

World Mission News

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Bible Translation: For a native tongue with no written form, the old way was to learn the language and create a written form, taking years. Now, a translation recording tool allows one to read the biblical text in a primary language of the region, and translate it into the native language. After refining and editing making sure, with help from large group of native speakers, that the translation expresses the content of the text exactly as it needs to, audio scriptures are produced. New Testaments have been made this way in less than a year.

<Wycliffe USA, wycliffe.org, 10/9/16>

India: The nomadic Banjara people have become more seminomadic settling outside urban areas living off the land. But they have no power, water, transportation or medicine. There are an estimated 4 millions of them in India with Islam as the main religion. An agency has brought in some basic needs: rice, clothes and some medicine along with the Word of God on solar-powered radio Bible. Last year a new church got planted out of the radio Bible listening group.

<World Mission, www.worldmission.org, 10/3/16>

Russia: As anti-terrorism law was enacted, Christians have had trouble with this law. But the outreach efforts of 'Jews for Jesus' have not been affected. They first sought legal counsel which provided them a letter to show to encountered authority and so far they have not been bothered. They pass out literature on street corners, talking to interested people while wearing clothes marked as 'Jews for Jesus.' They have passed out 148,000 gospel tracts, and seen 10 Jews and 27 gentile Russians come to Christ in Moscow. Maybe people accept Judaism more than Christianity stopping at Jews prior going on to Jesus.

<Mission Network News, www.mnnonline.org, 10/3/16>

Iran: According to statistics, last year the church in Iran is the fastest growing church in the world with an annual increase of 19.5%. Some Iranian Christians said Ayatollah Khomeini is the greatest missionary in Iran, who in 1979 took power and converted the nation to an Islamic Republic ruled by the Koran and what Mohammed would have done. Now, 30+ years later, the failure of the government is seen as failure of Islam in the eyes of the people. Some 70% of the people now is said having rejected Islam. Facing persecution, the Iranian Christian serve the Lord rely on Christ not on the government.

<Voice of the Martyrs, www.persecution.com, 9/26/16>

Dominican Republic: In 2013, an agency started a ministry in a desolate community with houses of dirt floors and sheet metal siding and roof and no power or water. In partnership with the government and local church, the agency is in the process of

building 100 homes, each 700 sq ft with 3 bedrooms, living area, kitchen and bathroom. First they built a multipurpose community center/church; got a pastor, a social worker; and began providing technical training, childcare, feeding program and more. Last July 50 homes were finished. People have begun moving in. Along with the local church, they serve the children in Bible school, etc. Started 8 years ago, the agency is engaging in this type of community transformation projects in 16 countries at over 30 sites.

<Orphan's Heart, www.orphanheart.org, 9/20/16>

Swaziland: For decades, a gospel broadcasting agency has a FM station in this 300 miles by 300 miles kingdom reaching thousands of audience in south and southwest Africa. Now they have added a powerful 100,000-watt AM stations there capable of reaching much more people. In the process of building process, they experienced a couple miraculous events. First they obtained the powerful transmitter in Germany for 10% of its million dollar cost. Then a huge flood that came through their 200-acre lot left just enough sand on the beach of the creek with the right size and consistency to build the needed concrete. The agency has been upgrading its broadcasting facilities in 150 countries in 230 languages.

<Trans World Radio, www.twr.org, 9/13/16>

Singapore: An agency's prison ministry here not only guides inmates towards a life for Christ through a program of Bible study and discipleship, also assists with their transition back into society. In the prisons and in the halfway houses, they also go through some job training and strong courses of rehabilitation for drug, alcohol abuse, etc. In a restaurant run by a halfway house, the manager was the first student gone through the program. As the restaurant is located just across from the courthouse, he and the other workers serve the judges and lawyers, who have basically put them in prison.

<Crossroad Bible Institute, crossroadbibleinstitute.org, 9/5/16>

North Korea: As the officials are pressured under more sanctions by UN and US for their nuclear weapons tests, they have increased control and persecution on their people, targeted against Christians. But there are estimated 200,000 to 400,000 Christians in the country despite years of official effort of total elimination. Most of them keep their faith completely secret. Yet those who escape into China receive training, then take food, Bibles, etc back home, because they have seen prison guards and other influential people come to Christ.

<Open Doors USA, www.opendoorsusa.org, 9/12/16>