



微數貸款：70年代以來，提供小額貸款以幫助貧窮人口改善基本生活的工作屢見成效，在印度的客戶已高達18,800萬個，非洲也有2,700萬個，引來了牟利者(包括一些大銀行)的垂涎，伺機侵入剝削，致使拖欠借貸者比率日增，受高利息困擾而自殺的事件亦屢有發生。參與這類事工的差傳機構開始擴大他們的服務：在教會內組織儲蓄團隊、提供財務管理課程、協助借貸者善用資源及技術等；與此同時，也積極關顧他們屬靈層面的需要。

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錄音聖經：一個機構最近完成了以下8種語言的錄製工作：津巴布韋的其昆達語、尼日利亞的以連姆語、喀麥隆的南法利語、蘇丹的馬班語、巴西的巴內斯語、秘魯南巴斯他薩的蓋丘亞語、菲律賓的撒瑪仁諾語等，估計約290萬人使用這8種語言。該機構又計劃在2016年以前完成錄製2,000種語言的新約聖經。屆時，可以用母語接觸到的全球人口高達97%。

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送贈聖經：許多信徒和牧者仍沒有自己的聖經。某機構為此舉辦了一次音樂會，門票是一本聖經及一美元。結果收集了一千多本聖經及足夠的運送費用。有興趣舉辦或協辦這類音樂會或其他活動者，請登網站www.cribooks.org查詢。

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美國：最近社會及經濟的動盪使許多家庭重新檢視他們一貫的生活水平、對人生的看法及所謂的「美國夢」。據一些基督徒觀察者分析，從好的方面來看，1850年代最後一次的靈命大復興，是在相類似情況下發生，當時國家正值內戰、教會人數下降、不同種族間產生張力、股票市場崩潰使經濟陷入困境等；從壞的方面來看，他們並沒有回歸基督信仰的跡象。如果人民不將信仰放首位，靈命便難以復興。教會領袖有責任坦誠地談論金錢：要跟隨基督便要改變生活方式，拿出我們所有的去幫助窮人、孤兒及寡婦。如此，人心才會被打動去聆聽福音帶來的盼望。當我們願意獻上自己以神國為首，便會看見神國超乎想像地擴張。

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日本：數月前發生的大地震及隨之而來的海嘯和核能發電廠被毀等，導致極大的破壞，全國至今仍努力照料數以萬計的災民。教會在這項救濟工作上的表現也非常出色及勇敢。有牧者及領袖作夢看見耶穌行過瓦礫，走向被毀的發電廠，因而認定是被召去跟隨耶穌面對此危險及挑戰。他們需要普世信徒迫切的代禱。

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尼泊爾：這是全球文盲嚴重情況排行第15位的國家。未受過教育的基督徒和婦女失去許多機會接受訓練來改善生活。某機構因此開辦了一個持續一年的識字課程，附加了一些聖經內容作為教材。參與的學生中，約有1,200名婦女畢業後達到二、三年級的水平。約有半數學生是佛教或印度教信徒，後來很多都接受了基督。

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埃及：南部的科普特基督徒在奮起爭取自由及民主後，至今仍遭受穆斯林的攻擊及迫害，令人質疑在這新時代中基督徒能否得到平等對待。然而當地基督徒的想法較局外人樂觀，他們指出在群眾抗爭時曾與穆斯林一起禱告。他們又期待在制定新憲法的過程中有份參與，爭取保障少數人群的權益。這願望能夠實現需要懇切的禱告。

<Open Doors USA, www.opendoorsusa.org, 6/29/11>

塞拉利昂：國內70%的人處於貧窮線以下，國家難以脫離現時的經濟危機。官方支持的某機構匯集了國內現有的勞動力、成品材料及有創建性的企業，在重要港口附近設立經濟特區，建造廠房，租予合適的商家，並協助進口所需的附屬材料，安裝適當的製造器材。今年4月，全國第一家出產果汁的公司已製成了濃縮的波蘿汁及芒果汁。這機構也繼續提供訓練課程，如愛滋病防範、健康營養、成人識字班等，來營造一個安全及禮貌的工作環境，並關懷環保的企業公司。他們期待這些工作會吸引來接受福音。

