

MAY 2011 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PUBLISHER'S MEMO

We Have a (Personal) Story to Tell the Nations by *Doug Birdsall, LWP co-publisher*. The message of Jesus Christ is still most powerfully communicated when one person, whose life has been changed by the gospel, bears witness to another person who is in need of hope and love. Yes, our faith is propositional, historical, social, textual, and contextual, but it is also inescapably personal.

www.lausanneworldpulse.com/leadershipmemo/1414/05-2011

THEMED ARTICLES: THE POWER OF PERSONAL TESTIMONY

Storytelling: Opening Hearts to the Gospel by *Julianne George, who spent three years in India sharing stories with those who don't know Jesus*. A personal account of how sharing examples of how we have told others about the gospel can open up the hearts of non-Christians around us.

www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1401/05-2011

For Real?! by Rachel Fields, who has lived in the Middle East since 2003. How one Muslim man's faith in Jesus has led increasing numbers of fellow Muslims in his community to also put their trust in Jesus as Savior and Lord. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1402/05-2011

Power of Personal Testimony in the Muslim World by *Ron Kernahan, who has teamed up to birth national/regional and global prayer movements*. The more faith we have, the more we can personally testify of Christ so that others will be changed. The author demonstrates this through two stories.

www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1403/05-2011

The Power of Personal Testimony: Part 1, Sharing the Story of Our Lives by *Laurie Fortunak Nichols, editorial coordinator at the Billy Graham Center at Wheaton College*. We all have a story—our story. As Christians, it is our claim to fame. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1404/05-2011

The Power of Personal Testimony: Part 2, Listening First in an Upside-Down Kingdom by *Laurie Fortunak Nichols, editorial coordinator at the Billy Graham Center at Wheaton College*. We must pull out a divinely-inspired, deeply-passionate understanding that each person we encounter deserves the sum total of our attention, love, and comfort in each moment.

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PERSPECTIVES

Missional Global Partnerships by *The Rev. Canon Mark Oxbrow, international coordinator of the Faith2Share network*. Where real partnership and collaborative ministry have taken place, it has often been occasioned by adverse contexts. The author shares four examples, followed by a look at the Apostle Paul and how Faith2Share is partnering people and ministries around the world.

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Internet Evangelism Day and the Majority World by *Tony Whittaker, coordinator of Internet Evangelism Day*. Digital evangelism is on the rise, and with the rapid increase of mobile and other technology, media will continue to play a major role in evangelism. The author discusses digital evangelism from a mission perspective and the upcoming Internet Evangelism Day.

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Christians Collaborate to Fight Trafficking through the European Freedom Network. With ninety partners, the European Freedom Network, which brings together people working to combat human trafficking and sexual exploitation, has become an official network of the European Evangelical Alliance.

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Global Declaration on Care and Counsel as Mission Released. The Cape Town Declaration on Care and Counsel as Mission, a three-page document that outlines foundational principles for responding to global mental health needs, was recently released.

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World Hope International Impacts Our World for Jesus by *Megan Nykyforchyn-Clark, vice-president of programs at World Hope International*. A brief Q&A with a World Hope International leader about how their programs are impacting communities in seventeen countries around the world.

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LEADERSHIP PROFILE

Leadership Profile: Sadiri Joy Tira, Diaspora Ministry Mobilizer, Pastor, Canada. The Lausanne senior associate for diasporas and chair for the Global Diaspora Network (GDN) discusses his family, what inspires him, and his hopes for the next few years.

www.lausanneworldpulse.com/leadership_profiles.php/1411/05-2011

INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHING

Satisfying Africa's Hunger for the Written Word by *Lawrence Darmani, CEO of Step Publishers and Media Associate International's Africa regional trainer*. The Church in Africa has exploded in the last century, increasing the need for literature that can help it address critical issues such as discipling believers, battling AIDS, overcoming poverty, and stabilizing democracy. Although publishers and authors in Africa face real challenges, the achievements and growth of local writers is a sure sign of continued success. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/international_publishing.php/1398/05-2011

A New Day for French-speaking Africa by *John Maust, president of Media Associates International*. An overview of Francophone Africa reflects the challenges these countries face, but also the hope for continued collaboration and partnership. This September 2011, men and women from eight nations will gather in Congo for a marketing and writing workshop led by MAI trainers.

