

錄音聖經:使用網絡已令錄音聖經的傳播完全改觀,某 機構報導,過去37年他們使用各種途徑去傳播聖經,總 共才接觸5,000萬人,但兩年半以來他們讓人從網絡下載 後,已經接觸到9,000萬人。大多數的增長人口是來自 那些政府企圖限制人使用網絡的國家。除了英文聖經以 外,最多人要聽的是阿拉伯語言聖經。這些聽眾通常連 續收聽3-4小時,而一般來自已開發國家者平均只聽3-4分 鐘。

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美國:去年12月底「厄巴納'12學牛官教大會」中,8,153 名學生委身願意帶領福音性查經班。大會供應以路加福 音為主的查經資料,並在大會主辦單位網站上讓學生下 載訓練的資源。寒假後,學校恢復上課,有數以千計的 查經班在全美各校園興起,許多學生與基督建立了新的 關係。

<InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, www.intervarsity.org, 2/5/13>

牧者訓練:某機構製作了一個工具,讓牧者無論在甚麼 地方都能得到造就,特別有助於一些難以到達地區的牧 者。這工具是一應用程序,任何使用Android運作系統的 器材如智能電話,都可以使用這應用程序。因此,牧者 們不須經過網絡便可以得到訓練資源,並將這些資源傳 佈給別人。牧者也可以在智能電話上選擇母語的文字、 錄音或錄影的資料。

< Mission Aviation Fellowship, www.maf.org, 2/1/13>

中國:2013年的經濟增長率可望達到8.2%,教會領袖 說,這增長對福音事工大有幫助。當信徒得到更多財 富,他們奉獻更多,教會有更多資源發展事工。國內所 印製的1億本聖經,有1/4被送去鄰近國家。基督徒似乎都 很用心遵從耶穌的命令,使萬民作祂的門徒。

< China Partner, www.chinapartner.org, 1/28/13>

臉書:這個友誼網站每月有10億1,000人使用。某機構4 年前開始在這網站上主辦英語學習課程來接觸人,現今 他們有5萬臉書網友。教導這課程的人限於只使用1,500 個字,並緩慢的談話,這方式似乎很吸引要學習英語的 人。

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蒙古:教會在量和質上都有增長。某機構開始了一個有 效的訓練課程:選12至15名剛擔任領袖的人,邀請他們 參與每季一週、總共兩年的課程。這課程幫助他們成長 為屬靈及事工領袖,並且更明白自我的強處、教會的特 長、所在社區的需要,以及在社區中生活和服侍的關 鍵。在受訓時期,這些領袖們有極佳的聯繫,使教會之 間也呈現合一的氣氛。至今已有5組領袖完成了這訓練課 程。

<Asian Access, www.asuanaccess.org, 2/1/13>

32年精神遺產:2002年12月30日,一激進分子衝入也門 的一所浸信會醫院,槍擊4個美國人,包括1位醫師、1倉 庫經理、1藥劑師及醫院的行政長官科恩。科恩的妻子 瑪蒂在他死前不久趕到醫院,4人中只有藥劑師倖存。 瑪蒂在科恩死後不到30分鐘,腦海中突然出現所聽聞伊 莉沙白伊莉奧的故事,認為這是神對她是否留在也門的 答案。她回美國為喪失哀痛,並與兩女兒相處一段時期 後,就回到也門,擔任倉庫經理,直至2007年醫院關閉 時,她決定退休。他們夫婦的精神遺產由她的一個外孫 女繼承,這外孫女曾到過也門探訪他們夫婦,現正考慮 進入宣教事奉。

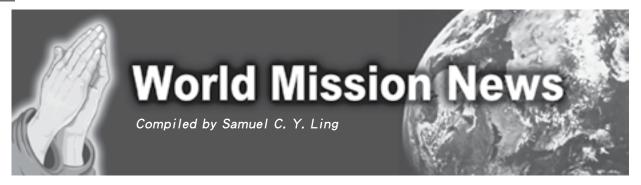
<International Mission Board, imb.org, 1/11/13>

印度:50年前東北部一位宣教事工主管,聽聞比較偏僻 的可瑞族群沒有基督徒,就到他們中間傳福音。現在當 他們慶祝50週年時,半數族人成為基督徒。其他的人, 多數被操孟加拉語的印度教徒同化,教會正鼓勵第二代 基督徒作宣教士。

