

拉丁美洲:一個人的世界觀,51-55%在他5歲時定形,至 12歲時,80%已定形了。一西班牙語機構成功地錄製一個 半小時的指頭木偶影片,對兒童們講述聖經故事。使一 個不諳西班牙語的宣教士,也能使用來接觸許多兒童和 家長。這樣的聖經故事短片已經完成了5個,適用於暑期 聖經班或主日學。如今,他們也將影片轉為拉丁美洲、 印度、莫桑比克等地區的20多種語言。

< Wycliffe Associates, www.wycliffe.org, 11/3/14>

南亞:10上旬,印度與巴勒斯坦邊界發生鎗戰,不久之 後,出現轟動一時的和平談話:一機構在第三國家召開 兩國教會領袖會議。這是在16個月前第一次會議後的第 二次跟進會議。第一次會議中,每個國家的十位領袖決 定每月的第三日絕食禱告。這次會議,他們發現擁有共 同目標的喜樂,也常個別交談,最後帶著每個國家的新 福音措施及策略離開。他們也定下目標,在2020年將福 音傳到三個國家中所有未得福音的群體,並竭力栽培被 召獻身事奉的年青基督徒。

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印尼:新總統就職後,基督徒感到較輕鬆及欣慰。新總 統在爪哇島的貧民窟長大,由市長迅速地躍為總統。當 他第一次在國會演說時,講述了傳統的穆斯林賀辭後, 接著向國內的基督徒問安,申明他是所有國民的總統。 基督教是該國六個受法律保障的宗教之一,但在這世上 穆斯林最多並控制的國家,官員常常對基督徒因信仰被 侵犯或逼迫時漠不關心。基督徒希望這位新總統較開放 及包容的心態,能除去一些限制,改善現狀。

> < Forgotten Missionaries International, forgottenmissionaries.org, 10/29/14>

伊朗: 傳福音可能會帶來被囚或更嚴重的後果。一陌生 人曾暗暗將一份解釋福音及如何得著基督的單張傳給一 年青婦女;但她一直忽略。八年後的一天,她被一基督 教衛星電視台的節目所吸引,接通了銀幕上的電話號 碼,與一培談員談論福音,並幸運地在附近找到一家庭 教會。

<Sat-7, www.sat7usa.org, 10/30/14>

伊拉克:伊斯蘭國對所有不完全聽從他們命令的人施 暴,使成千上萬的穆斯林及其他宗教的信徒成為難民,

流離失所。懷著恐懼世界觀的穆斯林,被福音帶來的 盼望所吸引。據一些機構的報導,每當工作人員開箱 派發救濟物品及聖經時,常被渴望拿到聖經的人所「襲 擊」,並造成聖經荒。

<Christian Aid Mission, www.christianaid.org 10/27/14>

菲律賓:一機構在一室內運動場舉辦音樂佈道會,參加 的4,000多人都可以免費拿到一本聖經。一位牧師兼主持 人報導,接到許多電話、電郵及短信查詢,恐怕來晚了 得不到聖經。據保守估計,會中有500人第一次接受耶穌 為救主,也有數百人再次委身於主。

<Christian Resources International, www.cribooks.org,</p>

人口都市化/遷移:今日普世教會面對兩大挑戰:1.約有半 數的人口住在都市內,五個人口最多的城市都在亞洲,包 括東京、雅加達、新德里、首爾及馬尼拉。2. 人口遷移是 人口都市化趨勢的主要原因之一,據聯合國估計,2030年 將有50億人住在都市,2億300萬人移民國外。傳統的傳福 音方式及策略,不一定適用於這種變化無常的局勢;這是 一個嚴峻問題,但也帶來不尋常的契機。

<Mission Network News, www.mnnonline.org, 10/14/14</p>

巴西:這個被視為發展中的國家,雖然東南部的地區很 興旺,但東北部的人口卻生活在極貧困的光景中,沒有 自來水,嬰兒死亡率極高,並且屢屢患病。最糟的是缺 乏機會,無論教育、經濟等任何機會都沒有。而且,人 民生活在屬靈黑暗中,非洲黑巫術(相當於海地的巫毒教) 的中心就在其中一城市。令人驚奇的是,當一機構進入 該區公開傳揚福音時,沒有遇到任何攔阻。他們能夠與 當地教會合作,設立兒童培育中心,關懷兒童的屬靈、 物質及情緒上的需要。這是當地小教會能承擔的唯一事 工。

