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## **PUBLISHER'S MEMO**

**Goodbye for Now...But Stay Tuned** by *Lon Allison, LWP co-publisher*. After six years, LWP will be taking a hiatus. Allison explains the reason for this, plus potential plans for a new publication in the future. This last official issue is focused on Early Church Models of Evangelism and Mission.

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## **THEMED ARTICLES: Early Church Models of Evangelism and Mission**

**Evangelism and the Early Church** by *Jerry Root, associate director of the Institute for Strategic Evangelism at Wheaton College*. What can we learn from the approaches employed by the early Church to reach others for Christ? Root shares five points: (1) their lives were transformed demonstrably by the love and forgiveness of Christ; (2) their love burned hot for Christ and found obedience to the Great Commission; (3) they made the most of the opportunities before them; (4) they demonstrated great creativity in sharing the gospel; and (5) they were not willing to let fear keep them from telling others about Jesus.

[www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1474/12-2011](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1474/12-2011)

**When You Cannot Preach: A Case for Relational Evangelism** by *Dion Forster, a chaplain to the Global Day of Prayer and the Power Group of companies in Cape Town*. One may be surprised to see how simple, yet different, Jesus' model of evangelism is when compared to many popular models used today. Dion discusses the importance of relational/friendship evangelism following a pattern of blessing people, building relationships, ministering to needs, and then preaching the gospel. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1476/12-2011](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1476/12-2011)

**Prayer in the Early Church** by *John Abraham Godson, Nigerian, a member of the Polish parliament*. Prayer is one of the foundations upon which the early Church was built. It permeated and undergirded their actions and fellowship. Godson looks at how the early Church prayed, where they prayed, and for what they prayed. According to Godson, the early Church prayed without ceasing, individually, corporately, with the word of God, earnestly, and with thanksgiving. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1480/12-2011](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1480/12-2011)

**Ekklesia: A Call to Unity in the Body of Christ** by *Dale Schlafer, president of the Center for World Revival and Awakening*. We should be so connected relationally with other followers of the Lord Jesus that the non-believing world thinks we are one, the author writes. Biblical unity has been authorized by our Lord.

The question for us is: *are we doing it?* [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1475/12-2011](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1475/12-2011)

**Two New Prayer Tools to Fuel the Prayer Movement** by Carol Madison, editor of *Prayer Connect magazine*. The author shares two resources to expand prayer movements both nationally and internationally. *Prayer Connect* magazine (with the tagline: “Connecting to the Heart of Christ through Prayer”) published its premiere issue in July 2011. Praybook is a website that interfaces with Facebook as a tool to mobilize thousands of people to pray for thousands of “friends.” [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1477/12-2011](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1477/12-2011)

## PERSPECTIVES

**Contemplative Activism as a Model for Mission** by Phileena Heuertz, co-director of *Word Made Flesh*. How can Christians offer a different kind of presence in the world and really make a redemptive impact? Contemplative activism as a spiritual posture is essential, the author writes, for it makes way for: freedom for everyone instead of power and control of the few; cooperation instead of selfish grasps for security and survival; and divine love instead of lustful cravings of ego. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/1481/12-2011](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/1481/12-2011)

**Colorfully Contextualized Evangelism in the Context of the New Testament** by Daniel Daesoon Kim, director of *Chiang Mai Theological Seminary*. Jesus was a colorful evangelist who expected the Church to be creative in implementing colorful evangelistic methods with suitable contextualization. The author looks at how the early Church used contextualized evangelism in its ministry. The New Testament portrays at least twelve types of evangelism the Church in the twenty-first century can learn. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/1479/12-2011](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/1479/12-2011)

**Ministry to the Partially Evangelized** by Chris Castaldo, director of the *Ministry of Gospel Renewal for the Billy Graham Center at Wheaton College*. The author shares principles for sharing the gospel with those who are partially evangelized—those who have been exposed to the Christian tradition but who haven't experienced the transformative work of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. These principles include: (1) recognizing that we ourselves, despite our theological pedigree or best intentions, are partially evangelized, and desperately so; (2) seeing the partially evangelized—to the extent that such people ignore new life in Christ, the Bible, and ministry—as eternally lost; (3) making sure the leading edge of our approach is gradual and relational; and (4) praying for the partially evangelized. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/1478/12-2011](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/1478/12-2011)

