evangelical churches. It is significant for a nation that, during Cold War, closed all houses of worship and regarded itself the first officially atheist nation. Christian missionaries entered the nation after Cold War ended in 1991.

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Haiti: On January 12, 2010, a missionary was just getting back to his hotel in Port-au-Prince when he was trapped under the rubble after the earthquake. He made it to the elevator shaft and found a hotel employee there. They ended encouraging each other in the dark. He shared his Christian life story with the employee and led him to Christ. After their rescue, he has had network interviews on radio/TV, newspapers, and written a book. He is thankful for the opportunity to witness to a wider world.

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Italy: Evangelical Christians make up less than 1% of the population. But over 100,000 practicing magicians live there and Turin has one of the largest satanic churches in Europe. The spiritual climate in Europe is hard. Sometimes arts can speak the truth to ears that fail to listen otherwise. An agency is utilizing artists to share the gospel through dance, music, theater, photography, visual arts, and other high art disciplines. The program has grown and hopes to start internship and short-term mission trips, etc.

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Uzbekistan: The authorities have denied the release of two import shipments of Bibles. The reasons given were that the requests were not presented in time and that "there is an electronic version available on the internet." These actions seem to be part of the increase of restrictions on evangelical churches. Religious literature is often seized in police raids and later destroyed.

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Peru: A missionary couple moved here in 2009 for ministry in discipleship, ESL class and literacy. In a city of 500,000 they noticed no library for children to peruse and borrow books spurring them to start a new one. The children love it. They bring their friends and parents, and tell their teachers. The city is stirred resulting in interview with news stations and request from local library to develop similar model for them. This allows them to building relationship with many people and opens doors for other ministries. They now have mobile libraries in surrounding villages.

<The Mission Society, www.themissionsociety.org, 1/5/11>

Russia: A radio station located in Siberia, one of the last local Christian stations, was shuttered by officials. This is the third one shut down under a variety of pretexts.

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Persecution: 2011 started out with signs of a year of heavy persecution of Christians. In the first 12 days of the year, there were the bombing of a church in Egypt killing 12, 6 other shot with one killed and 5 injured also in Egypt, 70 arrested in Iran for becoming Christian, and threats in Iraq, Syria, Jordan, Gaza strip, etc. Most the problem so far has involved Muslim extremists.

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Uganda: In 2000, a mission agency went to an impoverished and hopeless village where school children spent most of their time working in the fields and doing chores. And no one was interested in school. The agency started by taking 50 of the most at-risk kids in a care program. Over the years, they gained the support of parents to develop the school adding an office, 6 classrooms, teachers' quarters, library block, playground, nursery school and kitchen, plus helping the community develop adult education class, medical dispensary, loan and saving association, and a church. Now the village is transformed and self-sustaining. The agency is leaving with villagers happy to stand on their own.

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