



**January/February 2011 Executive Summary**

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**ALBANIA: Radio Station Births New Ministry Out of Kosovo**

An Albanian radio station created by Words of Hope is now spreading the ministry to Kosovo. Until fairly recently, Albania was a closed, communist country in which religion had almost completely vanished. Today, the Church in Albania is beginning to grow. Radio 7's ministry is so vibrant that they recently began broadcasting to neighboring Kosovo as well. ([Mission Network News](#))

**ALBANIA: 135 Evangelical Churches Receive Legal Status**

In 1965, the Albanian government announced the closure of all religious institutions in the country, declaring Albania the world's first officially atheist state. This included 2,169 churches and mosques. The situation in the country has now come full circle with what many Albanian Christians believe is a miracle. On 22 November 2010, the Albanian Minister of Culture signed an agreement with the Albanian Evangelical Alliance, granting legal status to over 135 evangelical churches in Albania. ([Assist News Service](#))

**AROUND THE WORLD: Audio Bible Translation Hits Milestone**

January marks an exciting landmark in the world of audio Bible translation: five hundred language groups now have access to their own recording of scripture. "About 4.6 billion people speak those [500] languages in the world today," says Bill Lohr with Faith Comes By Hearing (FCBH). "[This] puts us a quarter way to our goal, [so that by] 2016 we want to have 2,000 languages recorded. That will effectively be about 97 percent of the world's population." ([Faith Comes By Hearing](#))

**INDIA: Indian Rescue Mission Rescues Six Girls from Forced Prostitution**

After prompt and timely action was taken by the [Indian Rescue Mission](#) (IRM), police in Mumbai arrested a brothel owner and manager and rescued six girls on 6 November 2010. The raid was conducted on a brothel in the Simplex Building in the Grand Road area. IRM had been investigating the case for five days. Speaking about the rescue operation, IRM founder/president James Varghese said, "Soon after the information was given to the police, [unfortunately] the whole Grand Road area where this brothel was located was somehow alerted to the possible raid, so hundreds of girls were sent out to different locations and were hidden." ([Assist News Service](#))

**IRAQ: Iraqi Christians Murdered in their Homes**

Hundreds of Iraqi Christians are fleeing Baghdad and Mosul as murderers target families in their homes and workplaces. According to a news release from the Barnabas Fund, an elderly Christian couple and their daughter became the latest victims when they were killed in their home on 5 December 2010. Two Christian brothers were also shot dead in their car workshop in Mosul. The incident followed the assassination of two other Christians by gunmen who burst into a Mosul home. These raids come after the 31 October 2010 hostage siege at a Baghdad church that left more than fifty people dead. The Islamic State of Iraq (another name being used by the Al-Qaeda) claimed responsibility for that attack and threatened further violence. ([Barnabas Fund](#))

### **PAKISTAN: Five Christians Murdered in a Week under Pakistan's Blasphemy Law**

Muslim extremists are blamed for the murders of five Christians in Pakistan in less than a week. Twenty-two-year-old Latif Masih was shot to death shortly after he was granted bail in a "blasphemy" case. He was accused in early November under Law 295c—the infamous "Blasphemy Law"—in which two militants claimed he burned pages of the Qur'an. Days earlier, on 12 November 2010, in southern Punjab Province, police say Lashkar-e-Taiba militants killed four family members because of their Christian faith. The marked increase in these cases has created a renewed call by human rights watchdog groups for an end to the blasphemy law. ([Mission Network News](#))

### **PAKISTAN: Peace March Allows Ministry to Distribute CDs**

Global Recordings Network's Ishmael Project personnel were able to help with the coordination and production of audio materials for a large outreach held recently in Pakistan. The event centered on Peace March, organized by national Christians as a political event to request that the human rights of Christians in Pakistan be honored and that discriminatory laws be abolished. As part of the Peace March, the group was able to share tens of thousands of CDs with people in the capital city. ([Global Recordings Network](#))

## **PUBLISHER'S MEMO**

**To Hell with the "Centrisms"** by *Lon Allison, co-publisher of LWP*. The consequences of idolatrous centrism are daunting and include division in the Body, ineffectiveness in mission and evangelism, and inefficient use of resources. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/leadershipmemo/1369/01-2011](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/leadershipmemo/1369/01-2011)

