

美國:緊接著波士頓馬拉松比賽炸彈案及德州West城工廠爆炸案後,一機構在兩處發送了數以千計名為「你想知道為甚麼嗎?」的小冊,來幫助兒童面對這些慘案。這小冊回答了4個問題:神知道我和關心我嗎?為何這些壞事會發生?為何神容忍這些事發生?我怎能度過這段可怕的時日?答案都基於基督徒對慘案的瞭解:福音帶來的盼望,神對人奇妙的愛,祂如何關顧他們,永不會離棄他們。

< Child Evangelism Fellowship, cefonline.com, 4/24/13>

美國:波士頓馬拉松賽炸彈案的一位受害者,是來自中國的一位研究生,23歲的呂令子。她曾參與波士頓大學的國際學生團契事工,與團契內的研究生及教授們有很好的感情。現時美國各大學內約有50萬國際學生,外交部估計這代表了普世25%的未來領袖。

<InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, www.intervarsity.org, 4/22/13>

中國:最近四川省內6.6級的地震,最少有188死亡, 11,500人受傷。震後幾小時內,一機構就派出了3、4個團 隊協助賬災,他們分派食物,設置臨時居所,並有供應食 水。他們能如此快速派出救援隊伍,是因5年前與當地教 會合作救援同省一次極嚴重的地震時取得經驗。當年有數 千人死亡,500萬人流離失所。之後他們繼續訓練救災人 員,並供應資金。

< Baptist Global Response, www. gobgr.org, 4/23/13>

海地:一機構最近送出由食物專家特別配製的25萬份營養餐給海地及非洲的饑餓兒童。這些營養餐含有易消化的蛋白質、碳水化合物及維他命,每餐製作費為美金0.23元,卻可保持新鮮3年。在這西半球最落後的國家內,很多人每日的生活費是2元,50%以上人口是文盲。這機構在該國首都供應熱餐給150名兒童,他們多數是孤兒,染有愛滋病,或受政治動亂影響或貧困者。

<Christian World Outreach, www.cwomissions.org, 4/25/13>

中亞:很多人是一家的主要謀生者,但缺乏適當職業技能訓練。4年以來,一機構開辦了一個學徒式的訓練課程,每個學生都跟隨一位有經驗的匠人,同時又能接受識字教育、一般謀生技能教導及福音信息。每一期只收40名學

生,為期9個月,學成後每日的工資可能高於當地平均每日0.55元的工資。畢業生也可以繼續訓練其他學生。

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危地馬拉:一機構開辦提摩太訓練課程,每次招聚40名信徒牧者參與4天的會議。這些牧者備受忽視,也沒有任何資源。在會議中,他們首先得到與主耶穌個人關係的教導,然後才學習所需的技能,以及教導其他同伴的方法,也學習和如何接觸別人及進入其他鄉村。完成訓練後,不單會影響他們的鄉村,也影響整個國家。

<Paradise Bound Ministries, www.paradisebound.org, 4/25/13>

布隆迪:在這世上最窮的五個國家之一,學生放學後都要忙著做家務,在陽光下寫作業的時間很少,晚上僅僅 靠陰暗的煤油燈光或柴火照明。今年2月,一機構在當地 學校裝置太陽能設備,讓學生能在光亮的地方學習,學 生成績有顯著的改進。這學期六年級學生的及格率達到 98%,而上一學期只有82%。

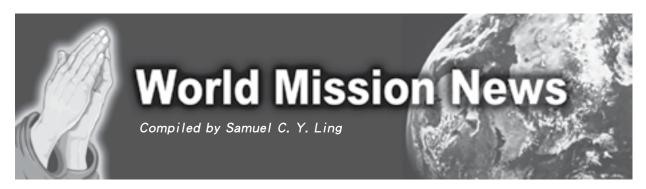
<Food For the Hungry, www.fh.org, 4/22/13>

印度:這國家的胎兒、新生兒及兒童的死亡數字是全世界最高的,在達利特人中尤其嚴重。這些被稱為「不可觸摸者」是社會最低層的人。他們大多居住在鄉下及部落地區,或城市的貧民窟,得不到任何教育或就業協助。迷信、習俗及「老婦女」的傳說代替了真實的醫學常識。一機構在建築一間可提供300床位的醫院,希望能扭轉這趨勢,並教導基本衛生常識。

