

December 2009 Executive Summary

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**AFRICA: Development Associates International Brings MA Program to French-Speaking Africa**

Since 2004, [Development Associates International's](#) (DAI) Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership program has grown to more than five hundred students from twenty-two countries. In addition to its English curriculum, DAI also offers the MA program to French-speaking students. Both lay people and clergy use the educational experience to redefine their ministry. The MA program's approach allows participants to learn without having to give up their jobs. ([Development Associates International](#))

**AROUND THE WORLD: Better Connection and Collaboration through Godreports**

[ASSIST News Service](#) veteran senior writer Mark Ellis has started a website that allows missionaries to share their own stories. On [www.Godreports.com](http://www.Godreports.com), missionaries and ministry organizations can create their own web pages—their "Godreports," where they can share their vision, passion, prayer requests, needs, and updates. They can link photos, video, and worship music to their page. Responding to spiritual and physical needs is an important goal of the website. "Suppose a missionary needs Bibles, food, or medical supplies to meet an urgent need and he's unaware that someone is working only fifty miles away who could help with that need," Ellis says. ([Assist News Service](#))

**AROUND THE WORLD: Creating Music from the Heart**

Begun in 2008, *Resonance*, a ministry of [WEC International](#), is creating music in the "heart languages" of people around the world. Its vision is for all peoples to express their heart's devotion to God with music they cherish, rather than music that feels foreign to them. This ministry does not simply translate worship songs from English to a local language, but works to make music in the style and culture of local believers. ([WEC International](#))

**AROUND THE WORLD: Heart Language Translations Are Essential**

[Faith Comes By Hearing](#) (FCBH) is using technology to bring God's word to the poorest regions of the earth, where misuse of scripture can result from the lack of understandable translations. International director Morgan Jackson said recently, "Half of the world's people are illiterate and too poor to afford a Bible." Jackson added that another problem is misuse of scripture, sometimes accidental and sometimes intentional. Citing witchcraft and adultery, Jackson said, "People will hear and memorize one story or passage and build whole doctrines (or even denominations) on it, and leaders can mislead the people." Bringing scripture to people in their heart language is important in combating this problem. ([Mission Network News](#))

**ERITREA: Authorities Arrest More Christians**

According to [Open Doors USA](#), in October 2009 Eritrean security forces raided the home of the founding elder of the Full Gospel Church in Asmara, Pastor Tewelde Hailom. Three people were arrested during the raid. Pastor Hailom was not arrested, apparently because of his frail health due to an ulcer. He was, however, placed under house arrest with guards positioned outside his home. Later, seven more people from this congregation were taken in. The government's arrest and detention without trial of its citizens continues amidst reports of hunger and desperation in the country. It is estimated more than 2,800 Christians remain behind bars for their persistence to worship outside of the state-sanctioned Orthodox, Lutheran, and Catholic churches. ([Mission Network News](#))

**INDIA: Warli Ministries Plants New House Group**

Warli Ministries reported that in June 2009 a new house group was planted in a remote village in the Khonpada mountains, about 150 miles north of Mumbai. The indigenous church is growing in area villages, although new believers need training and a facility in which to receive training. Pastor Pratap Aghamkar and others on his team who meet with people in Khonpada must travel for more than eight hours to reach them.

### **INDIA: Gospel for Asia Continues Work in Flooded West Bengal**

Less than four months after Cyclone Aila pounded the Bay of Bengal, West Bengal, India, was again deluged in early September 2009. The latest round of flooding was caused by heavy rainfall as well as a release of water from local reservoirs. Almost two million people in five districts of West Bengal have been affected by the floods. It is estimated that more than thirty-seven thousand people have been rendered homeless, and at least twenty-three people have died. [Gospel for Asia](#) (GFA) missionaries, mobilized since Aila struck in May 2009, are working in the hardest-hit areas sharing relief supplies and the love of Jesus. ([Assist News Service](#))

### **NEPAL: GLOMOS Program Uses Multiplication Effort**

Today in Nepal, more than one million people claim Christ as their Savior, and the number of churches is growing. [Global Action](#) (GA) is helping facilitate that growth with their Global Module Studies program (GLOMOS). According to GA founder Lars Dunberg, GLOMOS trains pastors who hold some other occupation and can't come for a whole week or a whole month. Instead, they train for three days a month for ten months. This year, GLOMOS graduated sixty-nine students. Dunberg says GLOMOS is a multiplication effort. "Each of them will in turn train a minimum of five other leaders using the same material, who will in turn start other churches." ([Global Action](#))

### **PAKISTAN: Taliban Sends Threats to Christian Institutions**

On 6 October 2009, members of the Taliban sent threatening letters in Sargodha, Pakistan, warning Christian leaders to convert to Islam or face dire consequences. If Christians refuse to accept the choices given to them, the letter explains that they "would be killed, their property and homes would be burnt to ashes, and their women would be treated as sex slaves. And they themselves would be responsible for this." An ICC spokesperson said the Islamists sent letters to St. Peter's Middle School, Sargodha Institute of Technology, Sargodha Catholic High School, St. John's Primary School, and Fatima Hospital. ([International Christian Concern](#))

