

有效有價值的愛心:來自美國12所一流大學及國際銀行的16位經濟專家,參與研究發展中國家的除貧計劃,認為以下10項是最有效及最經濟的措施:1.鄉村的衛生食水;2.消除蛔蟲;3.防蚊網;4.助養兒童; 5.燒木爐;6.微額貸款;7.矯型手術;8.贈送畜養動物;9.飲用公平交易的咖啡;10.兒童手提電腦。

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基督徒遭難:2003-2010年間,非洲、中東及亞洲暴 徒攻擊基督徒的事件增加了309%,幾乎都發生在伊斯 蘭教國家。從「褻瀆神的法律」至殘酷謀殺、炸彈攻 擊、殘害身體以及燒燬教堂,這些國家的基督徒都生 活在恐懼的陰影之下。暴行並非由某一國際性的伊斯 蘭機構計劃或統籌,乃發自一種超越文化、地區及種 族的反基督教仇恨,但當地政府並未採取行動保護基 督徒,令暴徒為所欲為。在尼日利亞、埃及等地,一 些團體甚至公開聲明要殺盡基督徒,等於種族滅絕行 動,但一般媒體很少報導。

<Newsweek, www.newsweekreport.com, 2/13/12>

尼泊爾:一位基督徒設計並製造了一種三輪車,幫助 該國約30萬被社會遺棄的傷殘人士可以自行上班、上 學、購物等。這輛車用手推動,能越過崎嶇不平的道 路,也可保護使用者及裝載包裹。每輛車的製作成本 是200元美金,但以20元出售,讓需要者有能力購買。 他只雇用並訓練傷殘人士,最近也交給他們自行運作 經營。

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印度:在美國,單張通常很快就被人丟棄,但當地人 很重視文字,很多人甚至當場閱讀,並傳給別人,所 以單張成為很有效的福音工具。在某些場合,福音單 張在幾小時內就傳到幾萬人手中。更有些人打電話來 索取更多資料,工作人員有了跟進機會。

<Gospel For Asia, www.gfa.org, 2/10/12>

美國:加州首府沙加緬度270間教會在1月16日與某宣 教機構合作,開始一項為時4個月名為「服侍季節」的 運動,彰顯基督的愛。所推動的項目有:撲滅貧窮、 推動健康美滿生活、改善街頭露宿者的生活、提升公 共教育及幫助有需要的家庭。他們並定下300萬小時服 侍社區的目標。到6月結束時,會舉行慶典,並有八至 九次福音聚會。為此,兩三千人先接受傳福音訓練, 並會進入監獄工作,及邀請商界領袖參加餐會。整個 城市都興奮地期盼神在他們當中的作為。

<Luis Palau Association, www.palau.org, 2/7/12>

埃及:一位牧師報導,開羅8間大學的學生領導這場革 命;埃及人口65%在25歲以下,這些是其中的佼佼者。 這位被稱為「革命牧師」的在2011年起事初期建立了 聲譽,一天他被召上塔瑞爾廣場講台,他深感這時機 與基督教的可信度有關,腦海中突然出現以賽亞書六 十一1;群眾對他所解釋「期盼的自由」反應熱烈: 「你知道耶穌為何來到這世界嗎?他要釋放那些被擄 的!」年青人期待自由,他們要求一個人民政府,以 具體方案去解決35%失業率(25歲以下歲青年所面對的) 和日益惡化的經濟。廣場上的教會開放門戶讓人進入 休息,許多人進來,數百人因此聽到福音。他們又在 外面設立一間臨時醫院。神的靈在工作,幾百人見異 象或作異夢後歸向基督。他們相信革命結束前,數以 千計的人會決志。

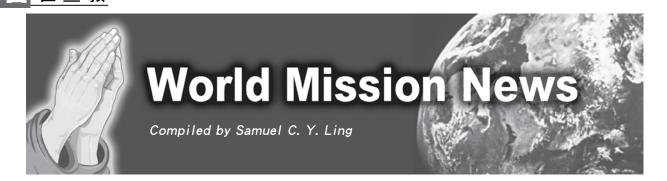
<Mission Network News, www.mnnonline.org, 2/9/12>

事工趨勢:一資深宣教學者談及環球教會的前景、趨勢及資源。東南亞教會正迅速擴展,在面對抗衡及逼迫之際,這些新信徒已開始負起宣教責任。一個獨特的挑戰是他們90%以上沒有受過任何正規訓練,而且永不會有這種機會。一機構已差派數個訓練團隊到印度四省,主持四個不同的課程,他們也會到其他創啟國家作培訓。未來數月內幾千名領袖會接受訓練。

