

南亞:在一偏遠的小村中,4,500個村民的生活受到兩個 印度教廟極大的影響,一位祭司帶領他們敬拜偶像「女 死神」。在節期間,百姓每日為自己的罪獻上100隻公 羊,他們相信這女死神會飲下公羊的血。一年前,一個 團隊進入村內,放映了4次「耶穌傳」電影。那祭司看了 一次,看見耶穌在十字架上流出無辜的血,他明白這才 是向神所獻唯一和最終能赦罪的祭;那晚他第一個回應 歸主的邀請。今天,村中有一個300人的教會,那前任祭 司熱心地從事宣教及門訓事工。

<JESUS Film Project, www.jesusfilm.org, 5/21/12>

**莫桑比克:**一機構團隊到很偏遠的地區派送播放機,讓 村民能聆聽當地塞納語的新約,很受歡迎。許多人聚集 一同聆聽,因而成立了教會。他們在其中一個村落派送 了20部播放器,一週後5個人信主。

<Audio Scripture Ministries of Holland, www.asmtoday, 5/1/12>

日本:地震/海嘯大災難發生一年後,很多巨大的殘礫已 被清除,但成千上萬的災民仍住在臨時的居所內。由於 沒有固定的房屋,災民仍受著失去一切的創傷所纏繞, 自殺率較往年高出5倍。過去一年,某機構全力參與清 除、重建及物質支援事工,如今逐漸轉為關注災民心靈 的創傷及屬靈的健康。他們定期探訪災民,聆聽訴說, 與他們建立友誼,如果他們願意,更會為他們禱告。結 果很顯著,經常的接觸不但減低他們的自殺傾向,也使 他們對福音開放。這是世上其中一個最少基督徒的國家 中福音最少傳到的地區之一。

<Asian Access, www.asuanaccess.org, 5/2/12>

英國:基督徒面臨兩個公開對信仰的明顯挑戰:歐洲人 權法庭接受兩位女士對主管禁止她們工作時佩戴十字架 的指控。英國政府官員聲稱雇主有權這樣做,因為十字 架並非基督教信仰「必須有的成份」。此外,英國某法 庭也判決:市議會無權柄在公開會議開始時禱告。

<InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, www.intervarsity.org, May/12>

英國:英女王伊利莎白二世慶祝即位60週年的其中一個 方式,是通過教會及學生派送聖經。國際聖經公會已接 受邀請,特製一本包含註釋及圖片的新約聖經。由於教 會的回應極其熱烈,原定製作25萬本已增為45萬。在此 參與教會聚會人數在歷史低潮之際,希望這本來自女王 充滿歷史價值的禮物,能引起更多人打開永活真神的話

< Biblica (International Bible Society), www.biblica.com, 5/3/12>

巴西:去年,一位美國佈道家與12位教會領袖合作,開 創訓練新一代佈道家的事工,並親自教導佈道原則及策 略。其中一個受訓者聯絡了94家教會,參與全市歸主運 動,超過1千名基督徒答應在3個月內每人積極為5個人禱 告。今年,這位美國佈道家應邀再主領兩個城市的佈道 大會,有幾百人歸主。他已答允明年再回去並繼續訓練 他們,那94家教會也要在今年7月間開佈道會。

<Sammy Tippit Ministries, www.sammytippit.org, 5/23/12

約旦:伊拉克及敘利亞的危機使許多人流亡此地,但他 們的生活也同樣艱難。他們不符合難民資格,當3個月的 居留期滿後就會成為非法居民,不能工作或上學,沒有 居所或醫療保障,更會隨時被逐出境。有人說,他們的 待遇像狗一般。所以當一個安曼的福音派教教會的盼望 診所接觸他們時,他們為受到這仁慈的待遇感恩不已。 當親身感受神的愛後,許多基督徒和穆斯林都回來要求 代禱。

<International Mission Board, imb.org, 5/29/12>

**無人關注的未得之民群體:**這是一些沒有人到,也沒有 人計劃要去傳福音給他們的群體, 普世仍有3,800個。 去年,美南浸信聯會的年會中,一位宣教部同工發出挑 戰,要各教會推動開始至少為一個這類的群體禱告,並 求神幫助他們訂定計劃,在8年內每年用8個星期到那群 體中植堂。去年夏天,2個教會聯合為歐洲一群體制定策 略,他們剛完成了第一期的工作,學習這群體的文化和 認識當地的情形,以及如何植堂。親身到那城市,接觸 當地群體,受到他們的歡迎,甚至被邀請再次回去。福 音的門已被打開了!