< The Mission Society, www.themissionsociety.org, 1/11/13>

孟加拉:一販賣兒童者欺騙19個崔普拉族兒童的父母, 說把他們的子女帶到首都達卡的一所基督教宣教士辦的 學校,其實是把他們買給伊斯蘭學校,訓練他們成為恐 怖分子。在路上休息時,約10多位兒童逃脫,打電話給 他們的父母。父母立刻通知在達卡大學讀書的崔普拉族 學生,當拐騙兒童者的車子到達卡時,他們救出仍留在 巴士上的6個兒童, 並將那惡者交給警察。自2012年7月 以來,150個兒童在類似的情況之下被救出。

< Mission Network News, www.mnnonline.org, 2/11/13>



Audio Bible: Internet access has revolutionalized the distribution of Bibles. An agency reported that they have been distributing audio Bibles for 37 years in all kinds of medium, and they reached 50 million people. For the last 2 and half years, they have reached 90 million people by making it also accessible on the internet. Much of the growth is from nations where the governments tried to restrict internet access. The second most popular language to English is the Arabic language Bible. These listeners listen 3 to 4 hours at a time, while the average listener in developed nation listens 3 to 4

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USA: At the Urbana'12 student missions conference last December, 8,153 students made commitment to lead evangelistic Bible studies. Study guides focusing on the Gospel of Luke were made available at the conference as well as training resources on website. As school classes started after winter break, thousands of Bible studies have sprung up in campuses all over the country leading many students into new relationships with Christ.

<InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, www.intervarsity.org,</p>

Pastoral Training: An agency has produced a tool for pastors to be trained no matter where they are. This is especially useful to those in difficult to access places. It is an app that runs on the Android operating system like the smart phone. It allows one to gather and disseminate resources and training that are delivered without the use of internet. One can also choose either text, audio, or video resources in their own language with one's smart phone.

<Mission Aviation Fellowship, www.maf.org, 2/1/13>

China: The economy is expected to grow by 8.2% in 2013. Church leaders say that the growth has helped the spread of the gospel. As believers have more wealth, they give more to the church allowing the ministry to expand. About one quarter of 100 million Bibles printed within the country have been sent to neighboring nations. And the Christians seem to have a real sense of calling to Jesus' command to make disciples of all nations.

<China Partner, www.chinapartner.org, 1/28/13>

Facebook: 1.01billion people use this social media website each month. An agency started using it 4 years ago for an English-learning program as a means to connect with people in the world. Today it has 50,000 Facebook fans. The people on this program limit their vocabulary to 1,500 words and speak slowly which seem to be attractive to learners.

<HCJB Global, www.hcjb.org, 2/1/13>

Mongolia: The Church is growing both in numbers and in quality. An agency started an effective training program: select 12 to 15 emerging leaders and invite them to join a class for a week each quarter; the program spans 2 years. The program accelerates students' growth both as spiritual and organization leaders. They become more aware of their strength, the unique gifts of their congregations, the needs of their communities and the context in which they live and minister. During training, the leaders form strong bonds leading to a sense of unity among the churches. So far the agency has trained 5 groups.

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32-year Legacy: on Dec. 30, 2002, a militant gunman burst into a Baptist hospital in Yemen, and shot 4 Americans, a doctor, a warehouse manager, a pharmacist and the hospital administrator Bill Koehn. Koehn's wife, Marty, rushed to hospital moments before he died. Only the pharmacist survived. Within 30 minutes of becoming a widow, Marty thought of the story she heard about Elisabeth Elliot. She took that as God's answer whether she should stay in Yemen. After returning to the US to grief and spend time with her two daughters, she returned to Yemen, where they had served for nearly 30 years, and became the warehouse manager. She retired in 2007 when the hospital closed. But their legacy lives on in a granddaughter who had visited them in Yemen and now is considering the mission field.

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India: 50 years ago when a mission administrator in the northeast learnt that there were no Christians in the somewhat isolated tribe of Chorei, he went and shared the gospel with them. Today as they celebrate the golden anniversary, 50% of the tribe are believers. The rest of them have largely been absorbed by the Bengali Hindu. The Church is investing in the next generation of missionaries.

<The Mission Society, www.themissionsociety.org, 1/11/13>

Bangladesh: A children trafficker lured 19 Christian kids from their Tripura tribe parents lying to them that he will admit the kids to a Christian missionary school in Dhaka. He was intending to sell them to madrassas, fundamental Islamic boarding schools that train kids for terrorism. On the way at a rest area, a dozen or so of kids ran away and called their parents on the phone. The parents alerted Tripura students attending Dhaka University. The students were able to rescue the six on the bus when it arrived at Dhaka and arrested the trafficker. More than 150 kids have been rescued from situations like this since July, 2012.

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