

World Mission News

Compiled by Samuel C. Y. Ling, Agnes Yeung

United Kingdom: There are almost two million adults living with a learning disability and 1.2 million more with a severe visual or hearing impairment. They are often viewed as the least evangelized group in the world. Many of them in the church feel excluded and embarrassed because they are commonly provided with a children's Bible. Biblica has started the "Accessible Bible" — a Bible that utilizes special fonts, illustrations and layouts for easier reading and comprehension.

<Mission Network News, www.mnnonline.org, 7/8/16>

India: Due to poverty, women are tricked, forced or even sold by parents into sex slavery. Christian agencies have collaborated in providing drop-in centers within the red light district, to develop relationships with them, gain their trust, renew their sense of self-worth, and share the love of Christ with them. Homes are provided for those who want to leave including their children. where they can get an education and learn a trade.

<Mission Network News, www.mnnonline.org, 6/9/16>

Ukraine: The Ukrainian military has been in conflict with separatists since 2014. More than 9,000 people have died in the fighting so far. In tumultuous situations where soldiers' emotions and mind may fail them, and all comfort is gone that they feel the greatest need for the Gospel. Faith Comes by Hearing (FCBH) so far has given out over 1,100 audio Bibles (of the New Testament and select Psalms) in the form of Military BibleSticks. Many have felt incredibly encouraged and strengthened.

<Mission Network News, www.mnnonline.org, 5/26/16>

Columbia: A violent guerilla group, National Liberation Army, has repeatedly threatened pastors in the area they control. pastors refusing to pay "protection money" were given a list of demands and new restrictions: no more house meetings for Bible study, prayer, or other activities; no new churches built; no foreign guests; and no new pastor from outside of the area.

<Voice of Martyrs, www.persecution.com, 7/22/2016>

Cuba: Believers cannot evangelize publicly. A team of evangelists conducting outreach programs was arrested and detained for hours, though a second team did finish their work. The government has threatened to close thousands of churches. Existing churches are forbidden to add on to their buildings or have a sign on their front doors. New churches are denied building permits. Churches are precluded from buying building materials in traditional market, and evidence of 'illegally-obtained building material' has led to churches being closed. Authorities actually have the right to destroy the entire building. Some churches are denied basic utilities like electricity. Christians, however, are standing firm.

<Voice of Martyrs, www.persecution.com, 7/26/2016>

Nigeria: The 7-year rebellion by the Islamist group Boko Haram has left 20,000 people dead and more than two million displaced. Many internally displaced people (IDP) are facing malnutrition. The crisis is particularly acute in Borno State, but other neighboring states like Adamawa and Yobe are also affected. A catholic-church-run IDP camp in Yola, which has about 1,000 people, has not received any external support for over a year. The church's resources are over-stretched to feed the people, at the expense of other programs. "We may probably run out of food in the next four months, if help does not come..." said Father M. Kweirang.

<WorldWatch Monitor, www.worldwatchmonitor.org, 7/26/16>

Nepal/Senegal: World Mission is committed to making disciples and that requires raising up effective, trained, competent leaders. Its specific targets are Nepal and Senegal. Nepal has a population of about 28 million, and 80 % Hindus. Senegal has 12 million people, and 90 % Muslims. Many pastors have no access to any kind of training. WM invests in the Shiloh training centers, as requested and run by local believers. Dozens, even hundreds of pastors from these countries can come to be equipped and receive training from spiritually mature nationals who pour out their lives.

<Mission Network News, www.mnnonline.org, 7/29/16>

Moldova: In this one of the poorest countries in Europe, an agency is helping farmers to improve their lives by providing micro loans through local churches and training in farming technique. A woman in her 20s got a loan to start a greenhouse growing peppers that bring a good income through a contract with the local pizza place. She has a zeal for evangelism leading most of her family to Christ with one brother becoming a pastor. She is building a small center for abused children and wants to build one for elderly people. As per rules of the interest-free loans, after her loan was paid back she tithes to the church promoting its outreach program.

<Farms International, www.farmsinternational.com, 6/30/16>

Digital or hard copy scripture: In many countries, people prefer the latter. It doesn't require any power, and it can be hidden in many places. An agency has created a machine compact enough to transport secretly, and yet able to print thousands of copies of the New Testament. A Print On Demand system is being used in areas like the Middle East, Indonesia, Ethiopia, and north-eastern Nigeria. Believers in the Middle East in the past year printed over 190,000 copies of booklets. Early this year in the Middle East a system was discovered at a location, and four believers were killed there. One survived. The system will be replaced in a new location, because they are so hungry for the scripture and willing to risk their lives for a paper copy of it in their own language.

<Wycliffe Associates, www.wycliffe.org, 7/1/16>