## **THEMED ARTICLES: THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIPS**

**Generosity Networks: Developing Partnerships in Giving and Stewardship** by *Sas Conradie, head of the Global Mission Fund and coordinator of the Lausanne /World Evangelical Alliance-related Resource Mobilization Working Group*. The Resource Mobilisation Working Group, a joint initiative between The Lausanne Movement and the World Evangelical Alliance, seeks to catalyze a global culture of Christian generosity and effective stewardship of God's resources to support world outreach. Its desire is for Christian networks, ministries, churches, and other groups to work together to motivate Christians to give more of their income to Christian causes and to encourage Christians to become better stewards of their resources. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1357/01-2011](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1357/01-2011)

**Rwanda: Together in Partnership**. The Huye Rwanda Mission for Jesus, one of twenty-one Mission Africa evangelistic events conducted across Africa, was the largest mission organized in the city since the 1994 genocide. More than ten thousand individuals made commitments to Christ during the outreach events. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1359/01-2011](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1359/01-2011)

**Rejoice Liberia** by *Mike Parker, president/founder of All Nations Ministries*. Rejoice Liberia took place in March 2010 as the first event of Mission Africa. In a country where almost forty-five percent of the country is starving or malnourished and two generations have largely only known war and are without education, approximately five thousand people heard the good news of Jesus Christ. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1358/01-2011](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1358/01-2011)

**Partnership in Zimbabwe: A U.S. Perspective** by *Carrie Boren, missionary for evangelism for the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas (USA)*. International evangelists paired with African evangelists in Zimbabwe to see more than one thousand people commit their lives to Christ. The testimony of different voices coming together demonstrated that the gospel of Jesus Christ is for *all* people and that God desires to transform the lives of each and every person on earth. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1367/01-2011](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1367/01-2011)

## PERSPECTIVES

**Bible Storying in America, Part 1: An Overview** by Mark Snowden, lead storying trainer for the North American Mission Board, SBC. In part one, the author asks, Are those who genuinely seek to make disciples of all peoples in America actually making disciples? If not, why?

[www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/1361/01-2011](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/1361/01-2011)

**Bible Storying in America, Part 2: The Details** by Mark Snowden, lead storying trainer for the North American Mission Board, SBC. At least half of all Americans prefer what is called an “oral” approach to communicating and learning. The author explains that several characteristics serve as indicators for disciple-makers: (1) reading abilities for continuous prose, like that found in the Bible; (2) when people use printed text when not required by work, study, or leisure activities; and (3) discipling at the heart language addressed by both Bible availability and worldview issues.

[www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/1362/01-2011](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/1362/01-2011)

**Bible Storying in America, Part 3: How to Do It** by Mark Snowden, lead storying trainer for the North American Mission Board, SBC. Bible storying is a narrative presentation to convey a series of Bible stories that are discussed after they are told orally. There are many different ways to present the gospel or lead a small group. The author gives a simplified guide.

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**Jesus: Gentle, Meek, and Mild?** by Ferdinand Nweke, a medical doctor in Nigeria, coordinates *Eternity Ministries*. Contrary to the passive view many Christians have of Jesus, he actually had a great zeal and passion for his Father's house which permeated his entire ministry. Nweke points to many Gospel passages to show that the same fire that burned in Jesus and his early disciples should burn in us today.

[www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/1356/01-2011](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/1356/01-2011)

**Indian Megachurches' Centripetal Mission** by Imchen K. Sungjemmeren, who is on faculty in the Department of Missiology at Union Biblical Seminary in India. A look at three Indian megachurches reveals that they have ten characteristics in common. Among others, these include the importance of giving, magnificent buildings, developing full-time ministers, strong networks of cell groups, and an emphasis on lay people in mission. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/1360/01-2011](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/1360/01-2011)

## LEADERSHIP PROFILES

**Leadership Profile: Chris Heuertz, Activist, Author, Public Speaker, USA.** Word Made Flesh executive director talks about recognizing the divine imprint of God in all humanity and the role Mother Teresa played in his own spiritual formation.

[www.lausanneworldpulse.com/leadership\\_profiles.php/1366/01-2011](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/leadership_profiles.php/1366/01-2011)

## LAUSANNE REPORTS

**Partnerships in Evangelism: An Overview of Mission Africa** by Scott Lenning, executive director for the Scott Dawson Evangelistic Association. For the six months preceding Cape Town 2010, twenty-one Mission Africa events took place. Each was a culmination of the partnerships between ministries from around the world working together. An estimated 488,394 people were impacted by Mission Africa events, with 58,243 individuals making commitments to Christ.

[www.lausanneworldpulse.com/lausannereports/1364/01-2011](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/lausannereports/1364/01-2011)

**March 2011: The Power of the Resurrection**

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