### **PAKISTAN: Pakistan Fellowship of Evangelical Students Cherishes Fellowship while Training Volunteers**

Earlier this year, the president of Pakistani signed a bill introducing Sharia law to the northwest of the country. Some Christians fear increased Islamism in the whole country. In this context, fellowship is particularly meaningful to the Christian students who are part of Pakistan Fellowship of Evangelical Students (PFES), part of the [International Fellowship of Evangelical Students](#) (IFES) movement there. In July 2009, PFES held two national events: a conference for forty-five medical and engineering students, and a mission camp. Nearly one hundred students from twelve cities took part in the mission camp. PFES currently has eighty Bible study groups across sixteen cities. ([International Fellowship of Evangelical Students](#))

## **PUBLISHER'S MEMO**

**2010-2020: This Could Be the Start of Something Big** by *Lon Allison, co-publisher of LWP*. Many decades ago a group of young and not-so-young men and women, sold out for God, believed the Father wanted to do something significant in their era. Today, countless thousands are still believing that God wants to do a miraculous work around the world. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/leadershipmemo/1230](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/leadershipmemo/1230)

## **THEMED ARTICLES: CELEBRATING THE CREATIVE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT**

**Mission, Evangelism, Contextualization, and the Arts.** Understanding the nature and purpose of the arts is vital for evangelism and missions, because of the strategic role they play in every culture. Every people group reinforces and passes on its story through the arts. Art has its own unique way of "speaking" and "meaning"; art is not a good preacher—it is, by nature, allusive and indirect. The arts should therefore not attempt to evangelize *per se*, but they can "bear witness" to truth. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1221](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1221)

**Arts for Christ: An Artistic Umbrella in the Arab World** by *A. G. (pseudonym), founder and director of Arts for Christ*. Arts for Christ (AFC) aims to move the hearts and minds of artists in the Arab World to glorify God and proclaim his love. Believing in the power of change that can be brought by the Holy Spirit through the arts, AFC motivates artists through artistic events and local outreach. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1222](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1222)

**La Fonderie: Helping Christian Artists Find Their Place in France** by *Jim Beise, founder and executive director of la fonderie*. *La fonderie* is a group of Christians working in artistic and creative professions. The focus is on the

individual in his or her art form, from music and dance to web design and architecture to poetry and film. *La fonderie* seeks “to value, inspire, encourage, and embolden” these artists.

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### **PERSPECTIVES**

**Reaching an Online Generation** by Eric Célérier, a French pastor and founder of TopChretien.com. With 1.5 billion Internet users, the new generation is definitely online. *What are Christians doing on the Internet...and are they successfully leading people to Jesus?* the author asks, promoting Jesus.net, an evangelistic website. After a brief explanation of the different types of Christian websites, Célérier explains how we can more effectively reach the online community for Christ. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/1228](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/1228)

**Exploiting Our “Outsider” Role for Good** by Samantha Baker Evens, who has been a member of the InnerCHANGE community for the last eleven years. Foreigners have a tremendous opportunity to use their unmerited power to advocate for justice, bring international attention to issues of injustice, and to extend some protection to Cambodian activists. Baker Evens shares an example of how Christian foreigners used their outsider status to support community efforts without squashing the community's own initiative in Phnom Penh.

[www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/1226](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/1226)

**Audio Bibles for India’s Banjara Gypsies.** Twice a week Banjara gypsies participate in a listening group established under a pilot project between Faith Comes By Hearing and e3 Partners. About seventy percent of the people in India are illiterate. The Proclaimer by Faith Comes By Hearing is a device being used to lead these people to a saving relationship with Jesus. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/1227](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/1227)

### **URBAN COMMUNITIES**

**God’s Global Urban Mission in an Era of the Autonomous Self and Globalization** by Glenn Smith, Lausanne senior associate for urban mission. Over the past two years we have examined a variety of cities and ministries across the urban world. A common theme is *God's global urban mission*. But we have also confronted a multitude of challenges for the Church in our cities. In this concluding article of the series we want to put this all together. Smith proposes a four-fold agenda for urban churches to reach their communities for Christ.

[www.lausanneworldpulse.com/urban.php/1233](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/urban.php/1233)

### **LAUSANNE REPORTS**

**Ephesians Study Plan Leading Up to Cape Town 2010.** God has led those involved with Cape Town 2010 to focus on Paul’s letter to the Ephesians. This monthly devotional will help you to read, write, and pray your way through Ephesians in 2010, leading up to the Congress. [www.lausanneworldpulse.com/lausannereports/1229](http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/lausannereports/1229)

**January/February 2010 Theme: Being Christ to a Broken World**

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