

**中國:**17位教會領袖簽署了請願書遞交予國民大會,要求保障國民的宗教自由。他們並非要求新的自由或權利,而是國家憲法規定可擁有的自由。這是不輕易的舉動,任何人敢公開質詢政府當局,必須冒被逼迫、監禁,以及所屬教會被關閉的危險。然而,無論這行動的後果如何,大體上不會影響國內的教會。基督徒會繼續事奉,教會也要不停增長。

<Voice of the Martyrs, www.persecution.com, 5/16/11>

馬拉維:從事兒童工作一向被視為懲罰。一般來說,若 是領袖犯了過失,就會被派去作兒童事工。自宣教士的 兒童事工近年帶領許多兒童及家長們信主後,這個心態 也有了可喜的改變。教會拓植分堂,20間佈道所會逐漸 發展成教會。同時,也已設立強化這事工的訓練。

<Grace Ministries International, www.gracemi.org, 5/9/11>

**中東**:沙特地阿拉伯的一個地下教會受到福音電視台的 培育,聽聞電台有對等增額募款運動時,花了幾週時間 禱告並作出超乎能力的奉獻兩千元美金。支票在募款限 期後才到達,但一位電台董事以「雙倍增額」即四千元 奉獻給電台。這地區近期動盪不安,電台仍繼續收到觀 眾的回應。

<SAT-7 Newsletter, www.sat7.org, May 2011>

西藏:全球700萬西藏人中,95%是未得之民。一個名為 「崔瓦」的特殊綜合媒體與家庭關係(藏語「聯繫」之 意)事工,開始進入流亡南亞的14萬餘藏人群體。利用印 刷品、網絡及視訊媒體,從聖經的觀點提供答案,討論 他們常有的掛慮,如:如何與年青人建立關係等。父母 稱讚這些節目「有益」及「深入」,而當整個社團討論 某些原則時,一些希望認識更多的人被引介會見當地同 工,因而得以聽聞福音。以往曾否決80%開發事工的社區 領袖,有些已參與這項工作。

<Pioneers, www.pioneers.org, 5/12/11>

伊朗:政府近日加強逼迫基督徒。從2010年6月至2011年 1月,至少有202位基督徒被捕,遠超於2008及2009兩年 的總和80。消息被公開報導,阿訇也在週五的講道中談 論。越來越多的穆斯林轉信基督教,政府非常憂慮。據 估計,基督徒的數目已達幾十萬,家庭教會急速增長, 大量的新約聖經被分派,衛星電視台不斷播放福音信 息。一般平民不信任政府,也不信任宗教領袖,因為他 們經歷了很多承諾不兌現、戰爭、國際關係被孤立,以 及種種的仇恨。人民容忍不同宗教信仰的程度提高了, 加強逼迫基督徒反而使基督教更有吸引力。

<Christianity Today, christianitytoday.com, June 11>

**專業宣教**:十年前一機構組織了一隊專業人士,以專長 在醫療、商務、水利、衛生、農業等方面支持宣教士、 本地教會及差傳團體。事工帶來傳福音的機會,巴拉圭 一些教會高達40%的基督徒是因接觸醫療/衛生事工而信 主的。甚至短期的專業宣教也有幫助,各行各業都有需 要。

<The Mission Society, www.themissionsociety.org, 5/24/11>

布基納法索:在非洲,並非人人都能登上網絡,但手機 卻很普遍,有400多萬人使用。卡安巴族人的言語很難學 會,音樂、文法都很複雜。一機構將基督教音樂配合卡 安巴言語,放在手機的資料卡上,讓族人隨時隨地可以 聽到帶福音信息的母語音樂。

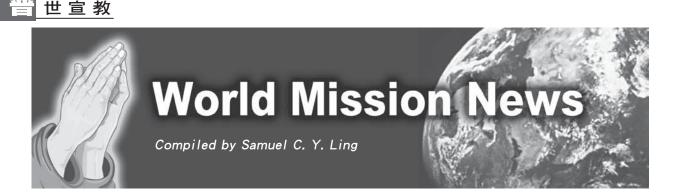
<Wycliffe Associates, www.wycliffe.org, 5/31/11>

差傳會議:十年前一位牧師得到一異象,為牧者、差傳 機構、教會領袖及有差傳意識的信徒組織會議,彼此聯 繫、合作去完成主的大使命。這個每年都舉行的會議, 多年來已推動共10萬人及200機構參與,幾百位長、短期 宣教士到了世界各處。兩天的聚會包括125個工作坊及數 十個事工的介紹。下次會議將於明年1月20-26日在俄利 根州Portland舉行。

