

October/November 2010 Executive Summary

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AROUND THE WORLD: Global Prayer Initiative to Launch Annual Day of Prayer for the Poor and Suffering

If the leaders of **Convoy of Hope's** Global Prayer Initiative have their wish, hundreds of thousands of people will pray every year on 12 December for the world's poor and suffering. The 12.12 initiative "is a network of compassion organizations and church fellowships from around the world who want to make a difference by praying for those who are hurting," said Thomas E. Trask, chairman of Convoy of Hope's Global Prayer Initiative. Participants will be asked to pray through twelve points of emphasis regarding the poor and suffering. (**Assist News Service**)

AROUND THE WORLD: Billy Graham Youth Ministry Launches New Interactive Website

Youth evangelism ministry Dare to Be a Daniel has launched a new Web resource for Christian students who want to learn how to share their faith. The ministry's online training site (www.DaretoBeaDaniel.com) now offers greater interactivity—allowing students to "friend" each other, as with Facebook—and a customizable user experience. "The site also still serves as a valuable information resource for students. It includes training for sharing one's faith, a host of engaging videos, and a range of articles to help students understand and live out their Christian faith. (**Assist News Service**)

INDIA: Truth Brings Hope to a Deeply Religious People

In the state of Bihar in North India, Christians make up less than one percent of the population, and because of the area's resistance to evangelism efforts, it has become known as the "graveyard of missions." **Bibles For The World's** Mawii Pudaite says beginning this week, 100,000 Bibles are on their way to families. Nearly thirty major Christian organizations are working in Bihar. In some areas of Bihar, mission agencies have been violently confronted by people who want to stop the spread of the gospel. According to Pudaite, "The genius of this project method is sending the word of God by mail. [People] receive them in the privacy of their homes, without the fear that someone might be watching them." (**Mission Network News**)

ISLAMIC WORLD: Continuing Tragedy of Forced Marriages and Conversions of Christian Girls

Shah Taj, a 14-year-old Christian girl from Lahore, Pakistan, was on her way to school last year when a vehicle occupied by three men pulled up beside her. Grabbing her, they threw her in and sped off. After being raped, she was later forced to marry a Muslim man and required by law to convert to Islam. Christian girls throughout the Islamic world are being abducted and trafficked for commercial sexual exploitation and coerced into domestic servitude. Muslim men are often offered financial incentives when they marry a Christian girl—a technique designed by Islamic fundamentalists to convert young girls to Islam forcefully. (**Assist News Service**)

KENYA: Churches Welcome Statistics Showing Christianity Has Grown

Church leaders in Kenya have cautiously welcomed the latest Population and Housing Census result, which shows the number of Christians in the East African country has grown. "This increase may have resulted from sustained evangelistic work, but we are concerned many are nominal Christians," said Anglican Bishop Charles Gaita of Nyahururu. The leaders say many of those describing themselves as Christians are not attending Sunday services and their lifestyles have not been in keeping with the faith. (**Ecumenical News International**)

NIGERIA: Christian Leaders Concerned after Muslim Radicals Escape from Prison

According to **International Christian Concern** (ICC), more than seven hundred members of an Islamic extremist group, Boko Haram, escaped 7 September 2010 after suspected fellow members of the group raided a prison where they were being held. Christian leaders in northern Nigeria are alarmed by the massive escape of Boko Haram members. In July 2009, members of Boko Haram carried out attacks against Nigerian police officials, leading to the death of more than seven hundred people. (**International Christian Concern**)

PAKISTAN: Mennonite Central Committee Using Donations for Needs

Following weeks of disruptions, loss, and trauma, people in flood-stricken areas of Pakistan are facing enormous challenges as they struggle to rebuild their lives. Although [Mennonite Central Committee](#) (MCC) does not have its own programs or personnel in Pakistan, it is working through experienced and trusted organizations that are responding to emergency and humanitarian needs there. By the end of the second week of September, more than \$700,000USD had been donated to MCC for the Pakistan flood response. ([Mennonite Central Committee](#))

SOUTHEAST ASIA: Transformation among the Ketning People

The Ketning people in the remote eastern highlands of Southeast Asia were once known for practicing cannibalism, exercising black magic, participating in revenge killings, venerating ancestors, and partaking in animism. However, today there are over fifteen thousand who have a remarkable story of transformation through the help of [The Seed Company](#). The Ketning received their first New Testament in 1983. Today, about seventy-five percent are Christians because God's word became accessible. Recently, The Seed Company partnered with local pastors and ministries in translating the Old Testament as well. The project should be done by 2013. ([Mission Network News](#))

