

日本:至3月底,巨災已令2萬7千人死亡或失蹤,50多萬 人無家可歸,100多萬人缺水電,損失約3,600億美元。 在災區,超過65%的人在60歲以上,他們是心靈最脆弱的 一群。差傳機構及本土教會正盡力在物質及屬靈上協助 災民。日本全國有1.25億人口,僅1.5%為基督徒,7千多 家教會中,60%以上只有30名信徒,有些更只有10人左 右。在受災難影響的地區約有300家教會。但信徒相信現 在是顯示基督的愛的黃金時機,正勇敢地傳福音。

<Various sources>

動畫:這類影片很受亞、歐及美洲的年青人歡迎。最近 某機構製作了一套動畫,以與基督同釘十字架的一個強 盜為主角,片長9分鐘,描述那強盜如何為自己的罪過悲 傷,並明白基督是真正無辜的。故事清晰精確地表達透 過基督能被赦罪的盼望,是一個很好的傳福音工具,可 到下列網址觀看:www.globalshortfilmnetwork.com/ my-last-day-p-344-c-9.html.。

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科技之助:一個翻譯聖經機構最近裝置了衛星通訊,透 過互聯網連繫不同城市、國家及世界各地的團隊,大量 減低了旅程,也可以避免進入危險的地區,節省了翻譯 所需的時間,估計每團隊平均節省近兩年時間。而且這 設備也經濟、易用及易安裝。

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焚燒可蘭經:自4月1日開始,**阿富汗**各處的抗議行動導 致20多人死亡,包括7名聯合國職員,約150人受傷。抗 議行動的肇因是美國佛羅里達州一小教會領袖以嘲弄形 式審判後,焚燒了一本《可蘭經》,並透過互聯網播 放,又將整個過程錄影放在教會網站上。**巴基斯坦**國內 的教會也被人放火及投石攻擊,情況很嚴重。一位省長 及一內閣部長曾表明同情基督徒在褻瀆法令通過後的處 境而先後被暗殺,如今加上焚燒《可蘭經》事件,情況 更為嚴峻。

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中國:四川省某市的基督徒人數過去十年由1千增至4千, 其中一個有200位信徒的教會去年為110多人施浸;這是近 年來中國教會蓬勃發展的例子。該城市基督徒歡迎差傳機 構前去作培訓,相信十年後會經歷更大的復興。

<*China Partner, www.chinapartner.org, 3/4/11*>

馬來西亞:基督徒抗議政府列3,500本聖經為「限於基督 徒使用」,這些聖經自2009年以來陸續被扣留。爭議出 於使用「阿拉」來稱呼神,其實在2009年最高法院已准 許天主教報章使用這稱呼。政府現定下在書面蓋「限於 基督徒使用」的印記為解禁條件,並加上一個編號,也 不准其他宗教信徒使用。

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西藏:自1950年中共政府進入以來,漢人與藏人的比例 已是3:1。近日在拉薩的抗議行動,反映在中共控制之 下民眾歷年累積的挫折及無助感。廣播是大眾主要的訊 息來源及娛樂管道,能有效地傳遞帶有盼望的信息。福 音的門已開,某廣播節目每年收到一萬份聽眾的回應, 許多來自寺僧。本地信徒在散發福音書刊及錄音帶時, 也得到良好反應。

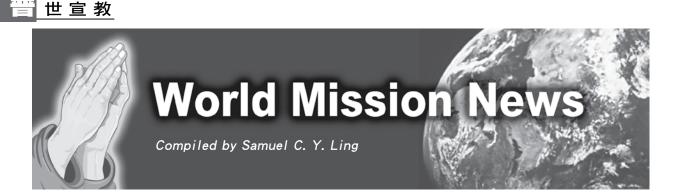
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越南:一位佈道家去年宣講全人更新的信息,闡明當一 個人接受基督後,在情感、意志及屬靈生命上都會改 變,人際關係也改善,與鄰舍和睦,透過教會對社會甚 至國家都有影響。國內未立案及立案的教會因而受到很 大激勵,要求他再次前去。政府官員也表示歡迎,因為 他們明白,國家的進步需要這意念。