<Luis Palau Association, www.palau.org, 4/25/11>

巴基斯坦:水災令1,800萬人受災,1,200萬人被迫遷離 家園。某地區有100個家庭得到一個機構的幫助,住進半 永久性軍營中嚴重損害的教會學校裡,150名災童進入那 學校就讀。當軍方要收回營地時,學校向機構求助。機 構差遣工人重建一條1,500呎的圍牆圍繞教會及學校,並 修復3間被損壞的教室。軍方看見70位工人數日晝夜不停 地完成需時數月的工作,大受感動,就允許他們留下。 這隊工人的見證,帶領了許多人信主。

<Operation Mobilization, www.omusa.org, 5/24/11>



**China:** 17 top unregistered church leaders have taken a bold step to petition the Chinese Parliament urging them to protect religious freedom in the country. They are not asking for new freedom or rights, but what are promised in the constitution. It is a risky move, as anyone standing up publicly to the authorities can be subjected to persecution, arrest and their churches closed down. Yet the outcome of this action will not affect the Chinese Church. Christians will continue to serve and the Church will grow.

## <Voice of the Martyrs, www.persecution.com, 5/16/11>

**Malawi:** Working with children has been seen culturally as a punishment. Typically, leaders get sent to that task after doing something wrong. Missionaries have seen rewarding change of this attitude as their children ministry has brought both children and parents to Christ. In recent years, this helps several churches being planted plus 20 preaching points that will evolve into churches. A training center has been setup to strengthen the effort.

## <Grace Ministries International, www.gracemi.org, 5/9/11>

**Mideast:** An underground church in Saudi Arabia nurtured by the gospel broadcast sent US\$2,000 to the agency after hearing about the matching fund project, several weeks in prayer and sacrificial giving. The check came in after the deadline. But a board member of the agency "double-matched" it by adding \$4,000 more. During the tumult the broadcast still receives audience responses.

## <SAT-7 Newsletter, www.sat7.org, May 2011>

**Tibet:** 95% of the 7 million Tibetans in the world remain unreached. An unique media aspect and familial approach of the Trel'wa (meaning "relate" in Tibetan) project is gaining entry into those in exile (more than 140,000 of them) in South Asia. Using print, web, audio and visual media, the project addresses a frequent concern of the people – "what to do with our young people" -- with biblical answers. Parents have hailed the program as "useful" and "deep." As entire communities discuss the principles taught, those seeking to know more are connected with local workers guiding them to the gospel. Local camp leaders, who denied more than 80% of past development efforts, have engaged in person.

## <Pioneers, www.pioneers.org, 5/12/11>

**Iran:** Persecution of Christians has become intensified and more public. At least 202 were arrested between June, 2010 and January, 2011, compared to a total of 80 in 2008 and 2009 combined. Arrests are announced to the public, and mullahs talk about them in their Friday sermons. The officials are concerned as more and more Muslims are becoming Christians estimated in the hundreds of thousands. House churches are booming; large numbers of New Testaments are distributed and satellite TV beams in Christian messages constantly. People no longer trust the officials or the clerics as they see nothing but broken promises, war, international isolation and hatred. Tolerance is growing, and if anything, more persecution makes Christianity more attractive.

<Christianity Today, christianitytoday.com, June 11>

**Specialists in Mission:** 10 years ago, an agency created a team of specialists and professionals to support missionaries, local churches, and mission groups. They assist in health, business, water/sanitation, agriculture, etc. These efforts create outreach opportunities. As many as 40% of members in some churches in Paraquay could be directly related to the outreach of health/medical ministry. Even short-termers are useful and all kinds of skills are needed.

<The Mission Society, www.themissionsociety.org, 5/24/11>

**Burkina Faso:** In Africa, most people may not have internet access; cell phones are quite prevalent. 400 millions have them. The language of Kaanba tribe in the nation is musical, very complex and hard to learn. An agency has putt Christian music in Kaansa language on cell phone memory cards, allowing them to listen to encouraging music in their own language wherever they go.

*<Wycliffe Associates, www.wycliffe.org, 5/31/11>* 

**Mission Connexion:** 10 years ago, a pastor had a vision and started a conference for pastors, mission agencies, church leaders and mission-minded lay persons. This yearly event has since hosted over 100,000 attendees and 200 agencies. Hundreds of people have been sent out for short and long-term around the world. The 2-day event includes 125 workshops and dozens of ministries. The next conference will be held on January 20-21 in Portland, Oregon.

<Luis Palau Association, www.palau.org, 4/25/11>

**Pakistan:** The flood distressed 18 million people and displaced 12 million. In an area, some 100 families lived in a severely damaged church school in a semi-permanent military camp. An agency helped them back to their own home so 150 flood victim children now attend the school. When the army wanted to take back the camp, the agency answered call from the church to help. A team was sent to rebuild a 1,500-foot long wall around the church and school, and fix 3 of the damaged classrooms. The army was so impressed by the 70 workers working day and night to finish a few months' job in a few days, they allow them to stay. The group's witness and outreach led many to Christ.

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