<Global Advance, www.globaladvance.org, 2/10/12>

巴布亞新幾內亞:一個小族群西亞族中的一些人,接 受了母語福音教導後,終於明白「恩典」的意義,他 們興奮不已,不停與人分享。聖經翻譯者現正教導使 徒行傳,不久會開始羅馬書。

<New Tribes Mission, www.usa.ntm.org. 1/27/12>



Cost-Effective Compassion: A survey of 16 top development economists from 12 elite universities and the World Bank, resulted in a list of the 10 best poverty intervention programs for the developing countries in terms of impact and cost effectiveness per dollar: 1. Clean Water to Rural Villages; 2. De-worming Treatment; 3. Mosquito Nets; 4. Child Sponsorship; 5. Wood-Burning Stoves; 6. Microfinance Loan; 7. Reparative Surgeries; 8. Farm Animal Donation; 9. Drinking Fair-Trade Coffee; and 10. Laptops to Kids.

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War on Christians: The terrorist attacks in Africa, the Middle East, and Asia increased 309% from 2003 to 2010. Almost all of these occurred in the Islamic world. From "blasphemy laws" to brutal murders to bombings to mutilations and the burning of churches, Christians in so many nations live in fear. The violence is not centrally planned or coordinated by some international Islamist agency. It is a spontaneous expression of anti-Christian animus that transcends cultures, regions, and ethnicities. But government inaction to protect Christians gives the vigilantes impunity. In Nigeria, Egypt, and else where, groups have vowed to wipe out the Christian population amounting to genocide. Yet, the atrocities are seldom reported by the public media.

<Newsweek, www.newsweekreport.com, 2/13/12>

Nepal: A tricycle designed and built by a Christian worker has given the often abandoned disable persons the freedom to move around and accessibility to jobs, schools, markets, etc. There are 300,000 such persons. The tricycle is handpowered, sturdy enough for the rough roads, and big enough to protect the rider and to carry packages. Each costs \$200 to make, but it is sold for \$20 to give them sense of ownership/ investment. He hires only disable persons, train them and is able now to turn over the operation to them.

<Baptist Global Response, www.gobgr.org, 1/26/12>

India: Tracts generally are discarded rather quickly in the USA. Here, literature are valued so highly that most people read them on the spot and even pass them on to others making them very effective evangelistic tools. At some events, gospel literature can reach the hands of ten of thousands in a few hours. Some will call back to seek further information allowing the workers to follow up.

<Gospel For Asia, www.gfa.org, 2/10/12>

USA: 270 Churches in Sacramento, California have banded together on January 16 for a "Season of Service" of 4 months in cooperation with a mission agency. To show the love of Christ, they start projects to quell hunger, promote health/wellness, uplift the homeless, improve public education,

and help families in need. They have set a goal of logging 3 million community service hours. It will culminate in a twoday festival in June with the gospel preached 8 or 9 times. 2-3000 people will be trained in evangelism along with outreach to the prison and luncheons for business leaders. City is aglow with exciting expectancy of what God is going to do.

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Egypt: A pastor dubbed "Pastor of the Revolution" reports that the revolution is led by students representing all 8 universities in Cairo. With 65% of population under age of 25, these are the cream of the crop. This pastor gained status in the uprising when he was called up on the stage on Tahrir Square in early 2011. With credibility for Christianity at stake, Isaiah 61:1 came suddenly to his mind. The crowd responded enthusiastically when he explained the freedom of hope. "You know why Jesus came? He came to set the captive free!" The young people are seeking freedom and demand a civilian government, and plan to tackle 35% unemployment rate (for those under 25) and growing economic distress. The church right on the Square opens its doors for people to rest. Many came and the gospel has been shared with hundreds of them. They also set up a field hospital outside. The Spirit is working as hundreds receive visions and dreams and come to Christ. They expect thousands more to come before the end of revolution.

<Mission Network News, www.mnnonline.org, 2/9/12>

Trends for Ministry: A noted missiologist spoke on the future of global church, trends and resourcing challenges. In Southeast Asia, the church is growing at a staggering rate. Despite rising resistance and persecution, these new believers are starting to take on missions. The unique challenge is that over 90% of them have no formal training and will never have the chance to get it. An agency is sending training teams to 4 states in India for 4 separate events. They will do training also in several more restricted access nations. Several thousand leaders will be trained in the next few months.

<Global Advance, www.globaladvance.org, 2/10/12>

Papua New Guinea: After the people of a small tribe, Siar, received teaching of the gospel in their heart language, they finally understand the meaning of grace. They become so excited that they cannot stop to share it with others. The translators are working on the book of Acts, and will soon go into the book of Romans.

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