



April 2009 Executive Summary

NEWS BRIEFS, condensed version (for the complete news briefs, go to:
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ARAB WORLD: HCJB Global Reaches More than One Million Households Weekly

HCJB Global is now reaching more than one million Arab households weekly across the North Africa/Middle East region via radio broadcasts. HCJB Global's media strategy in the region has a two-pronged approach. First, it's engaging households that listen to broadcasts together. Second, programs are produced by trained local believers. ([Christian Newswire](#))

AROUND THE WORLD: ECFA Names New President

On 3 March 2009, the [Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability](#) (ECFA) named Dan Busby as its new president. For the past eleven months during the board's search process, Busby has been acting president of ECFA. During that time, ECFA experienced one of the largest single-year membership increases in its history and was named one of the "Best Christian Workplaces in America" by the Best Christian Workplaces Institute. Busby has served as vice president and senior vice president of ECFA since 1998. ([Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability](#))

AROUND THE WORLD: News Agency Focuses on Inspiring Mission Stories

Founded by two former missionary kids, [The International Faith Telegraph: World Christian News & Missions News](#) (IFT) was launched in February 2009 and has already begun making contact with Christians and missionaries around the world. IFT provides "instant" access to how God's people are fulfilling the Great Commission worldwide. IFT also promotes the success of Christian artists, worldwide advancements and trends in technology, and churches worldwide. ([Christian Newswire](#))

AROUND THE WORLD: My Hope Television Ministry Brings Millions to Christ

Since its inception in 2002, the *My Hope World Evangelism through Television Ministry*, an evangelistic outreach of the [Billy Graham Evangelistic Association](#) (BGEA), has been implemented in forty-four countries and has seen more than 9.5 million people make commitments to Jesus Christ. The February 2009 Billy Graham Television Special offered an on-the-ground look at efforts in Brazil, including a trip up the Amazon River, and a home meeting in a gang-controlled area of R io de Janeiro. ([Assist News](#))

AROUND THE WORLD: FCBH Releases Nine More Audio Translations

[Faith Comes By Hearing](#) (FCBH) recently released nine more audio New Testament recordings, covering several South American languages as well as additional languages spoken in Asia and Africa. These new offerings represent more than 4.7 million people on three continents. FCBH now has 412 audio scripture recordings available in 350 languages. ([Faith Comes By Hearing](#))

AUSTRALIA: "Jesus. All about Life" Goes Statewide in Australia

[Bible Society NSW](#) has announced that its "Jesus. All about life" campaign will now cover all of New South Wales, the oldest and most populous Australian state. The media campaign is supported by local churches that will run community, cultural, and arts events that connect with the message of the campaign. The effort has the support of all the major denominations. The campaign is to run during September and October of 2009. ([Assist News](#))

HAITI: Youth for Christ Launches Program and Graduates Fifty

Haiti, the poorest and least safe country in the Western Hemisphere, is also the latest to form a national [Youth for Christ](#) (YFCI) organization. Haitian national YFC director Galilee Perlus has already held a three-month training program for youth workers and pastors which has graduated fifty students. The YFC organization in Haiti is virtually self-supporting and was formed indigenously by Perlus with little outside help. ([Assist News](#))

HONG KONG: Six Hundred Top Christian Leaders Expected to Gather

It is expected that over six hundred top Christian leaders from seventy nations will assemble in Hong Kong 1-6 June 2009 for the International Call2All Gathering '09. Mark Anderson, president of the [Global Pastors Network](#) (GPN), organizers of the event, challenged Christians all over the world to attend the gathering in Hong Kong. The Call2All Gathering is expected to run alongside the Global Day of Prayer (31 May 2009) and the Global Day of Missions (7 June 2009). For more information, go to www.call2all.org. ([Assist News](#))

MALAYSIA: Government Re-bans Use of “Allah” by Christians

Malaysia's government has re-imposed a ban on the word “Allah” in Bibles and in Christian newspapers and religious texts in the Malay language following pressure from some Islamic groups in the country. The home affairs ministry retracted a decree issued in mid-February which would have allowed the Roman Catholic-run *Herald* newspaper to use the word “Allah” in its Malay-language edition, if it included a warning on the front page saying the newspaper was for Christians. ([Ecumenical News International](#))

