

美國:一個對科學與宗教大規模的研究發現,全國1,200萬科學家中,200萬自稱為福音派基督徒,即17%,在回應者的比例中則佔23%。其他宗教信仰者的比例是(科學家,回應者):主流派基督徒(25%,27%);天主教徒(19%,24%);無神論者/不可知論者/無宗教信仰者(24%,16%);猶太教徒(4%,2%);其他宗教信仰者(11%,9%)。

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北韓:這個對基督徒逼迫最殘酷的國家,全民必須崇拜昔日和在位的領袖。若被發現是基督徒,會受到嚴刑拷打,送進世上最嚴密的監獄或公開處死。但一些秘密信徒仍冒死傳福音。一機構正幫助某地下教會訓練24名植堂者,然後再倍進訓練。自2008年以來,他們已差出180名。極需要為他們的靈命增長,滿有智慧,洞察辨識能力及安全代禱。

<Christian Aid Mission, www.christianaid.org, 4/7/14>

盧旺達:兩個機構一起合作,能夠很快地不斷供應6,000 人的清潔食水。在抽水機上安置了感應器,當抽水機功 能異常時會發出警告,得到及時的維修,大大增進抽水 機的效率。工作人員因此可以到其他社區挖掘更多水 井,聯繫社區人士及基督徒,與未信者分享福音。

<Living Water International, www.water.cc, 4/7/14>

中國:在政府已註冊的教會中,會眾大多較年長,很少青年,影響了人數的增長。一個機構幫助一些教會設立照顧兒童及青年事工,吸引他們。一個有效的策略是組織小組,針對40來歲的人。當這比較年青的一代進入了教會,就可以開始青年事工。有些教會採用這策略後,會眾從年長到年幼的都有了。

< China Partner, www.chinapartner.org, 3/31/14>

阿富汗:在中亞細亞,極少人見過聖經。一機構開始了一個當地語言的廣播節目——生命秘訣,透過衛星電視帶給他們聖經智慧。節目會討論一些社會課題,如近期的家庭暴力事件、饒恕及和平等,並接受觀眾來電。雖然打電話是危險的,因為有秘密警察監察電話、電郵、短信等,抓到了會被監禁或處死;但來電話不絕,有些人分享他們曾陷於絕望的經歷,因信了耶穌而得到平安及喜樂。

<Sat-7, www.sat7usa.org, 3/31/14>

白俄羅斯:自1991獨立後,一直與俄羅斯保持密切的政治與經濟關係,1999年並簽訂了聯盟條約,展望更密切合一。幾年前,所有外國宣教士和基督教事工人員都被驅逐出境,教會出現領導階層真空。本土信徒填補空缺,維持教會事工,但在資深領袖與新興領袖中間,出現很大的年齡差距。同時,許多牧者視政府的逼迫與干擾為更多壓制的先兆,選擇移民外國。最近一機構在3個不同城市培訓了140名領袖,栽培他們有更多技能,使能有更創新和更有效的福音事工。

< Global Advance, www.globaladvance.org, 4/2/14>

柬埔寨:許多家庭每日僅以2美元過活,而且收入常變動,農民特別如此。一個機構推動「儲蓄小組」計劃幫助他們,這計畫與「微額貸款」不同,資金皆來自當地人。每組10至12人,為期一年,每週聚集一次,把他們有的金錢放在一安全箱內。這箱的作用像銀行,箱內的錢以低利率貸款給組員救急、付學費或做生意之用。這機構也教導他們聖經原則的管理制度、儲蓄概念及負責任的花費,成功地提升他們的經濟狀況及靈命成長。

< Food For the Hungry, www.fh,org, 4/3/14>

海地:90%的人自稱為基督徒,但極少重生得救,一半的人奉行伏都教巫術為主要信仰。這宗教以猜忌和恐嚇來控制大眾。自2001年大地震後,教會實行有組織的福音事工,數以千計的人得到復興,奠下穩固的門徒訓練根基。一機構在350間小學中教導聖經課程。夏季則在教會開辦四年制的平信徒培訓,並開放營地作夏令營場所等。

<Baptist Haiti Mission, www.bhm.org, 3/13>

穆斯林:激進穆斯林針對基督徒,每年有1億到2億基督徒被逼迫,每5分鐘便有一位基督徒殉道,85%發生在伊斯蘭國家。但有成千成萬的穆斯林歸主。一機構對他們傳講耶穌的故事,有效地帶領他們信主。許多穆斯林對暴行很不滿,而且伊斯蘭教沒有永恆的教導。

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USA: The largest study on views on science and religion found that 2 million of 12 million scientists identify as Evangelicals. That is 17% as compared to 23% among all respondents. For other beliefs (scientists, all respondents): Mainline Protestant (25%, 27%); Catholic (19%, 24%); Atheist/Agnostic/None (24%, 16%); Other (11%, 9%); Jewish (4%, 2%).

