

May 2010 Executive Summary

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AROUND THE WORLD: Training Essential for Global Church Growth

India, Sri Lanka, and Nepal are areas of the world where being a Christian can cost you your life. However, many people are coming to Christ, and churches are growing at incredible rates. Lars Dunburg with Global Action says this is a challenge. "There are not enough seminary-trained pastors to go around," he says. "Some have absolutely no training." To combat this, Global Action has a program, GLOMOS (or Global Mobile Studies), which has trained more than fifteen thousand pastors. ([Mission Network News](#))

AROUND THE WORLD: Lutheran Grouping's Membership Tops Seventy Million

For the first time, the total number of members in churches belonging to the [Lutheran World Federation \(LWF\)](#) has risen to just over seventy million, increasing by 1.6 million from the preceding year. On its website, the Geneva-based grouping says that in 2009, membership of LWF churches in Africa and Asia increased, while churches in Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as in North America, experienced a slight decline. ([Ecumenical News International](#))

HAITI: Kids Alive International Helps Children in Slavery

[Kids Alive International \(KAI\)](#) is trying to help Haiti's "restavec" children. In Creole, "restavec" means "to stay with"; however, these children are in essence slaves. Tom Froese of KAI said the restavec children are forced to live with families they usually do not know. They endure grueling labor for the household, yet are the last to receive food and clothing and often sleep on cold cement floors or under tables. Unfortunately, KAI's effort to help these children gets no support from the government. KAI is doing what they can through their children's homes and schools in the country. They currently have three homes in Haiti: Phillip's Place, Nate's Place, and Joseph's Place, where thirty children are cared for by Christian house parents who show them love and give them an education. ([Mission Network News](#))

INDIA: Believers Accused of Forceful Conversion

On 25 March 2010, three Indian Christian believers were arrested under what are said to be false charges of "forceful conversion" in Hunsur, a town in Mysore district of the Indian state of Karnataka. The [Global Council of Indian Christians \(GCIC\)](#) reported that, following an altercation with believers attending a funeral, a mob registered a complaint with police against the Christians on alleged charges of "forced conversion." Police arrested the three Christians in response to the complaint. ([Assist News Service](#))

MIDDLE EAST: SAT-7 Establishes Turkish Language Channel

[SAT-7](#) has announced the launching of its new channel, SAT-7 TURK, fulfilling a dream of broadcasting Christian programming in the three primary languages of the Middle East: Arabic, Farsi, and Turkish. SAT-7 reports that when given a chance, Turks will readily watch a satellite channel like SAT-7 TURK, one that cannot be censored. According to SAT-7, there are approximately 100 million Turkish language speakers in the world, yet the Christian Church in Turkey has been nearly extinguished. ([SAT-7](#))

MOROCCO: Church Grows amidst Growing Intolerance

In March 2010, foreign Christian workers departed from Morocco. Morocco's Communications Minister, Khalid Naciri, told reporters that the government would be "severe with all those who play with religious values." He also called Morocco a "land of tolerance" and said Christians can live and worship there as long as they don't proselytize. [Avant Ministries](#) president and CEO, Jack Elwood, asks Christians worldwide to pray for Moroccan believers: "Not only are expatriates being kicked out of the country, but great pressures are being put upon national believers as well."

Many of our friends and contacts have been questioned by the police and are under great pressure." ([Mission Network News](#))

RUSSIA: Minister to Muslims Murdered

Russian church minister, Daniil Sysoev, 34, was murdered in his church in Moscow in November 2009. A masked gunman approached him, checked his name, and then shot him in the head and chest. A choirmaster was also injured in the attack. Sysoev had been active in evangelistic outreach to Muslims, and many think he may have been killed because of this ministry. ([Barnabas Aid](#))

SENEGAL: Ministry to Street Children

A Christian ministry in Senegal is caring for Talibe street children—boys who have been given up by their families to a marabout. The marabout, a Muslim spiritual leader, sends the boys to the streets to beg. The boys live in terrible conditions, and when they reach the age of twelve, they are no longer the responsibility of the marabout. Many are left to the streets. A Christian drop-in center offers a place for the boys to wash, play, and eat. They also hear the gospel. If the boys make a decision for Christ and give up their life on the streets, they are cared for by the ministry while learning skills and receiving schooling in math and French. ([Barnabas Aid](#))

SUDAN: Common Profession Opens Lines of Communication

[International Mission Board](#) (IMB) workers Jennifer Miller and Whitney Prewitt have dedicated their lives to working in southern Sudan with the Dinka people, who are cattle herders moving from camp to camp with their livestock. The camp atmosphere is filled with revelry and sexual immorality. Most of the Dinka simply do not know about diseases like HIV/AIDS. Many could not read literature on AIDS even if it were available. To explain the dangers of AIDS, Miller and Prewitt have put together a series of stories using Dinka folklore and biblical parables as examples of morality, truth, and good decision making. However, because they are female, Miller and Prewitt struggled to communicate their message. Therefore, four young American cattle owners have come to help, telling the stories Miller and Prewitt have prepared, discussing the dangers of AIDS, and explaining the gospel. ([Mission Network News](#))

