

耶穌傳:億萬人看過這套超過1,000個語言版本的電影,2億人決志信主。這機構開始了一項新的「保羅事工」,包含一套電影、門訓課程及一系列的查經資料,以使徒保羅生平幫助信徒生命成長,特別有助於偏遠地區的信徒。這機構需要許多代禱勇士,現徵召1,000名為他們禱告1,000日。有意者請電郵prayforpaulproject@jesusfilm.org。

<JESUS Film Project, www.jesusfilm.org, 4/11/13>

徵召老師:宣教工場需要具教學學位、有執照、一年以上經驗的老師;也需要科技人員、電腦程序員及應用程序開發人員。尤其需要小學老師,希望能吸引宣教士留在工場,也協助訓練本地老師。科技及電腦工作人員方面,希望發展以手機等供應農村信徒資訊的技術。詳情請登網站www.maf.org。

<Mission Aviation Fellowship, www.maf.org, 4/9/13>

監獄事工與罪案:過去20年美國的暴力罪案減少,專家提出了不同的解釋。20年前開始的一項項監獄事工的主管指出,這類事工的出現可能是一重要因素。很多個案顯示,曾受門徒訓練的釋囚較少重犯,也較易重新適應社會生活。這機構今年訓練45,000名囚犯,數字不斷在增長,他們需要更多義工如教師、聖經課程閱卷者、撰寫激勵信件的人等。一些工作可在個人寓所進行。有意者請登 crossroadbible institute. org網站。

<Crossroad Bible Institute, crossroadbibleinstitute.org, 4/8/13>

沙特阿拉伯:國內的主要伊斯蘭領袖聲言要「除滅這區域內所有教會」。這王國的憲法訂明無宗教自由,所有公民必須歸依伊斯蘭教,改信其他宗教者可被處死刑。國內也無任何教會,少數基督徒冒死生存,甚至不能與他人談及信仰。該聲言是對來訪的科威特官員發表的,顯然是針對整個阿拉伯半島的教會。

<Voice of the Martyrs, www.persecution.com, 4/1/13>

埃及:涉及宗教信仰的暴行在增長,教會被摧毀,基督徒被殺或受干擾。基督徒聲稱,應保護他們的警察與暴徒同夥,向教會發射催淚彈。所謂「阿拉伯之春」已變為「基督徒之冬」。埃及本土基督教徒人數佔全國9,000萬人口的10%,許多已逃往國外。

<Open Doors USA, www.opendoorsusa.org, 4/9/13>

墨西哥:在一些宣教士駐守的地區有長期乾旱的問題。 春季農耕開始時缺水,自來水系統又停頓,無技工修 理,人民為此爭執,連宣教士也要考慮遷移。一宣教士 送出電郵給所屬機構的支持者,請求為下雨代禱。幾天 後的早上9時,黑雲開始佈滿天空,至下午1時大雨傾盆 而降。這事不單加強他們的信心,也大大鼓勵了當地的 年青基督徒,親自看到神直接回應子民的祈求。他們仍 極需要求雨的禱告,也祈求神差遣合格的維修人員修理 他們的自來水系統。

<New Tribe Mission, www.ntm.org, 1/22/13>

土耳其: SAT-7的土耳其觀眾不久便可以收看該電視台由 伊斯坦堡發射的每週網上突厥語節目,包括新聞及聖經 課程。觀眾也可打電話發表意見或發問。該電台數年前 加入SAT-7網絡,觀眾可以收看網站或社交網絡的許多活 動。據統計,超過三分之一的土耳其人每月平均看210個 錄影片。這廣播是發展衛星廣播的前奏,日後可以接觸 更大量的觀眾。

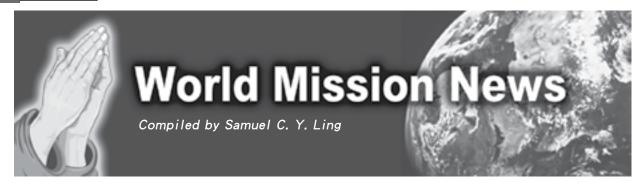
<SAT-7, www.sat7.org, 4/4/13>

古巴:自2010年政府放鬆管制,允許有私人小企業及農場以來,已有20萬小企業興起,供37萬人就業。一機構與一組教會合作,向信徒提供免息微額貸款,幫助創立小型菜場及豬場,唯一要求是維持給當地教會什一奉獻。這就大大加強了教會的福音事工。雖然這些人都非常貧窮,但在什一奉獻外又幫助一些更窮困的人,把餘下的農產品送給無法維生的長者們。

