

### [NEWS BRIEFS \(www.lausanneworldpulse.com/newsbriefs.php/06-2008\)](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/newsbriefs.php/06-2008)

#### **AROUND THE WORLD: World Food Crisis Leads to Scaling Back Assistance**

World Vision, which provides nearly 450,000 metric tons of food to some thirty countries, says soaring food costs and unmet donor-nation aid commitments may result in a twenty-three percent decrease in the number of people it can feed this year. The crisis will also prevent the launch of new food aid projects. **(World Vision)**

#### **AROUND THE WORLD: Food for the Hungry Responds to Global Food Crisis**

As rapid increases in staple food prices continue, many of the world's poor are being forced to sell tools and livestock in order to survive. Food for the Hungry is responding by using a voucher system to help families obtain food locally and is providing dried food packets containing rice, soy protein, and vitamins. FH is also intensifying food production in rural areas, with the goal of increasing production by twenty percent. **(Food for the Hungry)**

#### **BRAZIL: Replica Train Stations Trace History of Scripture in Brazil**

Three replica train stations have been erected at the Museum of the Bible in Barueri, São Paulo, as part of an exhibition to trace the history of the Holy Scriptures in Brazil. The three train stations that make up the "Paths of the Bible in Brazil" exhibition are intended to draw attention to the beginnings of Bible work in Brazil, the distribution of the Holy Scriptures, and their influence. **(Ecumenical News International)**

#### **ETHIOPIA: Medical Aid Sent to Ethiopian Jews**

Jewish Voice Ministries International reports bringing medical relief to the "poorest Jewish communities on earth." From 24 March–8 April 2008, a team of ninety volunteers served in Addis Ababa and Gondar, Ethiopia. The group included thirty-three healthcare professionals, who provided aid to the Beta Avraham and Beta Israel communities and their neighbors. **(Jewish Voice Ministries International)**

#### **GHANA: President Urges a Reintroduction of Religious and Moral Education**

President John Agyekum Kufuor of Ghana has instructed authorities of basic schools in the country to revisit the teaching of Religious and Moral Education (RME), which had been removed from the syllabus. The president expressed displeasure about the negative moral impact of globalization on the youth through mass media. He urged the school children to balance their academic learning with that of their moral duty. **(ASSIST News Service)**

#### **HAITI: Food Shortage Impacts Church of the Nazarene**

The current food crisis in Haiti has affected every one of the more than 100,000 Nazarenes in the country. The food crisis has also impacted the Nazarene seminary. Even before the latest food price increases, approximately fifty percent of the seminary's annual budget was used to feed the students. Now, the seminary is struggling to give three meals a day to the students in residence. **(Church of the Nazarene)**

#### **IRELAND: Largest Evangelistic Event in Nearly Five Decades**

Nearly thirty-three thousand people attended Franklin Graham's Festival of Northern Ireland, the area's largest evangelistic event since Billy Graham visited in 1961. More than 385 churches united for the Celebration of Hope at the Odyssey Arena in Belfast. **(Billy Graham Evangelistic Association)**

#### **ISRAEL: Caspari Center Celebrates Twenty-five Years**

The Caspari Center, which seeks to train and educate leaders for the Body of Christ in Israel, recently celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary. Caspari offers leadership training and Shabbat School teaches seminars, maintains a library, sponsors tours and study trips, and authors book relevant to believers' daily needs and the history of the Jewish people. **(Caspari Center)**

**KAZAKHSTAN: Kazakhstan Weighs Stricter Religion Law**

Kazakhstan's lower chamber of parliament has passed new laws creating greater restrictions on foreign missionaries and evangelical churches. Among other concerns, the new law: imposes quotas of missionaries allowed in Kazakhstan; strictly limits the distribution of religious material; and prohibits the acceptance of anonymous or foreign donations by religious organizations in the country. (ASSIST News)

**POLAND: Evangelistic Campaign in Poland a Huge Success**

Response to the evangelistic campaign ProChrist in Poland overwhelmed organizers, as approximately twenty thousand visitors made decisions for Christ. The campaign, held in April 2008, was a joint venture of Lutheran, Presbyterian, Methodist, and Baptist churches working with the regional Ecumenical Council and the Catholic Fokolar Movement. (ASSIST News)

**RUSSIA: Competing for the Next Generation**

For nearly ten years, the Moscow Patriarchate of the Russian Orthodox Church (MP ROC) has sought to promote its "Foundations of Russian Orthodox Culture" as a compulsory school subject, to try to win children and young people. This effort is seen by some as dividing children by religion and has led to the persecution of "sectarians" (including Protestants), even in schools. According to the WEA Religious Liberty Commission, the MP ROC also wants to stop children's ministry in Protestant churches, including Sunday School. (World Evangelical Alliance Religious Liberty Commission)

