

臉書上的福音:三年前,有人用約翰福音三章16節在 臉書上開了一個「聖經」頁,10分鐘內有1萬個回應, 18個月後有100萬個朋友,今天已達860萬。這些朋友 不單來讀經文,也彼此交流。他們期望有人代禱,替 他解答生活上的問題,感覺從「聖經」頁上的經文得 到安慰及實際的幫助。這頁臉書能觸摸人的需要,一 些人因此信了基督。

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奧運會:英國的教會組織了2,500志願者,在歷時17 天的奧運會期內接觸運動員及觀眾。除了接待所有運 動員的家屬外,也主辦藝術展覽和表演及體育講座、 供應食水及世運會新聞,又借用場地以大型銀幕現場 轉播比賽等等。聖經公會出版的奧運版聖經,甚受歡 迎,首版8,000本迅速售罄,許多人要求再版。一份以 競賽及基督徒運動家故事為背景的「迷你雜誌」,第 一版10萬份在奧運會開幕前兩個月便售清,趕快加印 後,至今已賣出超過20萬本。眾教會盡力跟進決志者 及慕道者,特別來自國外的遊客及觀眾。

<International Mission Board, imb.org, 8/3/12>, <Mission Network News/ www.mnnonline.org, 8/6/12>

宣教訓練:92%在亞、非、歐及拉丁美洲的傳道人從來 沒上過聖經學院或神學院。一機構為他們提供三天的 課程,裝備他們如何作門徒訓練、傳福音、植堂及按 聖經的原則轉化社區。這機構也差遣成功的商人教導 職場領袖去傳福音,明白聖經的經濟學,及建立以大 使命為前提的生意,來支持他們所在地的福音事工。 這機構平均每年訓練3萬名傳道及商人。

<Global Advance, www.globaladvance.org, 8/20/10>

秘魯:21名宣教士完成了20天的訓練後,被差往普世 的工場。與他們一同受訓的有17名宣教士子女,也有 42人旁聽。訓練包括宣教學、宣教震盪、屬靈衝突、 建立互信、門徒訓練/同儕指導、小組事工、講故事 及穆宣工作。有些被差到敏感地區,也有些到哈薩克 斯坦、非洲國家如迦納及贊比亞去,從事吸毒/酗酒 康復、大學教育、孤兒、門訓、衛生食水、醫療等工

< The Mission Society, www.themissionsociety.org, 7/24/12>

台灣:在廣大佛教徒和道教徒的群體中,基督徒估計 僅佔4.5%,可能只有1.5%屬福音派,但教會在增長。 過去10年,教會的宣教重點倍增,所差出的工人從 2000年的210名,增至2010年的550名,大多數從事本 地植堂及擴展事工。教會要面對的挑戰包括:植堂和 擴展的平衡,教會、差傳機構及工人的配搭,不同教 會及宗派間的協調和合作,以及人力、財政的缺乏。

< Operation Mobilization, www.omusa.org, 7/26/12>

中東:男孩在大街上被槍擊,婦人及女孩被軍人強 暴,使數以千計的人逃離家園。一機構在4個國家內的 當地義工,向難民分發食物包及清水,同時也詢問他 們是否願意接受新約聖經及「耶穌傳」錄影帶,人人 都接受,也沒有人拒絕奉耶穌的名為他們禱告。

<JESUS Film Project, www.jesusfilm.org, 8/8/12>

沙特阿拉伯:一個婦女在YouTube上露面說:「我不 再是穆斯林,我已是一個基督徒了。」100萬人看到這 錄影帶。這是不可以想像的事。這個國家的官方宣告 百姓全部都是穆斯林,並拒絕所有其他宗教。因為他 們自稱是伊斯蘭聖地的保衛者,不單保護聖地安全, 也要保守信仰純正。但神在工作,許多穆斯林夢見或 在異象中看見耶穌,相信了祂。也有報導說一位科威 特王子信了耶穌。

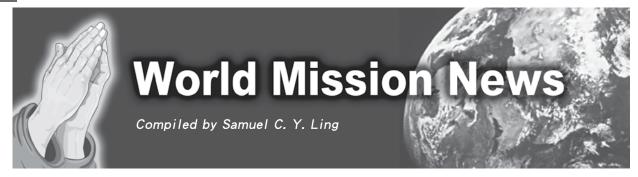
<Voice of the Martyrs, www.persecution.com, 8/9/12>

菲律賓:某些地區的飛機跑道受損壞是個壞消息。因 為從公路前往,12小時的公車旅程後,還加上7小時的 摩托車程,但坐飛機前往只需20分鐘。宣教士為此迫 切禱告,奇蹟出現,一個月內,他們有了經費和足夠 的當地族人協助,將跑道修整。