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福音活動:一機構去年在達拉斯設立了iamsecond.com (我是第二)網站;登入網站的人會看到很多人物的錄 影,包括名人談論對基督的信仰。這消息迅速擴展到全 球各地。「我是第二」的標誌令人好奇,一旦登入瀏覽 後,會被深入講解福音所吸引,同時也知道如何接觸當 地的教會及團契。這是一個傳福音起點的上佳工具, 許多年青人已積極使用;中、大學的學生借用來組織小 組、福音組及信徒裝備組,也聯絡其他學校的朋友一同 使用。這網站也可透過Facebook及短訊作聯絡。

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Japan: As of the end of March, the January disaster has resulted in 27,000 dead or missing, more than half a million homeless, a million plus still without electricity and water, and estimated \$310 billion in damage. And, over 65% of the people in the damaged area are over 60 years old that are the most vulnerable. Mission agencies and local churches are helping to provide physical as well as spiritual needs. Only 1.5% of the 125 million-population are believers. 60%+ of the 7,000 churches have around 30 members. Some have only about 10. About 300 churches are in the affected area. But the Christians believe that this is an opportunity for them to demonstrate the love of God and boldly proclaim the good news to the people.

<Various sources>

Anime Film: This graphic animation-style is extremely popular with youths/young adults in Asia, Europe, and America. A short anime has been produced with focus on the thief next to Jesus on the cross. The nine-minute film shows the thief grieving over his guilt as he realizes Christ's innocence. The story presents the hope of forgiveness in Christ clearly and concisely. The film has great potential as a outreach tool. It can be seen at www.globalshortfilmnetwork. com/my-last-day-p-344-c-9.html.

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Technology Helps: A Bible translation agency just installed modems connecting teams across towns, countries, and the world through the internet via satellites. This reduces the need for people to travel/be out in insecure situations, and allows translation work to save time. It is estimated that each team may save 2 years on the average. It is also very economical, easy to use and install.

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Quran Burning: Nearly two dozen have died, including 7 UN workers, and some 150 injured due to protests across **Afghanistan** that began April 1. The protests were reaction at a leader of a small Florida church that burnt openly a Quran following a mock trial. They streamed the "Service" on internet and posted the video on their website. Churches in **Pakistan** were attacked with stone and fire. The situation there were worsen after the assassinations of a provincial governor and a cabinet minister both sympathetic to the Christians' plight under the blasphemy law.

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China: In Sichuan Province, the Christians in a city grow from 1,000 to 4,000 in the last 10 years. A church of 200 baptized over 110 new believers last year. This is an example of the booming church in the last few years. The Christians are eager to receive training from agencies. And they expect a bigger revival in ten years.

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Malaysia: Christians are protesting against the release of 35,000 "Christian-only" Bibles. Since 2009, these Bibles in the national language have been withheld by the officials over the years. The dispute concerns the use of "Allah" to describe God even though the High Court ruled in 2009 that the Catholic newspaper could use them this way. Now the officials are releasing the Bibles under a few conditions: stamp on the front for Christian-only, with a serial number, and not for use by other religions.

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Tibet: Since Chinese Communists entered in 1950, ethic Chinese now outnumber Tibetans 3 to 1. Recent protests in Lhasa reflect years of pent-up frustration and hopelessness under Chinese rule. Radio being primary source of information/entertainment for the people, it is effective in spreading the message of hope. Doors are opening. One program is generating 10,000 responses per year, many from Buddhist monasteries. And indigenous partners receive positive responses when distributing literature and CDs.

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Vietnam: An evangelist visited the nation last year preaching on full-life transformation showing that, when one accepts Christ, his emotions, mind, and spiritual lives all change. Then that leads to change in personal relationships, and impact on the neighborhood, the society through the church, and even the nation. Both the unregistered and registered churches are fired up about the concept and invited him to return. Even the officials welcome him as they realize that this is needed for the nation to advance.

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Outreach Campaign: An agency started the iamsecond. com website last year in Dallas. Those visiting the site will see video of people including many well-known celebrities talking about their faith in Christ. The program has grown and becoming worldwide. The slogan "I am second" makes people curious. Once on the site, they can be drawn to a deeper explanation of the gospel and how to connect with local churches and groups. It is an excellent tool for a starting point of evangelism. Young people are actively using the program. High school and colleges students have used it to start small groups, outreach or discipleship groups. And they have contacted friends at other schools to do the same. People can connect with the program on Facebook and Twitter.

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