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North Korea: This nation is the worst persecutor of Christians. Everyone is required to worship the current leader and his predecessors. It leaves no room for other religion. If Christians are discovered, they are tortured, sent to hard labor in world's worst prison system, or publicly executed. Yet, secret believers are committed to risk their lives to share the gospel. An agency has helped an underground church to train and send out 24 church planters. Since 2008, 180 of them have been sent out. 24 more will be in training. They all urgently need prayers for their spiritual growth, wisdom, discernment and safety.

<Christian Aid Mission, www.christianaid.org, 4/7/14>

Rwanda: An agency has partnered with another to supply consistently-clean water to 6,000 people soon. Sensors will be put on well pumps that can send out alert if the pumps are not working correctly. This will greatly increase the efficiency of the pumps and their repair. It allows also more wells dug in other communities, bringing each community and Christians together, and more opportunity to share the gospel with unbelievers.

<Living Water International, www.water.cc, 4/7/14>

China: The congregations of registered churches are old with very few young people, hampering growth. An agency is helping churches to reach the children and teenagers with child-care services and youth training. A successful strategy is to start small group meetings targeting the 40-somethings. Once reaching the younger generation, youth ministry can be initiated. Some churches have adopted the strategy and see congregations now having all age groups.

< China Partner, www.chinapartner.org, 3/31/14>

Afghanistan: Millions all over Central Asia have never held a Bible. An agency has started a new local-language program, called Secret of Life, bringing the wisdom of Scripture to them via satellite TV. The program deals with social issues, like recently on domestic violence, forgiveness, and peace; and take telephone calls. Though it is risky for people to call, as secret police monitors calls, e-mail, and texting. People may be imprisoned or killed if caught. But calls continue to come in, some sharing their suffering and despair but now finding peace and joy in accepting Jesus.

<Sat-7, www.sat7usa.org, 3/31/14>

Belarus: Attained independence in 1991, the nation retained very close political and economic ties to Russia and signed a treaty on a two-state union in 1999 envisioned greater integration. A few years ago, all foreign missionaries and Christian workers were deported resulting in a leadership vacuum overnight. Local believers filled in and have kept growing. But there is a large generation gap between the senior leaders and emerging ones. Also many pastors saw the persecution/harassment from the government as sign of more pressure ahead and chose to migrate to other nations. An agency was able to minister and train over 140 leaders in 3 cities giving them more tools to be creative in ministry outreach and be more productive.

< Global Advance, www.globaladvance.org, 4/2/14>

Cambodia: Many families live on less than \$2 a day on fluctuating income, especially for the farmers. An agency has helped them with a "savings group" program, different from micro-enterprise loans in that all capital comes from the people. A group of 10-12 gathers weekly for a fix period, say a year, to put in what they have in a lock box. This acts as a bank from which members can get loans with small interest rate for emergency, school fee, or business. The agency train them in biblical principles of management, saving and responsible spending. The program has worked well financially and in discipleship.

<Food For the Hungry, www.fh,org, 4/3/14>

Haiti: 90% of people claim to be Christian, but very few are born again. Voodoo is practiced by half of the people making it the leading religion and controlling the masses by mistrust and fear. Since the quake in 2001, the churches have had more of an organized outreach. Spiritual revivals were reported by the thousand. Education is the strong base to build discipleship. An agency is working with 350 elementary schools providing biblical education for children. Each summer the agency sponsors four-year program to train laity in churches and open camps for retreats, etc.

< Baptist Haiti Mission, www.bhm.org, 3/13>

Muslims: Radical Islam is aiming at Christians. Of 100-200 millions Christians persecuted yearly and one Christian martyred every 5 minutes, 85% occurred in Islamic nations. Yet thousands of Muslims are coming to Christ. An agency has used successfully the story-telling method to reach many disillusioned and discontent with the violence and finding no eternal security in Islam with the story of Jesus.

<Scriptures In Use, www.siutraining.org, 3/24/14>