

## JUNE/JULY 2011 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### PUBLISHER'S MEMO

**Discipleship in Its Many Forms** by Lon Allison, co-publisher of *Lausanne World Pulse*. The costs and opportunities of discipleship are many. Allison reflects on this month's articles related to the topic. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/leadershipmemo/1429/06-2011](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/leadershipmemo/1429/06-2011)

### THEMED ARTICLES: THE POWER OF DISCIPLESHIP

**The Gospel within Discipleship: Spiritual Formation** by Sara Singleton, who pastors at First Presbyterian Church in Colorado Springs. God calls us to learn, listen, and to live in the light as we grow to be his disciples and disciplers of others. The change that comes from the renewal of our inner life leads to an irrepressible love for God and others. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1416/06-2011](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1416/06-2011)

**Discipleship at Arm's Length? Not Possible** by LaNette Thompson, who served in Africa with the International Mission Board Connecting from 1985 to 2011. Cross-cultural discipleship should include mentoring in four areas—purpose, relationship, knowledge, and rituals and powers. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1417/06-2011](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1417/06-2011)

**Discipleship: Shallow Lake or Deep Waters? A Nordic Look at Church** by Knud Jørgensen, dean of Tao Fong Shan in Hong Kong and associate professor at the Norwegian School of Theology. A life without discipleship will always be a life without Jesus—an idea, a myth, a folk religion, without Christ as the center. The author discusses how this plays out in Western Europe and calls for a church that both *supports* people (gives to, takes care, welcomes, carries) and *challenges* people to discipleship and obedience. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1418/06-2011](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1418/06-2011)

### PERSPECTIVES

**How to Pray for Persecuted Believers** by Grant and Janice McClung, who mobilize and train for missional involvement and intercession through [www.MissionsResourceGroup.org](http://www.MissionsResourceGroup.org). The authors offer practical ways that you, and those you mobilize and gather for prayer, can effectively pray for persecuted believers around the world. These include praying sensitively, scripturally, spontaneously, sensibly, systematically, and strategically. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/1419/06-2011](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/1419/06-2011)

**Catalyzing Student Mission Movements** by Sampson Dorkunor, Africa regional facilitator with the SVM2 Network. Although God is intently searching his entire Church, the Holy Spirit is focusing particular attention on the emerging generation of believers. The author shares how student volunteer movements are transforming people groups and nations. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/1420/06-2011](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/1420/06-2011)

**Report on Sixth Lausanne International Researchers' Conference** by *Peter Brierley, senior Lausanne associate for church research*. More than fifty people attended the recent Researchers' Conference in Sao Paulo. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/1421/06-2011](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/1421/06-2011)

**Global Diaspora Network Meets for First Time in Paris.** The Lausanne Global Diaspora Network, formed at Cape Town 2010, met for the first time in February 2011. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/1422/06-2011](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/1422/06-2011)

## LEADERSHIP PROFILE

**Ryan Shaw, Student Minister, Evangelist, Trainer, International.** Shaw, who serves as international lead facilitator of Student Volunteer Movement 2, discusses evangelism, the younger generation, and his hopes for the future. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/leadership\\_profiles.php/1423/06-2011](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/leadership_profiles.php/1423/06-2011)

**Sampson Dorkunor, Trainer, Outreach Coordinator, Church Planter, Ghana.** As founder and general overseer of Living Bread Missions (an indigenous missionary agency committed to training, outreach, and church planting), Dorkunor discusses his passion for the emerging generation, his view of the global Church, and his hopes for the future. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/leadership\\_profiles.php/1424/06-2011](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/leadership_profiles.php/1424/06-2011)

## INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHING

**Glimpses of the Power of the Pen and Christian Publishing in Asia** by *Ramon Rocha III, international literature development coordinator for OMF International*. Asian leaders who pursue Christian ministry through the written word are confronted with significant challenges as well as opportunities. These include financial priorities, free literature, and printing costs. Although it will take time, attaining self-sufficiency in Christian publishing in Asian countries is not impossible. Heightened professionalism in operations, a highly trained and motivated staff, and excellence in product development are essential areas of growth. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/international\\_publishing.php/1425/06-2011](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/international_publishing.php/1425/06-2011)

**Publishing for China's Millions** by *John Maust, president of Media Associates International*. Quality Christian books are being legally published in China, despite the obstacles. Maust shares two examples of publishers who are contributing helpful resources to the Church in this nation. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/international\\_publishing.php/1426/06-2011](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/international_publishing.php/1426/06-2011)

## NEWS BRIEFS SUMMARY

(Complete News Briefs: [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/newsbriefs.php/1427/06-2011](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/newsbriefs.php/1427/06-2011))

### **BANGLADESH: Bibles for Street Preachers**

Twenty young Bangladeshi Christians are risking their lives by selling and handing out Christian literature on the streets, busses, and marketplaces in their cities. In the past 11 months they have distributed more than 500,000 Bibles, New Testaments, and leaflets. They were able to do this in part with the help of Barnabas Aid, which provides training and literature for distribution. (Barnabas Aid)