<New Tribe Mission, www. ntm.org, 5/30/12>

伊朗:這是著名迫害基督徒的國家,自2005以來每況 愈下。但據估計基督徒有10萬名,某衛星廣播電視台 正擴展「空中神學院」節目,培訓他們的家庭教會領

<SAT-7, www.sat7.org, 8/3/12>



Gospel on Facebook: One individual posted 3 years ago a page called "The Bible" with one verse: John 3:16. Within 10 minutes, he got 10,000 responses from around the globe. In 18 months he got 1 million friends, and now it is 8.6 million. Users do not just read the verse, they are posting and responding to each other as well. It seems he has tapped into a felt need. People want prayer, answers to life problems, and they find comfort and practical help from the Bible verses and the interaction on the page. Some have confessed Christ.

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Olympics: Churches in the United Kingdom had organized 2,500 volunteers to reach/minister the athletes and fans that came to the 17-day event. In addition to hosting all the athlete families, they put on creative arts shows, sports clinics, distributed Olympic information and water, held festivals showing competitions on large screens, etc. There was much interest in the special edition of the Bible by the Bible Society whose initial print of 8,000 was sold out quickly with much demand for reprint. The initial print of 100,000 copies of a "Mini mag" with background of the Games and stories of Christian athletes was sold out almost two months before the games. They had to quickly do a reprint. Now over 200,000 copies were sold. The churches also are doing their best to provide follow-up of foreign visitors especially.

<International Mission Board, imb.org, 8/3/12> <Mission Network News/ www.mnnonline.org, 8/6/12>

Mission Training: 92% of pastors in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America never get to go to Bible school, seminary. An agency has been providing the three-day training to equip them in discipleship, evangelism, church planting, and fostering community transformation through the gospel. They also send successful Christian Businessmen to train leaders of the marketplace for evangelism, understanding Biblical economics and creating Great Commission Business to fund the advance of the gospel in their own aras. They have trained an average of 30,000 pastors and businessmen per year.

<Global Advance, www.globaladvance.org, 8/20/10>

Peru: 21 missionaries are ready to be sent out around the globe. They have just finished a 20-day training in July that also included 17 missionary children and 42 auditing guests. The training included theology of mission, mission shock, spiritual conflict, building trust and making disciples/peer coaching, cell group ministry, story telling, and ministry to Muslims. Some of them will be sent to sensitive fields, others to Kazakhstan, and African nations like Ghana and Zambia in recovery programs and professorships, orphanage work, discipleship, clean water and medical work, etc.

< The Mission Society, www.themissionsociety.org, 7/24/12>

Taiwan: Among the vast number of Buddhist and Taoists, there is an estimate of 4.5% Christians, but maybe only 1.5% evangelicals. The church is growing, and has doubled its missions focus in the last decade, sending out 210 workers in 2000 and 550 in 2010 mostly in local church planting and expansion. The challenges the church faces include the balance between church planting and expansion; lack of cooperation among church, mission agencies, workers; lack of integration among different churches and denominations; and lack of human/financial resources.

< Operation Mobilization, www.omusa.org, 7/26/12>

Middle East: With boys shot in the streets, women and girls raped by soldiers, thousands are fleeing from their homes. Volunteers from an agency, all local Christians, are working in 4 countries delivering food packets and water to them. Along with that the volunteers always asked if they would take New Testament Bibles and DVDs of "Jesus Film" as gifts. Everyone has said yes. Also when asked if they can pray for them in the name of Jesus. No one has refused.

<JESUS Film Project, www.jesusfilm.org, 8/8/12>

Saudi Arabia: Over 1 million have watched a video after a woman has put her face and said on YouTube, "I am not a Muslim any more. I am a Christian now." This is utterly amazing in a nation where the officials declare it is 100% Muslim and rejects all other faiths. Because it considered itself guardian of Islam's holy sites not only in a security sense but also spiritually keeping them pure. Yet God is working. Muslims are having dreams and visions of Jesus and believing in Him. There is also a report that a Kuwaiti prince has come to Christ.

<Voice of the Martyrs, www.persecution.com, 8/9/12>

Philippines: A damaged air strip in some locations is bad news. At a place where it takes 12 hours of bus ride followed by 7 hours of motor bike ride to reach if the roads are good, an airplane will do in 20 minutes. So, amazingly after the missionaries prayed, God provided the funds and enough of the tribal people to fix the air strip in one month.

<New Tribe Mission, www. ntm.org, 5/30/12>

Iran: A nation well known for its persecution of Christians, it has been worse since 2005. But there are some estimated 100,000 Christians. A satellite Christian TV channel is expanding its "Seminary of the Air" program to train the house church leaders.

<SAT-7, www.sat7.org, 8/3/12>