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PUBLISHER’S MEMO

(re)Defining "Cutting Edge" in an Upside-down Kingdom by Laurie Fortunak Nichols, LWP editorial coordinator. It is our hope that not only would we begin to see “cutting edge” in a new light marked by one life at a time, but that we might even take the next step of walking on the “bleeding edge” of evangelism and missions. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/leadershipmemo/1454/09-2011

THEMED ARTICLES: Women on the Cutting Edge of Missions

Women on the Cutting Edge: Yesterday and Today by Leanne Dzubinski, who has twenty years of cross-cultural experience in Europe. Only a handful of women appear on the pages of mission history and theory books. Yet that does not mean they are not integrally engaged in the worldwide cause of the kingdom. They have been since the early Church and continue to be. Dzubinski tells the stories of women such as Maria Brown and Mary Porter, who impacted their world greatly. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1452/09-2011

Asian Women on the Cutting Edge of Mission: Past and Present by Loun-Ling Tan, a lecturer in Asian and mission studies and director of Asian studies development at Redcliffe College in the U.K. Traditionally, the role of Asian women was in the home. However, in church and Christian mission, many Asian women may have been overlooked for their significant impact on the churches and societies in their contexts and of their times. She discusses both historical and contemporary examples of such women. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1448/09-2011

Developing Self-confidence, Life Skills, and Faith through Football Ministry in West Papua by Heidi Scheunemann, who teaches, coaches, and mentors Papuan businessmen and women and helps NGOs and churches set up training facilities for economic development programs. The story of how sports, in particular football, have changed the lives of many girls in the West Papuan context. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1449/09-2011

Simple Acts of Faith: My Little World in Argentina by Ute Paul, a teacher of religious education, music, and German. Daily life is holy, the author writes. It is full of God. When you share it with others, you enter holy ground. That is where faithfulness, care, struggle, joy, and hope occur. Through story, the author shares how relationships are often developed in informal, creative ways. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1447/09-2011
PERSPECTIVES

Revising Good Plans for Yemeni Women by Audra Grace Shelby, author of Behind the Veils of Yemen (Chosen Books, 2011). In her pursuit of the perfect strategy to share the gospel with Muslim women, the author nearly overlooked the second most important command Jesus gave us: to simply, but completely, love our neighbor. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/1451/09-2011

The Story of a 21st-century Priscilla by Rachel Rajagopal, a Singaporean missionary serving as director in the overseas ministry division with Biblical Education by Extension Korea. We bring ourselves to God and avail ourselves to be used for his kingdom purposes and glory. Women on the cutting edge of missions will never forget to embrace these basics. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/1450/09-2011


LEADERSHIP PROFILE


INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHING

Jewels from the Dragon Kingdom by Sookit Chan, a writer and editor in China. In many places such as China, Christian writers still cannot publish openly. Yet more than a few are persevering despite uncertainties. Here is one example. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/international_publishing.php/1446/09-2011

NEWS BRIEFS

AROUND THE WORLD: Bible Agencies Unite to Strengthen Ministry Impact
Two Bible ministries with complementary missions have announced plans to merge. Bible League International (BLI) and the World Bible Translation Center (WBTC) both bring unique strengths: Bible League in Bible distribution and WBTC in Bible translation. The new organization will focus on expanding a literacy program around the world, as well as using digital delivery technology recently developed in a strategic alliance with twelve other ministries. (Assist News Service)

NORTH KOREA: Call to End Persecution of Christians
Recent reports by human rights organizations accuse North Korea of putting up to 180,000 people into forced labor. Christians are among the inmates facing torture, starvation, and execution in political prison camps. Persecution watchdog Release International is working to support North Korean Christians who have fled the country by providing safe houses, pastoral support, and health care. An
interim petition calling for religious freedom in North Korea can be signed at
www.releaseinternational.org/petition. (Assist News Service)

SOMALIA: Christian Agencies Continue Work despite Security Issues
Christian relief agencies providing aid to millions of people facing drought face security issues in the
war-torn country of Somalia, where humanitarian officials say operating is difficult, but not impossible.
Nearly 3.7 million people, half of the country’s population, are affected by a serious food crisis, which
declared famine in two regions of southern Somalia. An estimated 1,500 refugees fleeing the famine
were arriving daily in Dadaab camp in northern Kenya. Another 1,700 are arriving in eastern Ethiopia.
(Ecumenical News International)

SRI LANKA: Violence against Christians
Violence against Christians in Sri Lanka has been increasing in recent weeks. On 10 July 2011 a pastor
was assaulted after attending a meeting convened by a Buddhist monk in Ampara District, Eastern
Province. On 19 July, a mob of fifty people attacked the homes of five Christian families in Badulla
District in Uva Province. At last report, there were plans to force these families to renounce Christianity
or leave the village. (Voice of the Martyrs, Canada)

TANZANIA: Muslim Extremists Torch Churches
According to Compass Direct News, on 30 July 2011 Muslim extremists burned down the Evangelical
Assemblies of God-Tanzania church building on Zanzibar Island. This was just three days after another
congregation’s facility was reduced to ashes. Another church building was burned down on 27 July, said
Pastor George Frank Dunia of the Free Evangelical Pentecostal Church in Africa. On neighboring Pemba
Island, suspected Muslims extremists razed a Seventh-day Adventist Church building. (Assist News
Service)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: InterVarsity Inspired after World Assembly
The 2011 International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES) World Assembly, held 26 July to 2
August in Krakow, Poland, hosted more than 650 delegates from over 150 nations. InterVarsity Christian
Fellowship was just one of dozens of student ministries represented. Staff members were motivated by
seeing how students were leading hundreds of others in a single ministry chapter and how staff stepped
fearlessly into harm’s way when necessary for Christ. InterVarsity president Alec Hill says he was able to
see Jesus as Lord in a broader context. InterVarsity has been building communities on American
campuses for decades. (Mission Network News)

October/November Theme: Cape Town 2010: One Year Following

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