<Farms International, www.farmsinternational.com, 3/27/13>

阿塞拜疆:法庭判一位牧師罰款1,900元美金,他曾於2007年被誣告而遭逮捕。這次的罰款對他是雙重的慘劇,因為他正為患上胰臟癌的妻子安排醫療。該國政府過去十年更嚴厲限制宗教自由,不准福音派教會註冊,阻止教會聚會。這教會自1994年已申請註冊未果。生活在伊斯蘭教控制的整個中亞地區內,基督徒面對極大的困局。

<Slavic Gospel Association, www.sga.org, 4/12/13>



Jesus Film: Billions of people have seen the more than 1,000 editions of different languages of the film with more than 200 millions making decisions for Christ. A Paul Project is being started which includes a feature film, a discipleship series, and printed Bible studies using Paul's life to help people grow in faith. This is especially useful for people in remote areas. They need much prayer and are recruiting 1,000 prayer warriors to pray for 1,000 days. E-mail prayforpaulproject@ jesusfilm.org for detail.

<JESUS Film Project, www.jesusfilm.org, 4/11/13>

Teachers needed: Teachers with teaching degree, state certification and at least one year experience, as well as technology professionals, programmers, and app developers, are needed in the mission fields. Elementary teachers are needed especially in attracting and keeping missionaries, and training national workers. Technology professionals help in providing information to people in rural areas through cell phones, etc. Contact www.maf.org for more information.

<Mission Aviation Fellowship, www.maf.org, 4/9/13>

Prison ministry and Crime: Violent crime in USA has declined in the past 20 years. Experts posed some explanations. The leader of a prison ministry started 20 years ago says that prison ministry could be a significant factor. Many studies have shown that discipled criminals are less likely to be repeat offenders once released, and easier in assimilating back into the society. This ministry works with 45,000 prisoners this year, and the number is growing. They need more volunteers: teachers, Bible study lesson graders, letters of encouragement writers, etc. Some work can be done in ones home. Contact the following website in the reference.

<Crossroad Bible Institute, crossroadbibleinstitute.org, 4/8/13>

Saudi Arabia: The top Islamic official has declared that it is 'necessary to destroy all the churches in the region.' The constitution of this kingdom has no provision for religious freedom. All citizens must adhere to Islam, and conversion to another religion is punishable by death. There are no churches there, and the few Christians take great risk for their faith, even in talking to someone about it. The statement was made in a meeting with visiting Kuwaiti officials. So it is meant for the entire region.

< Voice of the Martyrs, www.persecution.com, 4/1/13>

Egypt: Religious violence is increasing, churches being destroyed, Christians killed and harassed. Christians claimed that the police, supposedly to protect them, were actually sided with the mobs and fired tear gases into the churches. "Arab spring" has become a "Christian winter." Coptic Christians compose about 10% of the 90 million people. Many have fled the country.

< Open Doors USA, www.opendoorsusa.org, 4/9/13>

Mexico: Persistent drought was stirring trouble where some missionaries have been stationed. Water began running dry and water system broke with no technician to fix it just when planting in spring should start. People began to fight and missionaries considered moving. Then one missionary sent out an e-mail to their agency supporters asking for prayers. Soon afterwards, at 9am clouds began to build around the area, even forecast was to stay hot and dry. By 1pm it was raining "cats and dogs." This not only built their faith but was an encouragement to young native believers to see God answered directly to prayers. They need continued prayer for rain and for qualified technician to fix the water system.

<New Tribe Mission, www. ntm.org, 1/22/13>

Turkey: Viewers of SAT-7 Turk will soon be able to view weekly newscast and Bible teaching program live online from the studios in Istanbul. They can then call in with comments and questions. A few years ago, the station joined the SAT-7 network, and they have seen a lot of activity on their website and in social media. Over a third of the Turks watch an average of 210 videos online each month. This is a step towards broadcasting on Turkish satellite to much larger audience.

<SAT-7, www.sat7.org, 4/4/13>

Cuba: Since officials relaxed restrictions in 2010 to allow private small business and farms, more than 200,000 small businesses have opened with 370,000 workers. An agency has partnered with a group of churches to provide small, no interest loans for small vegetable farms and piggery projects. The only requirement is to tithe to the local church. This has helped greatly the local evangelism and outreach. Though these people are desperately poor, they do more than tithing. They reach out to the even less fortunate, like sending surplus crops to the destitute senior citizens.

<Farms International, www.farmsinternational.com,</p>

Azerbaijan: A court has levied a severe fine of \$1,900 on a pastor. This pastor was arrested and charged on trumped charges in 2007. This is doubly tragic for him as his wife has developed pancreatic cancer and he is in the midst of getting her treated. Officials restricted religious freedom over the last decade, refusing registration for evangelical churches and restricting churches from holding services. The church has been seeking registration since 1994 without getting it. Christians in the entire Muslim dominated Central Asia are having a very difficult time.

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