< Gospel For Asia Update, www.gfa.org, 4/22/13>

印度:21個家庭中約70人從一鄉下製磚工廠的奴役中被救出來。他們被城市中有美好工作及派發現金所引誘,陷入了圈套無法脫身,有如被囚,每日工作高達22小時。一個12歲兒童每日要製作2,000塊磚,一次要提送8塊。3個月前,一個婦人被迫接生自己的嬰兒。一機構將證據交予官方,才將他們救出來。然後幫他們回歸家園,以後也會繼續關懷他們的福利。

< International Justice Mission, www.ijm.org, 4/25/13>



USA: Soon after the Boston Marathon Bombing and the explosions in West, Texas, an agency distributed thousands of a booklet called, "Do You Wonder Why?" to help the children in those communities in coping with the tragedy. The booklet answers four questions: "Does God know and care about me?" "Why do so many bad things happen?" "Why did God allow this to happen?" and "How can I get through this terrible time?" The answers convey the Christian understanding of tragedy: the hope of the gospel, the wonder of a God who loves them, watches over them, and will never forsake them.

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USA: One of the victims of the Boston Marathon Bombing was 23-year-old Linzi Lu, a graduate student from China. She was involved with the international student ministry at the Boston University, friends with graduate students and faculty members. There are over 500,000 international university students in this country, including some from Muslim nations. The State Department estimated that they consist of 25% of world's future leaders.

<InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, www.intervarsity.org,</p> 4/22/13>

China: At least 188 have died and over 11,500 injured after a 6.6 earthquake in Sichuan Province. Within a few hours, an agency was able to send in 3-4 teams to help provide food and shelter, and clean water by a water development team. The rapid response was the result of experience gained five years ago by the agency working with local churches during the massive earthquake in this province that killed thousands leaving 5 million homeless. The agency has trained the responders and provided funds for them.

< Baptist Global Response, www.gobgr.org, 4/23/13>

Haiti: An agency recently has sent to Haiti and Africa some 250,000 meals for the starving kids. The meals were formulated by food scientists to provide easily-digestible protein, carbohydrates, and vitamins with a shelf-life of three years at a cost of 23 cents per meal. Here, least-developed western hemisphere nation, most people lived on \$2 per day, and over half of the population is illiterate. The agency gives a hot meal to some 150 kids in the Capital that are mostly orphaned, abandoned due to disease, with HIV infection, or affected by political instability and poverty.

< Christian World Outreach, www.cwomissions.org, 4/25/13>

Central Asia: Many men and women are primary family caretakers but they lack skills to help them get a job. For the last 4 years an agency has provided apprenticeshipbased vocational training by pairing them with established craftsmen. In addition, they also can receive literacy training

and guidance in other life skills, as well as hearing the gospel. There are 40 men/women per course lasting 9 months with opportunity to earn more than the average income of 55 cents per day in the town. Those trained, in turn, will train others.

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Guatemala: An agency is conducting Timothy Leadership Training, bringing 35 lay pastors at a time for a four-day conference. These pastors live off the land and have no resources whatsoever. First, the training focuses on their personal relationship with Lord Jesus. Then they learn skills they need and methods to teach other fellow pastors, how to call on other people and other villages. When they go back, they will not only impact the village but the whole nation.

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Burundi: In one of the 5 poorest nations in the world, students after school here focus on household chores leaving little daylight hours for homework. At night they rely on kerosene lamps or wood fires, dim light that parents can scarcely provide. An agency has installed solar panel in the local school last February providing well lit space for the students. This produces significant improvement on the student achievement. One six grade class reaches 98% last quarter compared to 82% the previous one. The school also generates income allowing people to charge cell phones.

<Food For the Hungry, www.fh,org, 4/22/13>

India: India accounts for the most maternal, newborn, and child death in the world, more so among the Dalits, also called the "Untouchables," the lowest caste. Mostly, they live in rural and tribal areas or in slums. They get none of the benefit whether in education or employment. Superstition/rituals and old-wives' tale take place of true medical knowledge. An agency is building a 300-bed hospital hoping to stop the trend of unnecessary death and providing basics of health.

<Gospel For Asia Update, www.gfa.org, 4/22/13>

India: Some 70 people from 21 families were rescued from slavery in a rural brick factory. They were lured by promise of steady job plus a hefty payment up front. Once trapped, they were in essence imprisoned, and force to work up to 22 hours a day. One 10-year-old boy told how he had to make 2,000 bricks a day, carrying 8 at a time. One woman had to deliver a child by herself three months ago. An agency brought evidence of the abuse to the officials that carried out the rescue. After helped sending the victims back home, the agency will follow up on their welfare.

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