

日本:經過地震、海嘯、核電廠的災禍後,一般人前瞻生命有不同的體會。許多人憂慮恐懼,感到前路茫茫,尤其是有幼兒或年長親屬者,更覺惶恐。以往「只要盡力而為,能維護和諧的人際關係就沒有問題」的意念已動搖,人開始尋求眼不能見的「其他東西」。

< East Asia's Millions, Sep-Dec 2011, omf.org/diaspora>

特別聖經:一機構最近出版了兩本聖經:一本是專給在 囚人士的《禁錮中的自由》,其中載有許多蒙恩得救的 釋囚故事,非常合適監獄佈道之用。另一本名為《歸家 之途》,以一輛大卡車作封面,對一些駕駛長途運貨車 的司機而言,在路上感到孤寂時,可以從其中找到其他 駕駛員的有趣見證。這些聖經每本只售兩元半美元,是 極好的福音工具。

<Biblica (International Bible Society), www.biblica.com, 12/7/11>

錄音聖經:最近製作完成的語言包括南蘇丹的 Avokaya 和Ndogo、喀麥隆的 Kapsiki、埃塞俄比亞的 Kons、拉丁文、帛琉文、新幾內亞的Takia、菲律賓的 Tuwali Ifuga。這些錄音聖經可從網上的串流廣播及播客接收,使27萬8千人從此有母語聖經可聽。此外,擁有 iPhone, iPad及Android 智能手機者也可用Bible. is app 下載600多種語言的錄音聖經。該機構會繼續製作不同語言的新約聖經。

<Faith Comes by Hearing, faithcomes by hearing.com, 12/13/11>

70億靈魂:去年11月,世界人口已達到這個里程,較之估計耶穌在世之日的2億人口,要完成主托付的大使命更見緊急了。教會需尋求更有效的創新方式廣傳福音。是否應更多使用互聯網的社交網絡?可是,教會支持宣教事工的預算卻有日漸減低的現象,一個宣教士可能需要三年時間籌款才能上工場。

<Ron Hutchcraft Ministries, hutchcraft.com, 11/25/11>

宣教鴻溝:世上有27億人很少有機會聽到福音,然而, 環顧全球國外宣教士,10人中只有1位向他們傳福音。一 宣教機構發起「堵塞鴻溝」運動,為那些在全球一些最 需要又最危險地區的宣教士,提供更強的保安,也訓練 更多的植堂者。

<Pioneers, www.pioneers.org, 12/1/11>

福音交談:去年11月,一位著名佈道家連續四晚在全球5千多的電視台及電台,主持一小時與西班牙語觀眾/聽眾交談的節目,同時也透過社交網絡及串流廣播播出。收到不少從拉丁美洲、澳大利亞、歐洲及美洲來的各種複雜問題,包括墮胎、憂鬱症、占星術/通靈術、假師傅教導等。佈道者皆以救恩信息及福音回答解決問題之法。 千萬人一再聽到福音,幾百間伙伴教會引介決志者到他們鄰近的教會,並跟進提問的人。這位佈道家闡述他的簡單異象是「只是我、電話、聖經」。

<Luis Palau Association, www.palau.org, 11/18/11>

全球4/14日:全球有20億15歲以下的孩子,他們對福音的心是敞開的。在他們中間已接受了基督的,80%是在4到14歲之間決志。一個機構邀請人參與2012年4月4日的祈禱日,在這天為「4/14之窗」的兒童禁食禱告。他們期望有100萬人登上網站表示參與。

<Global 4/14 Day, www.global414day.com, 12/14/11>

印度:一位佈道家在印度西北旁遮普邦主持一個大型福音會議,以及教牧培訓。聚會的人數天天增多,對福音信息的回應也越見積極。最後一晚,近半數的人接受了基督,其中許多本是錫克教徒。他感到當地正在復興,教會也迅速增長,來參加教牧培訓的人許多都是新近歸主的基督徒。

<Sammy Tippit Ministries, www.sammytippit.org, 12/9/11>

古巴:棒球是當地的皇牌活動,它是少數能帶給人們歡樂和凝聚的活動之一。一個機構透過人道援助以及棒球設施和活動,幫助教會的外展事工。甚至吸引了卡斯特羅的二兒子來參加,並歸信了基督,也影響了卡斯特羅圈內的人士。現在,他們已能引進基督教大學的球隊和歌唱家。

< Global Baseball, baseballwithoutborders.com, 12/2/11>

巴西:近日許多年青人信主。一機構應教會之邀牧養這 些年青人,讓他們認識宣教及訓練他們有創意地與人分 享福音。他們最近為400年青人舉行一個會議,強調宣教 的重要性及其中的機會。

< Operation Mobilization, www.omusa.org, 12/9/11>



Japan: Reports indicate that after the devastation caused by the quake, Tsunami and nuclear disasters, the people seems to have changed quite a bit in their outlook of life and prospect for the future. Many are dealing with anxiety and fear, and the unknown, especially for those with small children and/or elderly relatives. The thought of "doing your best and keeping the harmony of the group will mean everything being OK" is badly shaken. People are seeking "other things" that can't be seen with their eyes.