MYANMAR: Churches Ordered to Cease Services

During a recent crackdown on Christians in Myanmar, approximately one hundred churches were ordered to stop holding services and about fifty pastors were forced to sign documents agreeing to cease church services. Most of the churches affected met in homes, and some think it could be the military regime's response to churches helping victims of Cyclone Nargis, which hit Myanmar's coast in May 2008. "The regime does not like the fact that Buddhists have been receiving help from churches, and fears this may possibly result in conversion," one pastor living in exile said. ([Gospel for Asia](#))

PAKISTAN: First Large Christian Leadership Conference for Women

In February 2009, over five thousand women gathered in Karachi for Pakistan's first large Christian Women's Leadership Conference. [YWAM Pakistan](#) chair, Zafar Francis MA (London) PgDip said, "I am hoping our Pakistani women will realize their worth before God and move into the leadership roles he has designed for them in our nation and beyond." ([Assist News](#))

SUDAN: Humanitarian Situation Worsens

The humanitarian situation in Sudan has taken a disastrous turn following the indictment of President Omar al-Bashir for war crimes in Darfur. The government of Sudan has expelled over a dozen international aid organizations, risking the lives of over one million people. Samaritan's Purse, which has been feeding over 200,000 victims of the fighting, is one of the organizations that have been allowed to stay in Darfur. ([Samaritan's Purse](#))

PUBLISHER'S MEMO

Authenticity in the Christian Life? by *Naomi Frizzell*, managing editor of *LWP*. The author asks, "Are we real and authentic in our interaction with others and with the Lord?" www.lausanneworldpulse.com/leadershipmemo/1137

THEMED ARTICLES: A SELF-EXAMINATION OF THE CHURCH

Purity and Power by *Nina G. Gunter*, a general superintendent in the *Church of the Nazarene*. Is heart impurity threatening our lives? Gunter asks. Purity and power, and in reality the entire Christian life, are about transformation. God works in our hearts to form us increasingly into the image of Christ. This transformation takes place both in a moment and in a lifetime. One cannot have the enablement of power without the purity of heart. Both come when we surrender, focus, prioritize, and give complete allegiance to the direction of the Holy Spirit. In the end, Gunter says, power must have an aim: to be witnesses for God wherever he sends us.

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The Danger of “Fruitfulness” without Purity: Thoughts on Personal Holiness and Ministry by a Younger Leader by *Michael Oh*, president of *Christ Bible Seminary in Nagoya, Japan*. There are few things that threaten global witness and Christ proclamation more than hypocrisy-revealing scandals leaving churches and ministries struggling for survival. Oh says the difference between church leaders having tremendous credibility on a particular subject because of the honesty and humility of one's own struggle and having absolutely no credibility at all for having been caught in public hypocrisy and shame is in one sense ever so slight. Winning or losing such heart battles over confession,

repentance, and humility is the difference between those who end well and those who do not. Oh offers three ways leaders can prevent “earthly blessed” but “heavenly scandalous” ministry “success.”

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Character Cultivation in Education and the Family by John (Skip) Garmo, *president of Mission To Children*. Character is the essence of Christlikeness, to which we are called in Ephesians 4:1 and elsewhere throughout the scriptures. In contrast to non-Christians, a true follower of Jesus Christ has greater motivation to cultivate character, higher standards of expectation, and matchless enablement on which to rely: the Holy Spirit. Addressing the challenge of cultivating character has practical—and sometimes substantial—implications for international outreach and discipleship ministries. Garmo shares how Mission To Children and its program, Character Solutions International, is helping to cultivate character in children. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1120