<Mission Network News, www.mnnonline.org, 10/17/14>

**烏克蘭**:在最近的大選,四位福音派浸信會信徒驚喜地 當選為國會議員。新成立的政黨當選人數領先各黨,與 其他傾向西方的政黨議員合佔議會大多數。現時的總 統、首相及議會主席,都是新政黨黨員,也都是浸信會 信徒。

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Latin America: 50-55% of a person's worldview is formed before age of 5. By age 12, 80% of it is formed. An agency is using finger- puppet half-hour videos to tell Bible stories to children successfully. Even one non-Spanish speaking missionary was able to reach both children and their parents. There are 5 videos with related Bible lessons, useful for a week's VBS or Sunday school program. They have dubbed the videos into over 20 languages so far in Latin America, India and Mozambique.

< Wycliffe Associates, www.wycliffe.org, 11/3/14>

South Asia: 2 weeks ago, gun fire flared up on the border between India and Pakistan, afterwards a peace talk made huge headlines when an agency hosted a conference for church leaders from both nations in a third country. This was the second follow-up that began 16 months ago. At that first one, 10 delegates from each countries agreed to pray and fast every third day of each month. When they come together, they discovered the joy of common purpose, met also individually, and came away with fresh evangelistic initiatives and strategies for each of the 3 nations. They have targeted to reach each unreached people group by 2020, and committed to mentor young people called to Christian service.

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Indonesia: Christians are feeling relief and delight at their newly sworn into office President Joko Widodo. He grew up in the slums of Java and rose quickly from a mayor to president. At his first parliament speech, after his traditional Muslim greeting, he greeted the Christian countrymen explaining that he is leader of all people. Christianity is one of the six religions protected by law. Yet in the largest Muslim-dominated nation, officials often are unconcerned when Christians are attacked or persecuted for their belief. Christians hope the more open and inclusive mindset of the new president will bring fewer restrictions and change of the persistent reality.

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Iran: Gospel outreach can lead to jail term and/or other serious consequences. A stranger slipped a note to a young woman that explained the gospel and how one may accept Christ. For 8 years she ignored it until a Christian satellite channel caught her eye. She called the phone number on the screen, talked to a counselor about the gospel, and was fortunate to find a nearby house church.

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Iraq: The brutal atrocities of the Islamic State (ISIS) against anyone who does not submit to them has caused thousands of Muslims and religious minorities to become refugees or

internally displaced. Coming with a worldview full of fear, Muslims find the hope in the gospel very appealing. Agencies reported that each time they tried to distribute Bibles along with blankets and food, they were 'attacked' by those eager to get a copy. It led to a severe shortage of Bibles.

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Philippines: An agency held a concert/evangelistic meeting in an arena where 4,000 attendants each received a free Bible. A pastor/organizer said he received many calls, emails and texts concerned about not getting Bibles as they were late. There was conservatively estimated 500 people receiving Christ for the first time and hundreds rededicated life to their Lord. This is part of distributing \$3 million worth of Bibles and Christian books to the public and to those attending pastor conferences.

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Urbanization/Migration: These are two big challenges facing the global Church today. About half of humanity are urbanites with the top 5 most populated cities in Asia: Tokyo, Jakarta, Delhi, Seoul and Manila. Migration is one of primary factors for the urbanization trend. UN says some 5 billion people will live in cities by 2030, and 232million people migrated. Traditional evangelism technique and strategies do not always work in a landscape constantly in flux. These are serious issues but also special gospel opportunities.

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Brazil: This is considered a developing country. While the southeast region has prospered in the last few decades, people in northeast area are very poor, without running water, with really high infant mortality and many deceases, and, worst of all, no opportunities -- educational, economical or otherwise. In addition, people live in spiritual darkness. One city is the center of African black magic which is similar to voodoo in Haiti. An agency amazingly met no resistance when they presented the gospel openly. They are able to establish child development centers in partnership with local churches. These are the only projects the small local churches can afford to participate. The centers address the spiritual, physical and emotional needs of the children.

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Ukraine: The recent national election remarkably elected 4 evangelical Baptists to the parliament. The new political party finished first along with pro-Western parties holding the majority, and its leaders, all Baptists, hold the offices of president, parliament speaker and the prime minister.

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