THAILAND: Children's Prayers Answered, Saving Orphanage

On 19 March 2010, orphans at the Children's Home of Thailand were rushed to safety as forest fires closed in on the orphanage. A [Vision Beyond Borders](#) (VBB) Thailand contact said the center had just finished building new dorms, a kitchen, canteen, church, and bathrooms. Workers sent out urgent prayer requests by email and moved the children to the top of a hill for safety. Once there, a staff member encouraged the kids to start worshiping and praying to God. Although Thailand is in the midst of their dry season, they trusted God to send rain. Less than an hour later, as the fires approached the orphanage, a thunderstorm rained down, extinguishing the fires. ([Mission Network News](#))

TURKEY: Christians Face Tide of Censorship and Negative Views

[Turkish World Outreach](#) recently reported on a national survey that found that fifty-nine percent of Turkish citizens believe non-Muslims should not be allowed to hold open meetings to discuss their religious teaching. Fifty-four percent also said non-Muslims should be prohibited from publishing literature that describes their beliefs. Nearly forty percent expressed negative views of Christians. ([Turkish World Outreach](#))

PUBLISHER'S MEMO

Where the Stranger Is Not Strange: Our Universal Need(s) by *Lon Allison, co-publisher of LWP*. The differences between ethnicities and cultures are many. At the core, though, at the level of what many missiologists call "human culture," we are more alike than different. Allison shares how two universal aspects, needs and longings, tie all of humanity together. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/leadershipmemo/1286/05-2010

THEMED ARTICLES: GLOCALIZED EVANGELISM: MINISTRY WHERE CULTURES MEET

Glocalization, Diaspora Missiology, and Friendship Evangelism by *Tuvya Zaretsky, president of the Lausanne Consultation on Jewish Evangelism*. Today, the cross-cultural experience is not taking place in a foreign land. The world is coming to our doorsteps as people on the move. Diaspora can be a global phenomenon with local implications

or a local phenomenon with global implications. Zaretsky discusses the theological basic of diaspora and offers case studies for reflection. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1280/05-2010

The Church as Glocal...Addressing the World and Our Community by Eric C  lerier, a French pastor and founder of *TopChretien.com*. If we want the gospel message to be relevant for our generation, we need to be glocal in our approach. Glocal is the process most adapted for every organization which considers evangelism as the Great Commission. The author shares the four-part process for Internet glocal evangelism. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1281/05-2010

Bridge Peoples: The Role of Ethnic Minorities in Global Evangelization by Winston Smith (pseudonym), a staff member serving with *Campus Crusade for Christ*. The author takes a biblical look at bridge people and shares why individuals with dual ethnicities are key to the growth of the church. He also shares a five-part plan on partnering with bridge people. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1275/05-2010

Demands of the Kingdom of God in Relation to Ethnic Diversity by Victor Cuartas, an instructor in practical ministry and global missions at *Regent University*. What are the demands of the Kingdom of God in relation to ethnic diversity? The author shares five elements. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1279/05-2010

Glocalization from a Norwegian Perspective by Knud J  rgensen, dean of *Tao Fong Shan* in Hong Kong and associate professor at the *Norwegian School of Theology*. J  rgensen takes the reader on a journey of mission in the Norwegian Church, a journey that includes the local church slowly beginning to take center stage as the primary instrument of mission. The deviates off the traditional concept that mission stems from missionary societies. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1276/05-2010

PERSPECTIVES

Connecting Local and Global Church: A Preview to Edinburgh 2010 by Kirsteen Kim, research coordinator for *Edinburgh 2010* and a member of the *Lausanne Theology Working Group*. The author looks at how the 1910 Edinburgh conference impacted missions and why things are radically different today. Kim says although the Western missionary movement provided an important catalyst for the growth of Christianity worldwide, the actual work of world evangelization has been achieved mainly through local people in local churches. To demonstrate that Christianity is a global religion, a majority of delegates at the June 2010 gathering in Edinburgh will be representatives of local churches from the global South. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/1277/05-2010

The Gospel & International Studies: Can We Make the Connection? by Douglas Shaw, president/CEO of *International Students, Inc.* No longer is it necessary to fly groups around the world to have an international impact for Christ. Shaw shares how *International Students, Inc.* is impacting local communities and colleges for Christ. The core of ISI's mission strategy is cross-cultural outreach, or *friendship evangelism*. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/1278/05-2010

LEADERSHIP PROFILES

Leadership Profile: Evangeline Sita. Evangeline Sita is a church planter, teacher, and visionary in Hyderabad, India. Here she discusses her passions, motivations, and hopes for a needy world. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/leadership_profiles.php/1284/05-2010

LAUSANNE REPORTS

New Lausanne Global Conversation Website Launched, The new Lausanne Global Conversation website (<http://conversation.lausanne.org/>) launched in April 2010 with an open invitation to Christians around the world to participate. Topics include: *How can Christians respond to religious pluralism? Is wealth an impediment for being able to understand spirituality? The gospel must be contextualized, but how far can we go without violating the gospel? How should Christians respond to ethnic conflict?* and more. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/lausannereports/1283/05-2010

June/July 2010 Theme: Technology: Is It Changing Missions?

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