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PUBLISHER’S MEMO

Lausanne since Cape Town by Doug Birdsall, LWP co-publisher. With the Cape Town Commitment pointing the way, Lausanne presses forward in its work of world evangelization post Cape Town 2010. Birdsall talks about new initiatives which have begun in the past year.
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THEMED ARTICLES: Cape Town 2010: One Year Following

The Lausanne Movement: Celebrating God’s Faithfulness by Lindsay Brown, Lausanne international director. Brown sums up what God did at Cape Town 2010 and how he continues to use the gathering to impact the Church globally. This includes three significant features: evangelistic missions, the Global Executive Leadership Forum, and the Cape Town Commitment.
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Cape Town 2010, One Year Following: A Report from Africa by Michael Cassidy, founder of African Enterprise. Cassidy shares key outcomes of Lausanne III from an African perspective, touching upon topics such as global fellowship, methodology and strategy, the Cape Town Commitment, and partnership.
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Cape Town 2010: Eurasia One Year Following by Anatoliy Glukhovskyy, Lausanne Eurasia international deputy director. Participants from Eurasia share at least five highlights from Cape Town 2010. These include: a broader view of the global Church, a deeper passion for world evangelism, a greater vision for local mission, a deeper appreciation for spiritual leaders, and a wider appreciation for younger leaders.
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The Cape Town Commitment’s Relevancy: A Danish Perspective by Morten Hørning Jensen, associate professor at the Lutheran School of Theology in Aarhus. The author shares three reasons the Cape Town Commitment will have a long-lasting impact: it has Christ at the center, it has the full Bible as its base, and it looks reality in the eyes.
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The Contribution of Women to Lausanne’s Ministry by Robyn Claydon, Lausanne vice chair. Claydon shares why Lausanne III, more than the previous congresses, was a milestone for women in missions.
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PERSPECTIVES

No Christians, No Scripture, No Missionaries: Update to the List by Ted Bergman, editor of SIL Electronic Survey Reports, and Bill Morrison, compiler of the Joshua Project database of people groups. Of the many peoples that need missionaries, which are highest priority? An update to a 2010 article on languages some missionaries must learn in order to witness to highest priority peoples. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/1467/10-2011

International Orality Network’s Declaration on Making Disciples of the World’s Oral Learners through Audio Scripture Engagement. The International Orality Network’s vision and mission is to influence the Body of Christ to make disciples of all oral learners. Here is a short overview of its desire to see orality around the world spread. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/1468/10-2011

LEADERSHIP PROFILE

Leadership Profile: Elke Werner, Evangelist, Mentor, Church Leader, Germany. Werner, who is Lausanne senior associate for women and a leader of Christus-Treff in Marburg, Germany, discusses significant people in her life, driving passions in ministry, and stories of sharing the gospel. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/leadership_profiles.php/1460/10-2011

INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHING

Beyond the Printed Book: Redefining Publishing in the Twenty-first Century by Renato Fleischner, editorial and production director at Mundo Cristão Publishers. How one publishing house in Brazil is taking advantage of changing technology, including using social media, Print on demand, and ebooks to supplement print options. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/international_publishing.php/1466/10-2011

NEWS BRIEFS

CHINA: Church Leaders Released after Two Years
After serving two years in Chinese labor camps, five leaders of the Linfen house church have been released. Although each experienced physical and psychological torment, all feel strong, experiencing “glory in the midst of trials and tribulations,” reported ChinaAid Association. The Christians were arrested in the aftermath of a September 2009 attack, when over four hundred local police, government officials, and hired thugs attacked one of the church branches. “Police still occupy the site where the main Linfen church building stands. The church’s members are scattered, but they continue to meet and worship in private homes. (Voice of the Martyrs)

EAST AFRICA: Effects of Famine Stretch Farther than Hunger
The East Africa famine has already cost hundreds of thousands of people their lives. Another twelve to thirteen million have been affected by the disaster. But the consequences of such a wide-scale crisis go much deeper. The list is long: massive migration of people within the affected nations, land seized by others, loss of livelihood, loss of livestock, loss of opportunity for education, increase in human trafficking and other child abuses, etc. (Mission Network News)
GREENLAND: Ice-cold Hearts Start to Melt
Historically, the Greenlandic people have been Inuit emigrants from Canada who have held shamanistic or animistic beliefs. Today, much has changed; however, many remain hostile to the truth of the gospel. Operation Mobilization reports that Hans, from the Faroe Islands, and his family have served as independent missionaries in Nuuk for over forty years, but have only seen breakthroughs recently. During a recent family camp, many non-believers said they understood the Christian message and knew they needed God. (Mission Network News)

INDONESIA: Church Can’t Open on Street with Islamic Name
An Indonesian mayor is refusing to allow an embattled church to open, saying that churches should not be built on a street with an Islamic name. This is the latest attempt by Bogor Mayor Diani Budiarto to block GKI Yasmin Church, in defiance of rulings from the Indonesian Supreme Court and Ombudsman Commission. The congregation has been holding services in front of its half-constructed church since its building permit was revoked in 2008. Bogor city chiefs, spearheaded by the mayor, have refused to comply with a Supreme Court order issued in December 2010 that the church be reopened. (Barnabas Fund)

KAZAKHSTAN: Government Bids to Tighten Grip on Religious Freedom
The government of Kazakhstan is renewing its efforts to restrict religious freedom under proposed changes to legislation that would require all religious groups to re-register with the state. On 1 September 2011, amendments to the religion law were adopted. Details have not yet been made public, but the head of the new state Agency of Religious Affairs said that the law will require all currently registered religious organizations to re-register. The government previously tried to amend the religion law in 2008. (Barnabas Fund)

UNITED STATES: American Christians Don’t Know Their Bible
According to an American Bible Society survey, sixty-three percent of participants could not attribute a quote to scripture. In fact, the study indicated that the majority of the people attributed 2 Corinthians 4:8 to Martin Luther King, Jr. A 2005 study by the Barna Group asked American Christians to rate their spiritual maturity based on activities such as worship, service, and evangelism. Christians offered the harshest evaluation of their Bible knowledge, with twenty-five percent admitting immaturity in their understanding of scripture. (Mission Network News)

December Theme: Cape Town 2010: One Year Following

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