



England: A recent survey showed that the decade-old decline in church attendance has bottomed out though only 7% of people worship regularly. The attendance of Church of England has been holding fairly steady since 2001 at 1.2 million, that of Catholics leveled off in 2005 at 900,000, and the Baptist Union with a modest gain since 2002 to 154,000.

<Christianity Today, November 10>

China: From the 1st official religious survey, 69% of the Christians interviewed saying they believed because they or family members had been sick; 70% were women; and 67% had been baptized. 73% had joined the church since 1993, only 18% between 1982 and 1992 showing recent phenomenal growth. The total number of Protestant Christians is now 23 million, compare to 20-21 million 2 years ago—an increase of 10% in just 2 years. The survey did not take into account of vast number of unregistered house churches which the official China Daily set at 50+ million.

<Global Chinese Ministries, December 10/January 11>

USA: On the Texas border with Mexico there are many colonies of immigrants that escape from drug violence. They are largely communities with no sewer, water or electricity. The people are without help and avoided by a lot of American Christians due to the dangers there. An agency though has started a ministry there in 2008 bringing them assistance and hope in Christ. Over one thousand families have now accepted Christ. The local churches are growing also.

<Buckner International, www.buckner.org, 10/29/10>

Kachins: 100 years ago, gospel was brought to the 1.2 million Kachins in Myanmar, China and Thailand. Today 60% of them are Christians.

<Asia Harvest, www.asiaharvest.org, December 2010>

Child Deaths: 8 million children die from preventable diseases a year around the world most of them related to malnutrition. Good nutrition is especially crucial for children under 2. In Guatemala, 70% of children are malnourished. At a cost of \$42 per family or \$7 per child, an agency partners with local churches and leaders to train parents to grow vegetables and other foods, how to care for sick children, and how to prevent illness. In many communities, they see 20-40% reduction in malnutrition. And children are changed spiritually also.

<Medical Team International, medicalteam.org, 11/15/10>

Zimbabwe: With unemployment rate of 95% in 2009, people can survive, it seems, only in committing crime. But the hopelessness opens up opportunity for ministry. A recent showing of the “Jesus Film” to 500 people resulted in 106 accepting Christ.

<JESUS Film Project, www.jesusteam.org, 10/1/10>

India: When lives of 2 children of a Hindu priest attending Bible club began to change, they told their father about Jesus. Though very much opposed, the father went to the club to see for himself. Eventually he became a Christian and quit his temple job to become a farmer. Children here are very open to the gospel and parents are glad for their children to receive after-school tutoring along with Bible teaching. Children in turn become great evangelists for parents.

<Mission India, www.missionindia.org, 11/26/10>

Vietnam: This one of the most tightly controlled nations in the world has shown signs of loosening a bit. In 2008, believers were allowed to do an open air crusade in Saigon for the first time since communistic rule. Thousands came and responded to the gospel greatly. Churches are growing. Recently, a leader of a large network of churches requested 100,000 evangelism tracts for his various house churches throughout the nation. Marketplace Mission is a new field. Some Christian business owners are reaching orphanages in rural areas holistically, hiring children when they reach 18 years of age.

<Global Advance, www.globaladvance.org, 10/27/10>

Chile: One of the rescued miners trapped thousands of feet underground was known as “the pastor.” during those 69 days, he continuously asked for audio biblical messages and spoke with the other victims about his Lord. By the time they were rescued, 22 of them had come to Christ. Recently, he gave his testimony at a 6-day evangelistic campaign. This and the evangelist’s messages led 13,000 to Christ. Over 145,000 came to the campaign, and millions more heard the broadcasts.

<Luis Palau Association, www.palau.org, 11/5/10>

Operation World: The 7th and newest edition in 9 years of this “Prayer Encyclopedia” of the global church is published. The author says that the electronic age facilitates better connection to the global church and a much more collaborative and dialogue-oriented process in reaching conclusion of the state of Christianity and the needs for prayer.

<Biblica (International Bible Society), www.biblica.com, 0/26/10>

Albania: Religious expression was banned and virtually extinguished under Communist regime until 1990’s. Today, there may be 11,000 Christians worshippers on any given Sunday among 3+ million population. A gospel radio broadcast started in 1980’s has had a role in rekindling the faith and recent growth of the church. Also the station has secured license to broadcast in the neighboring Kosovo with encouraging responses.

<Words of Hope, www.woh.org, 11/29/10>