## LEADERSHIP PROFILE

**Marcos Amado, Teacher, Pastor, Brazil.** Amado talks about ministry to Muslims and his hopes to form a missiological center in São Paulo. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/leadership\\_profiles.php/1472/12-2011](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/leadership_profiles.php/1472/12-2011)

**Nana Yaw Offei Awuku, Evangelism Coordinator, Teacher, Mentor, Ghana.** Awuku discusses God's work in Ghana and issues affecting evangelism in Africa and beyond. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/leadership\\_profiles.php/1473/12-2011](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/leadership_profiles.php/1473/12-2011)

## INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHING

**Should Christians Convert Others?** *by Soo-Inn Tan, director of Graceworks.* Scripture teaches that conversion is the work of the Holy Spirit...so what is the Christian's responsibility? We cannot convert anyone. Nevertheless, there are certain truths in scripture that are clear. We must always first ask: *What is the quality of our life in Christ? Do Christians and churches reflect so jarringly the love and holiness of God that people pause to ask questions? Or are we qualitatively no different from those who do not follow Christ?* [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/international\\_publishing.php/1482/12-2011](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/international_publishing.php/1482/12-2011)

**NEWS BRIEFS** (for fuller descriptions, see [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/newsbriefs.php/12-2011](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/newsbriefs.php/12-2011))

**AROUND THE WORLD: Major Demographic Shift Underway in Christianity**

Scholars claim the biggest change in the history of Christianity is underway amid the religion's move to Africa, Latin America, and Asia. "The story of Christianity as a worldwide faith is being written before our eyes," declared Dana Robert of Boston University School of Theology, as she addressed a group of world church leaders at the Global Christian Forum (GCF) in Indonesia. The gathering brought together leaders from major church traditions, theological perspectives, and world communions. The global reconfiguration raises critical questions for all churches, said Robert. "Contemporary Christians are focusing on mission for multiple purposes--both to recover tradition and to recover from tradition." ([Ecumenical News International](#))

**AROUND THE WORLD: e3Resources Challenges Christians to Share the Gospel**

To commemorate twelve years of EvangeCube, between now and 12 December 2012 [e3 Resources](#) is challenging one million Christians to use EvangeCube and share the gospel with one new person each month for twelve months—with the goal of twelve million gospel presentations. Beginning with the creation of EvangeCube in 2000, e3 Resources now provides an extensive line of tools and resources used in over seventy-five countries. ([e3resources](#))

**HORN OF AFRICA: Rains Hindering Relief to Millions**

More than thirteen million people are threatened by the effects of drought in the Horn of Africa. The drought has driven up food prices and weakened livestock, thus increasing malnutrition, hunger, and famine. According to Jeff Palmer of Baptist Global Response, "In a drought place where we're doing food dispersal, one of the things that we're trying to get around now is the rains, [which are] hindering getting the food in." The long-term cycles of severe hunger have been sharpened by decades of failed crops, economic crises, and climatic changes. ([Mission Network News](#))

**KAZAKHSTAN: New Anti-Religion Laws**

The government of Kazakhstan enacted two new laws, further restricting freedom of religion. All registered churches must now re-register with the government, and only churches meeting new criteria will be registered. The first law imposes a complex registration system, bans unregistered religious activity, enforces greater religious censorship, and requires both central and local government approval to build or open new places of worship. Any current church that does not re-register faces court liquidation. The second law amends nine existing laws and legal provisions. ([Voice of the Martyrs](#))

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Two Major Mission Associations Merge**

In October 2011 the memberships of CrossGlobal Link and The Mission Exchange agreed to merge, forming a body representative of 35,000 evangelical missionaries deployed in every country by more than 190 agencies and churches. "The merger will create better synergy, more effective use of

resources, and eliminate needless competition and duplication of programs, products, and services," said Marv Newell, executive director of CrossGlobal Link. ([The Mission Exchange](#))

#### **URUGUAY: RTM Uruguay Celebrates Thirty Years**

On 1 October 2011, TWR's Uruguayan partner, Radio Trans Mundial (RTM), celebrated thirty years on the air. "During these years, I have learned many lessons about God's faithfulness and provision. From my perspective this has been an amazing school for our faith," said Esteban Larrosa, RTM Uruguay's director. Many people have been saved, and others receive their daily spiritual food to grow in their faith in Christ as a result of RTM. ([TWR](#))

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