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African Publisher's Title Shortlisted for Prestigious Award: Eyo, a Story of Human Trafficking. The first piece of adult fiction published by WordAlive Publishers in Kenya was shortlisted in the 2010 Commonwealth Writers' Prize for Best First Book for Africa Region.

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NEWS BRIEFS SUMMARY

(Complete News Briefs: www.lausanneworldpulse.com/newsbriefs.php/1412/05-2011)

AROUND THE WORLD: Bible.is App Expands Global Gospel Outreach by Adding Arabic

Bible.is, the popular Bible app from the Audio Bible ministry Faith Comes By Hearing (FCBH), is now available for use in Arabic. Spoken by more than 221 million people throughout the world, Arabic now joins Spanish and English as the major trade languages available for users to navigate the app. Since their Digital Bible Project started last year, Arabic has consistently been in the top five languages accessed across the multiple platforms offered by FCBH. ([Faith Comes By Hearing](#))

COTE D'IVOIRE: Persevering Amid Crisis

Côte d'Ivoire is in a desperate situation after a political impasse has created violence in the streets. The death toll has reached 400 and over 450,000 people have been displaced. Nearly 77,000 have registered as refugees in Liberia, and many are stuck suffering with nowhere to go. As the situation deteriorates, [TWR](#) continues to broadcast radio programs that bring hope to the afflicted. ([TWR](#))

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO: MAF Shuttling Vaccine, Humanitarian Workers to Combat Measles Epidemic

[MAF](#) (Mission Aviation Fellowship) is airlifting emergency immunizations and humanitarian health workers into remote areas of Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) to fight a measles epidemic sweeping the nation. With the logistical support of MAF, the international nonprofit Doctors Without Borders (Médecins Sans Frontières) is at the forefront of combating this highly contagious disease. "Even the few existing roads in DRC are in poor condition from lack of maintenance, and in the rainy season they're totally impassible, hence air travel is the sole means of transport to most of the country," said John Boyd, MAF president and CEO. ([Assist News Service](#))

IRAQ: "Religicide" Exterminating Iraqi Christians

More Christians have been fleeing Iraq in recent months than ever before. Carl Moeller with Open Doors USA says extremists are calling for the complete extermination of believers in the country. "We've been calling this a 'religicide,' which is the systematic destruction and elimination of a religious group simply for being that religious group. And we see this now unfolding in a very shocking way," says Moeller. The number of Christians in Iraq has dropped dramatically in the last few decades from 850,000 believers in 1991 to 345,000 believers in early 2010. Today, this number is perhaps less than 250,000. ([Mission Network News](#))

KENYA: Kenya Christians and Muslims Debate Hijab in Schools

Muslim leaders in Kenya are calling for government action on Christian schools that have banned students from wearing the hijab, the head covering traditionally worn by Muslim girls and women. Church leaders have defended the ban, saying teachers have the right to determine dress code in the schools, according to a denomination's religious traditions, discipline, and philosophies. ([Ecumenical News International](#))

MIDDLE EAST: Refugees Find Healthcare, Comfort at Church Clinic

The recent political and humanitarian turmoil in the Middle East has created a host of needs. As conditions get increasingly worse, many are fleeing. However, one church has become a beacon of hope and health for many who have fled. More than one million Iraqi refugees—Sunnis, Shiites, and Christians—have flooded into this undisclosed nation over the past dozen years. In 1998, the church

asked an American internist and pediatrician to host a monthly free clinic for Christians attending the church. The clinic is now open twice a week. ([Mission Network News](#))

SAUDI ARABIA: Christians in Prison, Beaten

International Christian Concern (ICC) has learned that two Indian Christians working in Saudi Arabia have been arrested in Batha, Riyadh, and sentenced to forty-five days in prison. They were accused of proselytizing. ICC contacts in Saudi Arabia believe they were arrested to keep them from practicing Christianity privately in their home. While in prison awaiting trial, their apartment was ransacked. ([Assist News Service](#))

COMING IN MAY: THE POWER OF DISCIPLESHIP

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