<International Mission Board, imb.org, 5/17/12>



**South Asia:** In a remote area, two large Hindu temples dominate a small village of 4,500 people. A priest led the people worship an idol, "Goddess of Death," who is believed to drink the blood of 100 goats placed daily before her during festival times for the sins of the people. A year ago, a team went and showed the "Jesus" Film four times. The priest was able to attend once. Watching Jesus' innocent blood spilled at the cross, he realized that this had been the ultimate and only sacrifice acceptable to God. That night he was the first to come forward at the invitation. Now, there is a church of 300 and the former priest is active in evangelism and discipleship.

<JESUS Film Project, www.jesusfilm.org, 5/21/12>

**Mozambique:** An agency team has been distributing audio players for the New Testament in the Sena language in a number of extremely remote villages. The distribution is nearly always eagerly received. In many of the villages, listening clubs are formed and that often leads to the planting of a church. In a village where 20 players were given out, 5 people came to Christ one week later.

< Audio Scripture Ministries of Holland, www.asmtoday, 5/1/12>

Japan: More than a year after earthquake/tsunami disaster, most of the major items of the debris have been removed. But thousands of survivors remain in temporary housing. The emotional wounds cut deep as the sense of loss of almost everything, accentuated by the lack of permanent home, lingers on. Suicides are up to five times more than the average of prior years. After a year of helping in removing, building and physical aid, an agency is increasingly focusing on emotional and spiritual health. They visit the survivors regularly, listening to them, building relationship, and praying if they feel comfortable. The results are notable. Consistent contact not only helps in suicide avoidance, the people are exceptionally more open to the gospel. This area was one of the least evangelized areas in one of the least evangelized countries in the world.

<Asian Access, www.asuanaccess.org, 5/2/12>

**England:** Christians face two high-profile challenges of public display of religious faith. The European Court of Human Rights agreed to hear a case of two women accusing employer of banning wearing crosses at work. British officials claim that employers can do so as cross is not "Requirement" of Christian faith. And, a court ruled that a city council had no authority to open public meetings with prayer.

<InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, www.intervarsity.org, May/12>

**UK:** One way Queen Elizabeth celebrates her 60-year rule is her Bible distributing project through churches and schools. Biblica has accepted her request to create a New Testament

Bible that includes some notes and visuals. The original goal of 250,000 units is now up to 450,000 due to overwhelming response from churches. At a time when church attendance is at all-time low, it is hope that this gift from the Queen will encourage people to open the Word of the living God.

< Biblica (International Bible Society), www.biblica.com, 5/3/12>

**Brazil:** Last year an US evangelist worked out a plan with a dozen church leaders to train a new generation of evangelist to their own people. He also taught the evangelists principles and strategies of evangelism. One of them recruited 94 churches to join the plan to reach their city for Christ. More than 1,000 people committed themselves to pray for 5 people for three months. Early this year, the US evangelist returned to conduct crusades in 2 cities with hundreds coming to Christ. He was asked to go back next year and to continue the training. Each of the 94 churches will also host an evangelistic meeting this July.

<Sammy Tippit Ministries, www.sammytippit.org, 5/23/12>

**Jordan:** As crisis hits Syria or Iraq, some flee here. But their life can be just as hard. They do not qualify for refugee status and, once their 3-month visa runs out, they became illegal with all the problems of not able to get jobs, schooling, housing, nor healthcare, plus living under the threat of deportation. As some says, they are treated as dogs. So when an evangelical church in Amman reached out to them with its Hope Clinic, they are overwhelmed by the kindness and grateful to be treated as humans. As they experience firsthand the love of God, many Christians and Muslims alike return just to ask for prayer.

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UUPG: At the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) meeting last year, a missions official challenged the SBC churches to "Embrace" the worldwide 3,800 unengaged, unreached people groups (UUPG). They are the unreached ones with no known strategy in place to reach them for Christ. The challenge was to get churches start praying for at least one UUPG and asked God for a strategy. Then they would dedicate 8 weeks for 8 years to church planting in that group. Last summer 2 churches combined to develop a strategy for a group in Europe. They just returned from their round one commitment to Europe where they learnt about the culture and locations of their group as well as how to begin planting churches. They also went to the city and made contact with the group. They were well received and asked to go back. Doors are open that were not open before.

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