



**南韓：**自1970年代以來，宣教事工的增長迅速，至今60個宗派共差派了2萬名宣教士到177個國家去。但自2007年以來開始增長減緩，只差出較成熟的宣教士，部分原因是當年在阿富汗的慘案。當時，23名南韓宣教士被伊斯蘭教恐怖分子綁架，其中兩名被殺害，其他的人稍後才被釋放。

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**美國：**操西班牙語者的人長期離開了天主教信仰。今天，他們當中，70%在天主教家庭長大，但只有一半仍信天主教。離開者之中31%轉信福音派信仰，22%加入主流基督教會，13%轉信其他信仰，34%不屬於任何宗教團體。

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**母語聖經：**數年前，一些聖經翻譯機構聯合訂下目標：到2025年時，世上仍沒有母語聖經的所有群體都已開始了翻譯聖經的工作。如今仍有1,919個群體有這項需要，但這個合作已使目標較易到達。而科技的進展，如衛星通訊設備、電腦程序等方面的幫助都很大。30年前，翻譯一個新約經卷平均需要20年，現在只需8年。

<Wycliffe Associates, www.wycliffe.org, 11/26/13>

**遊戲卡聖經：**一套聖經故事的遊戲卡已在各地用來傳福音，非常有效，尤其是在經常使用口傳與講故事的東亞鄉村中。這套遊戲卡是由一位福音工人用他幾個十來歲女兒的圖畫來製作。卡分舊約故事和新約故事兩種，兩種合成一組，售價美金十元，經由123goshare.com網站出售。所有收入會存入一宣教基金，每售一組，便會把一組送給市場上的福音使者。

<International Mission Board, imb.org, 11/27/13>

**哈薩克斯坦：**一體育事工足球隊(4名外國宣教士，2名本地宣教工人及5位本地非信徒朋友)與一監獄球隊作友誼賽。賽後，一裁判分享他的見證，幾位犯人表示對福音感興趣。現在，每月比賽後，雙方的球員都自由分享福音。

<e3 Partners, www.e3partners.org, 11/20/13>

**印度：**在這多言語和族群的國家，教會常停留在自己的文化圈內，很少向別地別族群的人傳福音。現在，信徒比率較高的南部教會訓練並差派宣教士，他們突破自己的文化範圍，特別到北部一些伊斯蘭地區，那是極不歡迎外國人之地。

<The Mission Society, www.themissionsociety.org, 11/19/13>

**黎巴嫩：**基督徒與伊斯蘭極端分子在爭鬥，也有敘利亞難民因內戰而逃入帶來的張力，但基督徒受聖靈感動要抓住機會彰顯基督的愛。他們幫助難民找住宿地方、食物、學校及工作，同時也打開福音之門。

<Sat-7, www.sat7usa.org, 11/22/13>

**福音實習工作：**一位教育系四年級學生，在危地馬拉一福音機構的孤兒院實習，同時獲得學分。她並非每天只花幾小時帶孩童作手工藝，而是全時間在服侍。幾週之內，早上替他們穿衣服、中午幫助進餐、睡前講故事等等，流露出神的愛，讓她與小朋友、他們的保母及其他工作人員建立了良好的關係，自己也學會了很多理論的實際應用。除了在危地馬拉以外，這所機構在烏干達及多米尼克也有同樣的事工。

<Orphan's Heart, www.orphanheart.org, 12/13/13>

**烏克蘭：**成千上萬人抗議政府「反西歐」政策的行動，已持續了數星期。一些在群眾中設立禱告棚的牧師們，感受到屬靈開放的氣氛，甚至屬靈復興的開端。人人都要求得到聖經或新約聖經。大家雖然都驚惶萬分，但決意堅持下去。有一年青人目睹防暴警察拆掉群眾所擺放的臨時圍欄後，逐步走近講臺，此刻，一教會的鐘聲響起，如同求助的呼聲。天上出現一些變動，警察慢慢退後。那一刻，這位年青人歸主了。

<Russian Ministries, russian-ministries.org, 12/16/13>

<Evangelical Free Church of America, www.efca.org, 12/13/13>

**危地馬拉：**幾十年的內戰中(1962-1993)，20萬人被殺，許許多多的人失去了所有財產和土地。2010年，一個60家庭的組合經過多年的訴求，終於從政府獲得荒僻山野中的一片土地，那裏甚麼都沒有，沒有電或自來水，他們以樹木搭屋，用塑膠作屋頂。神帶領一機構無意中發現了他們，開始為他們作醫療，並供應一些物資，放映「耶穌傳」電影和講解福音，一些人信了主。這機構會繼續遣差短宣隊前去，蓋房屋、安裝供水設施、建教堂和學校等等。

<Paradise Bound Ministries, www.paradisebound.org, 12/10/13>



**South Korea:** Mission movement has grown rapidly since the late 1970s. Today, there are 20,000 Korean missionaries sent by 60 denominations to fields of 177 countries. This growth has slowed since 2007 as only mature missionaries are sent out, partly due to the tragic incident in Afghanistan. 23 Korean missionaries were kidnapped by the Taliban terrorists. Two were killed before the others were released.