**SOUTH KOREA: Christians Willing to Be Martyred in North Korea**

A group of South Korean Christians from the 100,000-member Manmin Joong-Ang Church has been training to preach the gospel in North Korea when and if doors open. According to Johnny Kim, director of Manmin TV, a ministry of the church in Seoul, the group is prepared for the possibility of martyrdom, should North Korea's doors then close up again. (ASSIST News)

**TURKEY: Musical Ministry Tours Turkey**

TACO, a creative arts ministry started by OM International, recently toured four cities in Turkey, spreading the gospel with music and audience interaction. The group reported fifty-two requests for biblical literature and thirty-one requests for further conversation about Jesus. (OM International)

**TURKEY: New Testaments Distributed, Companies Established, Christians Trained**

Over 500,000 New Testaments have been distributed throughout Turkey, Aslan International (AI) reports. Four New Testament book companies have also been established, and Turkish believers are being trained to share the gospel. In 1987, the first coordinated effort to distribute Turkish New Testaments began. Despite many threats, arrests, and harassments, AI continues its ministry in the country. (Aslan International)

**UNITED KINGDOM: Christians Attempt One Million Hours of Kindness**

British Christians are being challenged to donate one million hours of kindness as part of Hope 08, a nationwide grassroots mission. The effort, called "HOPE Where You Live," is the third of Hope 08's five initiatives. Believers from all denominations and traditions will engage in practical actions that meet specific needs in their local communities. (Hope 08)

**UNITED STATES: International Teams USA Elects New President and CEO**

On 7 April 2008, International Teams USA elected Rev. Scott R. Olson as its new president and CEO. Recently, Olson served as director of operations for Global Partners, an international mission agency, where he travelled to over forty countries and worked alongside missionaries and international leaders. (International Teams USA)

**UNITED STATES: Boyd Installed as President of MAF**

John Boyd was recently installed as the new president of Mission Aviation Fellowship. Boyd and his wife, Tanya, joined MAF in 1993. The couple served as a missionary pilot family in Zaire, Haiti, and Lesotho, supporting the ministry of missionaries, local churches, and medical ministries, as well as that of relief and development

organizations. Boyd was appointed CEO of MAF-South Africa in 1998. Four years later, the Boyd family relocated to the United States where Boyd served as vice-president of ministry advancement. (**Mission Aviation Fellowship**)

### PUBLISHER'S MEMO

**The Next Generation: Leadership and Communicating the Gospel** by *Doug Birdsall, co-publisher of LWP*. The task of world evangelization requires the cooperative efforts across generations—the strength and wisdom of one generation, as well as the passion and fresh perspective of the next. The need to engage, equip, and learn from the next generation of leadership is critical to bring fresh vision, energy, and relevance to the task of communicating the whole gospel to the whole world. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/leadershipmemo/958/06-2008](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/leadershipmemo/958/06-2008)

### THEMED ARTICLES: THE NEXT GENERATION: LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNICATING THE GOSPEL

**Leading and Connecting with the Next Generation by Understanding Generational Differences** by *Graeme Codrington, an author, speaker, and consultant on the issue of people strategy*. Generational theory suggests we seek to see the world through the eyes of other people. We also need to recognize that every generation has something to teach the others—and every generation has something to learn, as well. Codrington touches upon the differences between the Baby Boomers, the Generation Xers, and the Millennials. He offers ten suggestions for Christian leaders to connect with the Millennials. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/953/06-2008](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/953/06-2008)

**Evangelism and Leadership Development among Young People in Europe** by *David James, Austrian field leader for European Christian Mission*. Having worked in ministry with post-moderns in Europe, James offers six suggestions for doing evangelism with young people who have come from broken homes and have secular values. Having mentored younger evangelists himself, James also offers nine principles for leadership development for young Christians in Europe. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/945/06-2008](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/945/06-2008)

**Mission among Young People in “Secular” Europe** by *Jonny Baker, who works for the Church Mission Society*. In order to reach out to young people in Europe, a new form of “church” must emerge. “Church on the Edge” is a new expression of Christian community in specific cultures. These communities do not seek to draw the un-churched into the pews, but to reach out to them where they are—using terminology and language they can understand. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/947/06-2008](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/947/06-2008)

