



**美國：**最近調查顯示，更正宗教會人數首次降至50%以下。而90年代以來，不隸屬任何宗派的教會增長則接近4倍，相當於傳統教會的衰退。福音派信徒人數自80年以來無大變動，在18-29歲的成人中，福音派信徒仍在增長。

<Christianity Today, christianitytoday.com, December 12>

**印尼：**50年前，一對宣教士帶著男嬰，戰戰兢兢地到西巴布亞的偏遠食人族沙未部落，出乎意外，那嬰孩竟被視為和平的徵兆，嬰孩與他的三個弟妹安穩在部落中長大。本年初，宣教士與他三個兒子回到部落，不敢想像有甚麼遭遇，只聽說有兩三千人預備迎接他們，50人等待洗禮。抵達那天，數千人穿著傳統服裝歡呼喝采迎接。主日崇拜後，宣教士踏入河中要施行洗禮時，受洗者竟增多了250人。這個故事已記載在一本名為《和平嬰孩》的書內，且已製作了電影。

<Pioneers, www.pioneers.org, 11/13/12>

**中國：**最近一機構派送贈了3萬本聖經。數量雖多，但現時國內教會每天增加35,000信徒，其中50%是居於農村地區，3萬本聖經趕不上農村兩天的增長所需。信徒接到聖經後，多數在6週內便全本讀完，第一年會另有5人讀，平均3位信主。醫治神蹟在遍遠地區引起大復興。機構同工看到一位曾失去頭髮的女士信主後完全長回來，一個天生不能言語的男人受感動信主後，竟然說話流利全無障礙。這所教會現有600人。

<Bibles For China, www.biblesforchina.org, 11/20/12>

**手語聖經：**世上有3億失聰人士，其中7萬會用手語，但7萬人中只有2%曾聽過福音。難以想像，全球手語共有200-400種。一個製作了40多年錄音聖經的機構，完成了一套美國手語聖經的錄影，放在Deaf Bible.is網站免費供全球下載。他們也獲得准許，兩個月內將製作14種手語聖經。

<Faith Comes by Hearing, faithcomesbyhearing.com, 11/12/12>

**巴基斯坦：**去年8月被人誤會控告褻瀆、燒燬可蘭經的14歲弱智女孩，已被法院判為無罪。9月法院拘留一伊斯蘭教師，指他嫌疑為激動群眾反基督教情緒，栽置偽証，故批准女孩假釋。該教師已被拘留受審。褻瀆法受大眾

擁護，近兩年，兩名提議修改褻瀆罪法令的高級官員，都被鎗殺。1987年以來，約有250宗同類的褻瀆罪案，經上訴後，大多數都被法院銷案。但暴徒們經常非法擅自處刑，自1990年以來已有50人被殺。

<Mission Network News, www.mnnonline.org, 11/21/12>

**埃及：**雖仍常有政治騷亂，一基督教衛星電視台繼續採訪時事，並在每星期日播放時事節目。節目非政治性，而是表達基督徒觀點，如：人民彼此對話、祈求和平及消除暴行、報導國外信徒的代禱、宣告在基督裡的盼望及神仍掌管的信息等。據2008年的調查，全國8,000萬人口中有1.4%經常收看。

<SAT-7, www.sat7.org, 11/29/12>

**剛果民主共和國：**自80年代早期，這一個自然資源如鑽石、金、木材等豐富的國家，是鄰近國家爭戰的中心。從1998到2001年，國內死去650萬人。2008年，嚴重爭戰重燃，千萬人逃亡。該國是世上最貧窮的國家，80%的人每日生活費不足美金一元。一機構在1995年開始照顧難民兒童，2006年在東部協助難民重建家園。他們已完成了一些可持久的進展：協助超過129,000人，供應9,000多個家庭糧種、農具及改善農作訓練，成立179個有入息的合作社及10個儲蓄借貸公社，也建立了4個有藥品供應的健康中心等。

<Food For the Hungry, www.fh.org, 11/27/12>

**西班牙文研讀本聖經：**57位拉丁美洲神學家參與這本研讀本的編著，雖在美國印製，卻出於拉丁美洲作者之手及思維。它成為了全拉丁美洲牧者的核心資源，這些牧者都具有高文學水平，苦無機會受神學教育。

<HCJB Global, www.hcjb.org, 11/16/12>

**澳洲：**一位佈道家30年前首度在紐加素城舉行大型佈道，今日重歸協助百多個教會向新一代的人傳遞耶穌的愛及福音信息。為時兩天的全城節慶，3萬多人蜂湧而出，欣賞現場音樂節目、為兒童而設的表演及活動、晚上的福音聚會。結果有幾百人信主。這是匯聚了一連串事工帶來的高潮，包括16項為學生、軍事人員、社會及商業領袖的聚會，加上訓練50位佈道者。

<Luis Palau Association, www.palau.org, 11/28/12>



**USA:** A recent survey showed that, for the first time, people affiliated with the Protestant Church has dropped below 50%. Those have no affiliation has grown almost four times since the 90s and correlates strongly with the decline of mainline churches. The evangelicals has been holding more or less steady since the 80s. Among the adults 18- to 29-year-olds, the evangelicals are still growing.