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**USA:** Hispanic Americans have long been leaving Catholicism. Today, 7 in 10 were raised Catholics, but only 1 in 2 stayed. Of those leaving 31% went to Evangelical churches, 22% to Mainline churches, 13% to other faiths, and 34% unaffiliated. Of the Arab Americans almost 70% are Christians.

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**Mother-tongue Bible:** A few years ago, a group of translation agencies committed to see a Bible translation work in progress for every language in the world needing it by year 2025. Today there are still 1,919 of those. But the combined effort of these agencies has lessened the time. Also helping greatly are advances in technology like satellite communication, computer programs, etc. 30 years ago, it took 20 years to complete a New Testament book on the average. Today, it is down to 8 years.

<Wycliffe Associates, www.wycliffe.org, 11/26/13>

**Playing Card Bible:** Decks of playing cards depicting Bible stories produced by a gospel worker using pictures drawn by his teenage girls are used by many to spread the gospel effectively, especially in rural East Asia where word of mouth and story telling are most common. There are two different decks, one each for Old and New Testament. Cards are available at 123goshare.com, \$10 per set. Sale proceeds go into a mission fund and for each set ordered, a set is sent to a worker in the field.

<International Mission Board, imb.org, 11/27/13>

**Kazakhstan:** A sports ministry soccer team of 4 expat workers, 2 national believers and 5 non-believer friends play a team of prisoners. After the game, a referee shared his testimony and several prisoners took interest in the gospel. It has become a monthly event and gospel has been shared freely to people on both sides.

<e3 Partners, www.e3partners.org, 11/20/13>

**India:** Historically, in this nation of very diverse language and people group, the church has stayed in their own state, own language and groups, not reaching out to others. Now, the Christians of higher concentration in the south are training and sending out internal missionaries outside of their cultural boundaries, especially to some of the Muslim areas of the

north, where it is sensitive for Westerners to go.

<The Mission Society, www.themissionsociety.org, 11/19/13>

**Lebanon:** Amidst the internal conflict between the Christians and Islamic extremists with the added stress of Syrian refugees from their civil war, Christians are inspired by the Spirit to grasp the opportunity to exhibit the love of God. They are helping refugees to get housing, food, children into school, and jobs where possible. It opens a way to share Christ.

<Sat-7, www.sat7usa.org, 11/22/13>

**Mission Internship:** A senior elementary education student gets college credits as she intern with a Christian agency in orphanage in Guatemala. Not just helping kids for a few hours on arts and crafts, for weeks she gets to dress them in the morning, helps at meal times, and reading stories to them before bedtime. She is able to show Christ's love and build up relationship with orphans, the nannies and other workers. She has learned much in practical application of theories. Besides Guatemala, the agency has ministry in Uganda and Dominican Republic.

<Orphan's Heart, www.orphanheart.org, 12/13/13>

**Ukraine:** The protest movement of thousands against official anti-Europe policy has persisted for weeks. The church leaders that set up a prayer tent in the midst of it, sense a spiritual openness among the people and perhaps the beginning of a revival. Everyone is requesting a Bible or a New Testament. People are scared but determine to carry on. There is a story of a young man witnessing the riot police tearing down the barricades and advancing very close to the stage when the bells of St Michael's church started ringing as if crying for help. Some thing happened in the sky, and the police moved back. At that point he believed in God.

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**Guatemala:** In decades of civil war (1962 to 1996), 200,000 were killed and many lost properties and plantations. In 2010, 60 families banded together finally were rewarded by the officials in the mountainous region a plantation. They had nothing, no electricity, no running water, and live in shacks built with stick and plastic roofs. An agency led by God, stumbled on them and started providing medical services and meeting other physical needs. A showing of the Jesus film and sharing of the gospel led many to Christ. The agency will continue to send short-term teams to work in building homes, water supply, a church, a school, etc.

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