**Encouragement: Our Gift to the Next Generation** by *Grant McClung, an advisor to the Missions Commission of the Pentecostal World Fellowship*. “How do we extend encouragement to our peers, to those we influence, and to the next generation of leaders?” McClung asks. He recommends five ways to encourage others: stand with them, speak a word to (or for) them, show them a concrete act of encouragement, pray (supplication) for them, and see the future with them. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/956/06-2008](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/956/06-2008)

**The Generations Project: Equipping Young Women to Serve and Lead** by *Evangeline Weiner, director of Aglow International's Generation Project*. Aglow International's Generation Project is working with young people in nine countries to not only establish righteousness in their nations by serving in places of influence, but to take on problems in their communities, including: homelessness, foster care, littering, and visiting the elderly. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/963/06-2008](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/963/06-2008)

### PERSPECTIVES

**Are Rites of Passage Out of Step? A Kenyan Christian Perspective** by *Muhia Karianjahi, founder of Tanari*. Although some may think rites of passage are outdated, in many cultures of the world, these passages mark one's transition into adulthood. Karianjahi offers a new look at using Christian rites of passage to strengthen church and community bonds. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/944/06-2008](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/944/06-2008)

**Retiring into Uncertainty** by Dick Jacquin, vice-president of support ministries for HCJB Global. The days of missionaries getting lifelong support are becoming more infrequent, and long-term commitments of the past are quickly evaporating. This makes the transition for missionaries approaching retirement often quite difficult. To deal with this problem, Jacquin offers suggestions on how churches, organizations, and missionaries can begin working together. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/954/06-2008](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/954/06-2008)

**“Sent to Preach the Gospel”:** Christians for Biblical Equality 2008 Conference by Dr. Mimi Haddad and Rachel Finsaas, president and events coordinator for Christians for Biblical Equality, respectively. The 2008 Christians for Biblical Equality conference, to be held 18-20 July 2008 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, will focus on the issue of gender and missions, particularly on the biblical, historical, and cultural challenges Christian men and women face as they work together on mission fields around the world. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/957/06-2008](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/957/06-2008)

**Staying Connected: Worldwide Missionary Evangelism Uses Online Community Tools to Communicate Effectively** by Vince Farrell, a member of Worldwide Missionary Evangelism. One of the greatest needs and challenges with worldwide missions is the ability to communicate quickly, clearly, safely, and in real-time. Providing a tool to allow people to communicate with one another any time they want, and to share photos and calendars and participate in group chat, can be an extremely powerful tool in building relationships within an organization or mission. Oikos, a private, online, social networking site, allows missionaries and mission leaders around the world to communicate in a safe and real-time setting. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/959/06-2008](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/959/06-2008)

### URBAN COMMUNITIES

**Introduction to Short-term Student Ministries with Slum Communities** by Glenn Smith, Lausanne’s senior associate for urban mission. This month, thousands of university students from the Global North will move into urban slum communities in the Majority World to live alongside the poor. Smith introduces this issue and highlights helpful resources for those interested in this area of ministry. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/urban.php/960/06-2008](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/urban.php/960/06-2008)

**University Student Mission with Slum Communities: Reflections After-the-Fact** by Scott Bessenecker, director of global projects with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship/USA. Bessenecker shares how his experience in a garbage village of Cairo transformed his understanding of how we often settle for less than what God would want for us. He asks, “Are we content with the fallow places in our lives—places of scarcity, garbage, and unwholesome dependence? Does the Father yearn for something greater for us than even we do for ourselves?” [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/urban.php/961/06-2008](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/urban.php/961/06-2008)

### RESEARCH

**For the Race Set Before Us: Training and the Church** by Rick Allen Dunn, pastor of outreach ministries at Coast Hills Church in Aliso Viejo, California, USA. Using the analogy of a race, Dunn explores why training in our spiritual lives is even more important than training for an athletic competition. Using scripture and the ministry of Jesus, he breaks he asks: Why do we train? Whom do we train? How do we train? and What do we train? [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/research.php/955/06-2008](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/research.php/955/06-2008)

### LAUSANNE REPORTS

**An Overview of Issues Affecting Evangelization in the United States** by Jim Tebbe, vice president for missions and director of Intervarsity Christian Fellowship's Urbana Missions Convention. Values, morality, means of communication, church attendance, spiritual interest, passions, etc., point to major changes taking place in North America today. This affects how Christians engage with those who do not believe and how they perceive the mandate to make disciples of all nations. Tebbe discusses both the good and the bad trends in North American Christianity. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/lausannereports/942/06-2008](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/lausannereports/942/06-2008)

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