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Microfinance: Beginning from 1970s, this practice of providing small loans to the world's poorest to improve their lives has grown to 665 million client accounts, with some 188 million in India and 27 million in Africa. But its success has attracted unsavory for-profit lenders including large banks into the game and exploiting the poor for quick gain. It has resulted in high loan-default rates, borrower-suicides for unable to repay high-interest loans, etc. To combat this, mission agencies in this ministry are broadening their services: forming church-based savings groups; offering financial education; help to make better use of resources and technology, etc, along with spiritual emphasis.

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Audio Bible: An agency has added 8 new recordings for the following languages: Chikunda - Zimbabwe; Eleme - Nigeria; Fali, South - Cameroon; Mabaan - Sudan; Parecis - Brazil; Quechua Southern Pastaza - Peru; and Samareno - Philippines. These 8 languages are spoken by a total 2.9 million people. The agency has set a goal of recording New Testament in 2,000 languages by 2016, which could reach 97% of the world's population in their heart languages.

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Bible Giving: Many believers and pastors around the world do not have a Bible of their own. An agency is promoting a way to supply them. It hosted a concert where the entry fee was a Bible and a dollar. Over a thousand Bibles were collected along with funds to send them. Anyone interested and/or needing help in organizing such concert or another event can go to www.scibooks.org.

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USA: Recent upheaval in both the social and economic scene has forced many families to re-examine their standard of living, approach to life and so-called "American Dream." Some Christian observers said the good news is that the last great spiritual awakening took place in the 1850's under similar situation: coming out Civil War, shrinking church bodies, racial and ethnic tension, and stock market crash bringing hardship. The bad news is, as confirmed by a research group, there has not been a return to our faith. Revival is slow to catch if people do not prioritize their faith. Christian leaders have the basic responsibility for some straight talk about money, to follow Christ meaning to change lifestyle, and taking what we have to help the poor, the fatherless and the widows of our day. That will, in turn, open hearts to hear the message of hope coming from the gospel.

With us pouring into that kind of Kingdom priority, we will see incredible increase in the Kingdom.

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Japan: Months after the devastating earthquake and resulting tsunami and nuclear-plant disaster, the nation still struggles to care for the thousands of suffering people. The church has been phenomenal and brave in providing relief. Pastors and leaders are having dreams -- dreams of Jesus walking through the rubble toward the Fukushima nuclear plant. Some see this as call to follow Jesus into the danger and challenges. They covet prayers from all believers.

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Nepal: This is the world's 15th illiterate nation. The lack of education of Christians and women robs them of opportunities to be effectively benefited by training in developmental programs to improve their lives. An agency has launched a yearlong literacy program followed by other development material of which the gospel is a key component. Among the students, about 1,200 women completed the training ending up at a 2nd or 3rd grade level. Roughly half of the students are Buddhist or Hindu. Many of them have accepted Christ.

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Egypt: Coptic Christians in Upper Egypt continued to suffered attacks by the Muslims after the recent uprising for freedom and democracy. It raises the question if Christians will be treated equally in the new era. The Christians there are far more optimistic than outsiders looking in. They cite the fact that, during the protest, they had prayer times together with Muslims, and that they believe they will be involved in establishing the constitution to protect minorities. much prayer is needed for it to come true.

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Sierra Leone: With 70% of people living under poverty line, the nation has a steep to climb out of economic crisis. With government support, an agency is bringing together already available labor force, resources for products, and businesses with creative ideas. They have established a Special Economic Zone near the main seaport, built warehouses, rented them to capable businesses, helped import material to supplement native material, and installed manufacturing equipment. The first fruit juice manufacturer ever based in the nation has produced pineapple and mango juice concentrate since April. They will engage also in training programs in HIV/AIDS awareness, health nutrition, adult literacy, etc. for safe/respectful working environment, and eco-friendly businesses. They hope to open hearts to the gospel.

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