### **EGYPT: Christians Attacked in Slums**

Deadly clashes between Egypt's Christians and Muslims are highlighting rising interfaith tensions. Security had to be tightened around churches in a Cairo slum following riots over rumors of a Christian who converted to Islam. The reports turned out to be false, says Greg Musselman, spokesperson for

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Voice of the Martyrs Canada. "The last reports I saw: twelve were dead, and churches were burnt down. Really, it was started by a group called Salafist...an ultra Islamist group. The coordination of the rebellion grew over whether or not this was the first play by the Muslim Brotherhood to make a grab for power." Musselman says the two groups don't seem to share the same ideals. (Mission Network News)

#### **ENGLAND: Global Day of Prayer London Calls for Twitter Followers to Tweet Lord's Prayer**

As part of a 50-day campaign leading up to the Global Day of Prayer on 12 June 2011, GDOP London is calling for fifty thousand followers on Twitter to tweet the Lord's Prayer. On Easter weekend, GDOP London began tweeting segments of the Lord's Prayer to encourage Christians to pray for the United Kingdom. So far, #GDOPLondon has a growing number of followers, including some members of the British Parliament. (Assist News Service)

#### **JAPAN: Churches Urged to Work Together after Triple Disaster**

Japan's churches and Christian councils should establish a consortium to respond to the devastating 2011 earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear power plant accident, read a statement released at the Japan Earthquake/Tsunami Relief Ecumenical Solidarity Meeting held 6-7 May. In addition, the National Christian Council in Japan should "convene a forum of all the Japanese partners to facilitate the exchange of information and activities and explore avenues of cooperation." About forty representatives of Christian partner organizations and churches from the West and Asia attended the meeting, which was coordinated by the North East Asia Churches Forum of the Christian Conference of Asia. (Ecumenical News International)

#### **INDIA: Churches Challenged to Address Caste Discrimination**

Churches in India were called upon to tackle "institutional casteism" at a conference organized by the World Council of Churches (WCC) in collaboration with Indian churches and groups. Attended by over seventy delegates, the May 2011 conference on "Caste, Religion and Culture" was organized by the WCC Commission for World Mission and Evangelism in collaboration with the National Council of Churches in India (NCCI). The Student Christian Movement of India and the Centre for Social Studies and Culture based in Kerala state also participated. (Ecumenical News International)

#### **INDIA: Justice Eludes Christian Victims of Orissa Violence**

Nearly three years after vicious attacks by Hindu radicals in Orissa left dozens of Christians dead and thousands injured, there has been just one conviction for murder, with thousands of complaints reportedly being disregarded by authorities. A devastating report by a Christian journalist and human rights activist about the Indian authorities' investigations into the mass violence in Kandhamal between August and October 2008 exposes how justice has seemingly eluded the Christian victims. The Orissa State government acknowledges fifty deaths, of which thirty-eight were Christians, in Kandhamal during that period and the earlier violence at the end of 2007. Church activists list ninety-one murder cases. Among the twenty cases brought to trial to date, there has been just one conviction for murder. (Barnabas Aid)

#### **RUSSIA: Older Orphans Face Serious Risks**

There are roughly twenty-one million children under the age of 15 in Russia. Nearly 730,000 of these are orphans. Strict adoption laws can make inter-country adoption from Russia difficult, but so can uncontrollable factors like a child's age. After age 3, the chances of adoption for a Russian orphan are slim; by early elementary school, opportunities to find a forever family are virtually nonexistent. The consequences of overlooking these children are severe. Adoptive parent Garth Wilkins says, "After they are emancipated from the orphanage at 16 or 17, ten percent of the kids commit suicide within the first

three years. Forty percent turn to alcohol and drugs, and forty percent fall into a life of prostitution or crime." (Mission Network News)

#### **SOUTH ASIA: Gospel Tracts Distributed on a Mountain**

Celebrating a holiday, villagers in one area of South Asia climbed a mountain, planning to worship local deities when they reached the top. A group of Bible college students also climbed the mountains, but with the goal of sharing the love of God. The students handed out gospel tracts as they hiked up the mountain. In spite of opposition, 1,500 hikers willingly received tracts. (Gospel for Asia)

#### **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Students Predisposed to All-inclusive Beliefs**

The topics of pluralism and universalism have risen to the surface of Christian conversation. "There's definitely an increase in terms of young people today being at least open to the possibility of results of universalism and pluralism," says InterVarsity Christian Fellowship evangelist York Moore. A recent study by the Barna Group seems to confirm this. Universalism was supported by forty-three percent of subjects questioned. "Another thing this study cites is that 51% do not believe that they have a responsibility to tell people about their faith in Christ," explains Moore. "So that lack of responsibility, coupled with an openness for universalism and pluralism among Christians, is a real problem in InterVarsity." Despite the various voices influencing college students, InterVarsity has been winning this war. InterVarsity is still seeing a higher number of conversions than at any time in their 70-year history. (Mission Network News)

### **COMING IN MAY: THE POWER OF INTEGRITY**

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