PUBLISHER'S MEMO

The Dance of Life in Rwanda by *Lon Allison, co-publisher of LWP*. One example of reciprocal partnership in evangelism is taking place between pastors in Rwanda and the Billy Graham Center at Wheaton College. After a team from the U.S. went to Rwanda to learn about the culture and people and partake in open-air evangelism, a group from Rwanda will be coming to the Chicago area to do the same. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/leadershipmemo/1338/10-2010

THEMED ARTICLES: BIBLICAL PARTNERSHIPS THAT ADVANCE THE GOSPEL

Partnering in Mission: A Better Way to Change the World by *David Hackett, associate director at visionSynergy*. Partnerships do not just happen by themselves. They require ingenuity, creativity, hard work, and similar passions. Hackett discusses the biblical call to partnership, the essential needs of a partnership, how to have a big vision to work towards, and the benefits of partnering. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1333/10-2010

Using the Wok in the Oven: The Challenge of East-West Partnerships by *Rudolf Mak, special assistant to the executive chair of Lausanne*. Using the analogy of a meal, the author shares collaboration efforts that have been established between the East and the West. Mak not only touches upon successful partnerships which have developed, but upon lessons partners learned in the process. These include the fact that: the importance of the gatekeeper or bridge agent cannot be overemphasized, the partners need to clearly define the goals and objectives, and there are different worldviews and values involved among different partners. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1334/10-2010

The Story of Cooperación MAYA by *Hugo C. Morales and Douglas Livingston, founding members of Cooperación MAYA*. A web of alliances in Honduras has allowed local churches and ministries to significantly engage the unreached of Europe for Christ. The authors share lessons learned, including: teamwork empowers the missionary vision of the local church; there are abundant residual benefits to cooperation; an alliance advances to the degree that the leadership of its members are involved; and any cooperation, including mission work, is a divine, long-term commitment. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1335/10-2010

God's Doing in Southeast Asia by *Stanley Ow, lead facilitator for Singapore with Student Volunteer Movement 2*. Several networks have formed in Southeast Asia over the past few decades. These include: SEALINK, SEANET, SEAPC, and TSEA. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1336/10-2010

PERSPECTIVES

International Day of Prayer for Persecuted Church Set for 14 November 2010 by *Jerry Dykstra, media relations coordinator at Open Doors USA*. Prayers really do make a difference when it comes to praying to, with, and for the persecuted Church. Christians in the West have the opportunity to join the largest global prayer event of its kind on

Sunday, 14 November 2010, when IDOP 2010 is observed in churches, small groups, and homes. IDOP was launched in 1996. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/1331/10-2010

Making Eye Contact with God: A Day with the Persecuted Pakistani Church by *Al Janssen, communications director at Open Doors International*. The author and Open Doors International founder, Brother Andrew, spent time with persecuted Christians in Pakistan. The time was filled with testimony, prayer, singing, crying, and community-bonding. For Janssen, it was the first time he understood that communion with these dear brothers and sisters was true fellowship. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/1330/10-2010

Multiplying Discipleship in Cross-cultural Contexts by *Paul Sungro Lee, Africa director of the Evangelical Alliance for Preacher Training & Commission*. A missionary's disciple-making efforts must be duplicated and multiplied no matter what type of work he or she may be involved in on the field. This involves three fundamental rules: (1) the incarnate ministry style must be embraced by the missionary, (2) missionaries should consider the ministry foundation of the person being discipled, and (3) an effective administrative system for indigenous expansions should be prepared. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/1332/10-2010

LEADERSHIP PROFILES

Leadership Profile: Christopher Yuan, Speaker, Bible Teacher, AIDS Activist, USA. With a story of redemption in his own life, Christopher Yuan now travels the world teaching gospel truths and the power of purity. Here he shares his history, life passion, and hopes for the future. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/leadership_profiles.php/1329/10-2010

LAUSANNE REPORTS

African-American Mission Leaders Emerge to Impact World Evangelization. Over forty African-American delegates will come together in Cape Town to advance the gospel of Christ throughout the world, continuing the historical pioneering influence in missions among African-Americans. African-Americans will convene with other African-descended leaders from the continent and the diaspora. Led by the Holy Spirit, they will reconcile, fellowship, unite, pray, and strategize on how best to reach African-descended people and the whole world with the gospel of Christ. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/lausannereports/1328/10-2010

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