A Revolution of Vocation: The Role of the Church in Aiding in Systemic Change across the Professions by John Terrill, *director for the Center for Integrity in Business at Seattle Pacific University*. We need a revolution of vocation, and the Church worldwide can help lead this effort. As important a first step as mobilizing Christians for ministry in daily life is, we also need to ignite the passion of marketplace Christians to think structurally and systemically about transformation within their broader professional guilds. Terrill offers three foundational observations which can create a context for how the Church might get involved in equipping Christians within the professions to pursue thoughtful, redemptive change not only for their own spiritual benefit but for the common good of their departments, organizations, industries, and wider communities as well. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1135

PERSPECTIVES

Care and Counsel as Mission: Christian Counseling’s New Global Look by Bradford M. Smith, *president of Care and Counsel International*. Nineteen Christian caregivers from the fields of counseling, pastoral ministry, psychology, psychiatry, social work, and theology met in Mexico City 5-9 January 2009 to explore the future role of Christian counselors in taking “the whole gospel to the whole world.” Much of the discussion in Mexico City was around serving the poor, understanding care and counsel as integral to a transformational “whole gospel” perspective, and making greater use of indigenous Christian theological reflection.

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A Canadian Case Study in Diaspora Missiology by Charlene de Haan, *missional church project coordinator with the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada*. Diaspora movement is a global phenomenon, yet diaspora missiology needs to begin at the local level, de Haan says. She shares a case study in Canada, which illustrates the distinctive challenge of a diaspora missiological approach to outreach, evangelism, and church planting in contrast to traditional missiology. In the community of which she speaks, thirty-five apartment buildings house thirty thousand people—ninety percent of them Asian. More than half the population settling in this neighborhood arrived in Canada in the past five years. Eighty percent are visible minorities, many from countries where it is illegal to convert to another faith.

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LittWorld Boosts Creation of Culturally Relevant Books and Articles by Dawn Herzog Jewell, *publications and training manager for Media Associates International*. In many countries, less than ten percent of Christian books are authored by local people. Held every three years, LittWorld, sponsored by Media Associates International, aims to boost that number by equipping and strengthening networks of Christians who are publishing where training is scarce. Since the first LittWorld in 1986, publishers, editors, writers, and designers from ninety-four countries have participated. Past LittWorld locations include Brazil, the Philippines, the United Kingdom, and the United States. This year’s LittWorld will be held 1-6 November 2009 in Nairobi. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/1117

Global Day of Prayer: Sunday, 31 May 2009 by Etienne Piek, *international coordinator of the Global Day of Prayer*. Millions of Christians from nearly every nation will unite 31 May 2009 for the Global Day of Prayer. Piek shares how God captured the heart of one businessman in 2001 and has blessed the movement ever since.

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URBAN COMMUNITIES

Cite Du People—Cap-Haitien, Haiti: The Community and the Challenges by Glenn Smith, executive director of *Christian Direction*. Eighty percent of the people in Cap-Haitien live in absolute poverty, surviving on less than \$150USD per year. Smith takes a deeper look into this slum community in Haiti, revealing missiological challenges such as confronting fatalism, the role of cities in God's redemptive plan, the concept of space, the nature of evil, and the role of the conscience. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/urban.php/1138

Theology of Place and the “Bethel” in Cite Du People, Cap-Haitien, Haiti by Glenn Smith, executive director of *Christian Direction*. Smith asks, “If God, by his Spirit, transforms people, is he not interested in the places we live as well?” To answer this question, he takes a biblical look at sacred space and the presence of God. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/urban.php/1139

LAUSANNE REPORTS

Eurasian Lausanne Consultation by Marina Stetsenko, a country correspondent for *Lausanne Eurasia*. Lausanne Eurasia brought together more than one hundred evangelists, missiologists, church leaders, theologians, business leaders, and media representatives from Ukraine and Eurasian countries to share their experiences and learn new methods of evangelism to reach today's world for Christ. The consultation was focused on three key issues for the Eurasian region: (1) How can the Eurasian Church minister to Christ's body? (2) What are the primary needs of churches from the former USSR? and (3) How can Lausanne contribute to the development of evangelization ministry in the Eurasia region during 2009, 2010, and 2011? www.lausanneworldpulse.com/lausannereports/1125

May 2009 Theme: Reconciliation of God and Man

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