

# World Mission News

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**Pakistani Refugees:** About 11,500 Christians have fled to Thailand, 51% more than last year. They fled persecution from home, yet facing danger and fear in Thailand. Coming in with visitor visas, they survive with help from churches, charities, or by working illegally. As their visas expire, they can be arrested and deported. After exposure by a BBC report, the UN High Commissioner finally issued some refugee identification cards. But the cards have been ignored by the officials and some have been arrested including women and children.

<World Watch Monitor, [worldwatchmonitor.org](http://worldwatchmonitor.org), 4/8/16>

**Near East:** A missionary in a Muslim country seeing no fruits for a long time almost gave up. One night, his team prepared the weekly feast for the group they hoped to be open to the gospel. He called everyone, but no one answered. Finally, he called the neighbor down the street who had been very interested until he met an Arab girl changed completely. He was surprised but not really happy to see this man showed up. The meal went well and the man left. But he came back a while later and told the missionary he was ready to become a Christian. In an extended interaction of sharing testimonies, Bible reading, prayers, etc over weeks, the missionary learnt that the man was attracted initially to Christians because they can talk to God directly about anything.

<Operation Mobilization, [www.omusa.org](http://www.omusa.org), 4/8/16>

**Kenya:** In the north, near the border of Sudan and Ethiopia, less than 5% are Christians and about 75% illiterate. An agency is passing out 'Treasure' audio Bibles, in 10 native languages and solar-powered, especially to the pastors. Listening groups are formed, people led to Christ and churches planted. They get into many nomadic tribes and the world's largest refugee camp with 250,000 refugees from Somalia. Most of this area and the people were inaccessible.

<World Mission, [www.worldmission.org](http://www.worldmission.org), 4/11/16>

**Russia:** Yakutsk, known as the coldest city on earth, gets to 70 below zero and 40-50 below very often in winter. The only way to get there is to go over snowy roads and frozen rivers as mud in warmer weather is much worse. A church was first planted in 1994. Today churches are growing even none of the leaders of them had received Bible training. An agency began providing a 6-year program of 16 courses from the art of preaching to system theology all the way to Biblical counseling. Working with another agency, they are training pilots to reach other villages where there has not been any Christian presence.

<Slavic Gospel Association, [www.sga.org](http://www.sga.org), 4/6/16>

**China:** Officials have approved plans to print the new translation of the Bible at the Amity Printing in Nanjing. Even though turmoil and persecution still exist, the number of Christians has grown steadily and, at times explosively. The quantity of Bible is needed, especially a contemporary version distributed widely.

<Biblica (International Bible Society), [www.biblica.com](http://www.biblica.com), 3/28/16>

**Nigeria:** On January 28, 2015, over 1,000 radical Muslims attacked a northern village, killing Christians, burning houses. A 12-year old boy's face was marred by machete, blinded with one of his eyes cut out, and left for dead. Afterwards, when villagers prepared to bury him along with other victims, he woke up screaming. Recovered now, although blind with memory of the torture, he forgave the attackers because they never knew the love of Jesus. He has grown stronger in faith, is ready for school of the blind and scheduled for surgery.

<Voice of the Martyrs, [www.persecution.com](http://www.persecution.com), 4/7/16>

**Greece:** On an island where many Mid East refugees have landed, a church is feeding some of them and passing out Arabic, Farsi (Persian) and Dari language Bibles. On the Greece/Macedonian border, Christian volunteers have met people wanting to become Christians after reading the Bible. There were people stepping off boats with Bibles in hand and people on refugee trains being led to Christ. God is reaching out to them.

<Operation Mobilization, [www.omusa.org](http://www.omusa.org), 3/18/16>

**Muslim Schism:** The conflict between the Shiites and Sunni sects and the violence and cruelty of the extremist have done much damage to the Moslem faith. In a 2011 survey before the fall of Mosul and the deadly attacks of ISIS, 32% of the Iraqis had lost faith in Islam. A Christian TV network has found that many Muslim families have turned away from hate propaganda to their message of peace, reconciliation, love and a God who makes sense to them. The number of Christian channels has grown from 1 to 9 in 5 years. This is a fierce battle of hearts and minds.

<Sat-7, [www.sat7usa.org](http://www.sat7usa.org), 3/21/16>

**India:** Out of 1.25 billion people here, some 372 million are kids less than 15 years old. This is a critical age range because it is when they are most open and eager to learn. It has been shown that hearing the gospel between ages 4 and 14 (the 4-14 window) increases the likelihood of them becoming Christians. A local agency is reaching them through 10-day Children's Bible clubs, where they play games, hear stories and make friends. India is 80% Hindu. Most kids follow their parents. When they come to Christ, their family may follow.

<Mission India, [www.missionindia.org](http://www.missionindia.org), 4/14/16>