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Specialty Bibles: An organization has come out with two full Bibles recently. One called "Free On the Inside" tailored for the prison inmates. It contains stories of redemption of exinmates and is great for those in prison ministry. The other with a truck on the cover and called "The Road Home" is aimed at the truckers, especially those long-haul drivers who tends to feel very lonely on the road but will find interesting testimonies of other drivers. At \$2.50 a copy, it is also an excellent evangelistic tool.

< Biblica (International Bible Society), www.biblica.com,

Audio Bible: Recent releases have added Scripture for 278,000 people in their heart languages. They are: Avokaya of South Sudan; Kapsiki of Cameroon; Konso of Ethiopia; Latin of Vatican City State; Luwo of South Suden; Ndogo of South Sudan; Palauan of Palau; Takia of Papua New Guinea; and Tuwali Ifugao of Philippines. Audio Bibles are available also free on streaming and podcast. For smart phone users, there is Bible is app for iPhone, iPad, and Android devices providing access to written Bibles in 600+ languages. The agency will continue to work on New Testament in every spoken

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7 Billion Souls: Last November, world population reached this land mark. It is estimated to be 200 million in Jesus' time. Our mission to fulfill the Great Commission has added urgency. The Church must look at creative ways to spread the gospel message. Should we not utilize more the social networks on the internet? Besides, church budget has declined in percentage for support of missions. A missionary may take up to 3 years just to raise support before even getting to the mission field.

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Gap in Missions: There are 2.7 billion people that have little access to the gospel. Yet of all foreign missionaries serving around the globe, only one out of ten is ministering among them. An agency is creating a "Close the Gap" campaign,

providing greater security for missionaries in some of the most dangerous and needy places in the world and training more church planters.

<Pioneers, www.pioneers.org, 12/1/11>

Gospel Talk: Last November a noted evangelist held 1-hour talk sessions on 4 consecutive nights in Spanish on 5070 TV stations and scores of radio stations worldwide along with online streaming and social media. He fielded questions from callers in Latin America, Australia, Europe and USA. And he responded with message of salvation and how the gospel applies to issues as complex as abortion, depression, the occult, and false teaching. Thus, millions heard the gospel over and over again. And hundreds of partner churches are connecting new believers to a church in their area, also to follow up with each caller. The evangelist described the simple vision behind this: "It is just me, a telephone, and a Bible."

<Luis Palau Association, www.palau.org, 11/18/11>

Global 4/14 Day: There are 2 billion children under age 15. They are more open to the gospel, and 8 out of 10 of those who accept Christ, do so between the age 4 and 14. An agency invites people to a day of prayer and fasting for children in the 4/14 window on April 4, 2012. They are hoping to enlist on their website a million people to participate.

<Global 4/14 Day, www.global414day.com, 12/14/11>

India: An evangelist has conducted the largest evangelistic meeting in northwestern state of Punjab and taught in the pastors' conference. The crowd increased nightly as well as the response to the messages. Nearly half of those at the last night accepted Christ, many of them are Sikhs. He sensed that there is a revival there. The church has been growing rapidly. Many at the pastors' conference were new in their walk in Christ.

Sammy Tippit Ministries, www.sammytippit.org, 12/9/11>

Cuba: Baseball is king here and it is one of the few things that gives people a little enjoyment and bring them together. An agency has helped the outreach of churches through bringing in humanitarian aid, baseball equipment, and baseball programs. They even attracted the 2nd son of Fidel Castro who later came to Christ, and through him some in Castro's inner circle. Now they can bring in also Christian college teams and singers.

< Global Baseball, baseballwithoutborders.com, 12/2/11>

Brazil: Lately many youth have come to Christ. An agency was invited by churches to minister to teens, to present to them opportunities for missions, and to train them on creative ways to share the gospel. They just recently completed a conference focusing on the importance of and opportunities in missions for 400 youths.

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