<Christianity Today, christianitytoday.com, December 12>

**Indonesia:** Fifty years ago, a missionary couple with an infant son came to the cannibalistic Sawi tribe in the remote area of West Papua with some fear and trembling. It turned out that the tribe viewed the infant as a sign of peace. With his 3 siblings, the child grew up among the Sawi. Earlier this year, the father and his 3 sons returned to Sawi not knowing what to expect besides being told that 2-3,000 will greet them and 50 wait to be baptized. Upon their arrival, thousands in traditional garbs shouted and cheered. After the Sunday service, 250 more stepped into the river to be baptized. The full story is chronicled in a book, "Peace Child," as well as movie.

<Pioneers, www.pioneers.org, 11/13/12>

**China:** An agency recently distributed a seemingly large number of 30,000 Bibles. But with the church growing by 35,000 per day, 50% of them in rural areas like where they were, it barely met 2 days' needs. After getting the Bible, a believer often reads it through in 6 weeks. 5 others will read it in the 1st year on average and 3 come to Christ. Healing sparked revival in one remote area. The agency people met a lady who lost her hair saw her hair grew back after accepted Christ. This inspired a man born mute. He accepted Christ and was given a voice with complete vocabulary. Their church now has 600 people.

<Bibles For China, www.biblesforchina.org, 11/20/12>

**Deaf Bible:** There are 300 million deaf people in the world, 70 million of them use sign, but only 2% of these have ever heard the gospel. Contrary to common perception, there are 200 to 400 different sign languages. An agency, having been recording Bibles for 40 years, has produced an app that will provide video American Sign Language Bible streaming anywhere around the world free on Deaf Bible.is. They received permission for 14 more languages to be added in a couple months.

<Faith Comes by Hearing, faithcomesbyhearing.com, 11/12/12>

**Pakistan:** The 14-year old mentally disabled girl wrongfully charged of blasphemy by burning pages of Koran last August is free. The court granted her bail in September after a cleric was detained on suspicion of planting evidence to stir up

anti-Christian resentment. The cleric is now on trial. The blasphemy law is popular. Past 2 years, 2 senior officials who suggested reform were shot dead. Since 1987, there have been some 250 cases. Most convictions were thrown out on appeal, but mobs often take the law into their own hands. 50 have been killed since 1990.

<Mission Network News/ www.mnnonline.org, 11/21/12>

**Egypt:** Amidst the political turmoil, a Christian satellite television station continues to cover current events and broadcast on a show every Sunday. The broadcast is strictly non-political, but with a Christian perspective in the form of citizens speaking to each other, praying for peace and non-violence, others outside praying for them, the hope in Christ, and God still in charge. A 2008 survey showed that 1.4% of 80 million population watched programs on the station.

<SAT-7, www.sat7.org, 11/29/12>

**Congo-DRC:** Since early 90s this nation rich in natural resources like gold, diamonds and timber has been at the center of conflict among nearby nations that killed 2.5 million from 1998 to 2001. Severe clashes renewed in 2008 forcing thousands to flee. The nation remains the world's poorest with 80% living on less than \$1 a day. An agency began to assist refugee children in 1995, and to help refugees rebuild their lives in the east in 2006. They have made sustainable progress: helping 129,000+ people; supplying 9,000 families with seeds, tools and training for improved agricultural practice; forming 179 income generating groups and 10 savings and loan associations; and providing 4 health centers with medical supplies.

<Food For the Hungry, www.fh.org, 11/27/12>

**Spanish Study Bible:** A group of 57 Latin American theologians contributed to the study Bible. Though printed in the US, it was with a Latin American mindset and authors from Latin America. It now can be used as a core source for pastors throughout Latin America who are highly literate but never had the opportunity for theological education.

<HCJB Global, www.hcjb.org, 11/16/12>

**Australia:** Thirty years after his first campaign in Newcastle, an evangelist returned to help more than 100 churches to reach new generations with the love and gospel of Jesus. 30,000 crowded the two-day CityFest venue for live music, kid-friendly shows and activities, and nightly gospel presentation. Several hundred people made decisions for Christ. This was the culmination of a season of ministry: 16 evangelistic events for students, military people, civic and business leaders, plus training and mentoring of 50 evangelists.

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