

# 普世宣教快訊

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**厄立特利亞：**今年五月厄立特利亞政府下令關閉所有非東正教、天主教或路德宗的教會。這命令抵觸憲法保證宗教自由的條例，似乎是受國內佔大多數的東正教以及國外回教勢力的壓力所引發。國內的政治及軍事情況都不穩定，同時近來在東正教教會中開始有漸漸增長的復興運動，而福音派及靈恩派信徒也有更強烈的傳福音熱誠。

<Christianity Today, 8/5/02>

**萊索托：**中華福音使命團派駐南非的一對宣教士夫婦，今年四月已在萊索托開始了一個新的事工點。萊索托四周被南非所包圍，面積約香港的兩倍，境內有五百多華人，多數從事餐館、食品超市、成衣百貨等行業。宣教士在一主要城市布沙布替每週有兩次聚會，有廿多人參與。

<中福快訊 CEM News, 6/02>

**沙烏地阿拉伯：**今年五月十日，沙烏地阿拉伯吉達市警察逮捕了十名基督徒，他們剛從厄立特利亞及衣索匹亞來參加每週的崇拜聚會。去年夏天以來，這是第三宗警察進入基督徒家庭及聚會場所搜捕事件，另有三名蘇丹及一名斯里蘭卡基督徒被禁獄中。

<Voice of the Martyrs, www.persecution.com, 8/02>

**北韓：**一萬五千本聖經已印製完成，正待被送進北韓，其中五千本是大字版，專為共產黨掌權前信主的人印製，他們已為此事禱告了五十年。請記念送聖經入北韓事工，有人曾被發現而被打死。

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**俄國：**在俄國的某一基督教機構，正設法改善該國的酗酒情況，每年俄國有三萬人因酒精中毒死亡，與此相比，在美國這類事件每年只發生三百至四百次。這機構在莫斯科組織了三個每週輔導酗酒者戒酒聚會，以及一協助酗酒者家人的聚會，並另在九個甚少這種資源的城市，訓練基督徒如何開辦戒酒中心。

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**英國：**近年來甚多英國教會被拆毀，數目之多沒有人知道確實情況，據估計其數量當以千計。導致這趨勢的部分原因是教會的聚會人數日益減少，而非主流教會又常常合併。如美以美會一度曾有一萬四千間教堂，現時他們只有六千間，而每年失去一百間。

<World Pulse, 6/7/02>

**約旦河西及加薩走廊：**在巴勒斯坦人控制之下的約旦河西及加薩走廊，有幾個福音派教會及團契，他們在佔少數(多半掛名)的基督徒之間，勢力微弱，而絕大多數的巴勒斯坦人是回教徒。一般猶太人認為所有阿拉伯人(無論是否基督徒)都是搗亂分子，回教徒則視一切基督徒，無論是福音派或掛名基督徒，都是「邪教」信徒，相信多神者。

<World Pulse, 5/24/02>

**烏克蘭：**一個美國加州的基督教機構(環球宣教伙伴)，借用烏克蘭浸信會聯會的名義，繼續在該國的宣教事工。今年夏天，他們一隊四十名不同種族隊員的短宣隊，去了一孤兒院/醫院(傳福音、賑濟、音樂)、教會(頌讚及福音音樂會)，主辦了不少青少年退修營、講座、福音營、暑期聖經班等，接觸到很多烏克蘭及中國人。又分派了大量包括聖經及福音單張的愛心禮物包。

<GMP, www.globalmissionspartnership.org, Summer/02>

**布基納法索：**四月間布基納法索逐家文字佈道會同工，在一地區舉行了一週逐家探訪活動，分派發了六千多份福音冊子，結果有四千三百九十三人表示願意接受基督為他們個人救主，甚至在同工們通敘越過的對福音最抗拒的卡利村(百分之百回教徒)，每晚至少有三十位新信主的人來參加禱告聚會。其他教會也動員展開數週的佈道，數以千計的靈魂得到救恩。跟進及栽培工作相當艱鉅。近日全國更流行腦膜炎，四月間就有一萬多人受賜。

<Every Home for Christ, Prayer + Praise, 5/29/02>

**西班牙：**摩洛哥及沙烏地阿拉伯供應了大量金額，在西班牙建造清真寺。在八零年代西班牙全國只有十個回教團體，今日超過二百，多數受摩洛哥及沙烏地阿拉伯支持。近年來有三萬多西班牙人歸信回教。

<Every Home for Christ, Prayer + Praise, 5/29/02>

**中國：**目前被東方閃電異端綁架的基督徒(二零零二年八月份宣教快訊)，現已獲釋。他們是中國一大家庭教會體系的領導同工，受騙遭害。他們非常感激普世基督徒的代禱。

<Every Home for Christ, Prayer + Praise, 7/16/02>

**保加利亞：**為時十個月的「巴爾幹半島之盼望」事工(二零零二年二月份宣教快訊)，已在保加利亞順利完成，並遠超過預期成果。有更多的人參與各項活動，對參與者的影響也更深入，它們並受到傳媒界及地方政府的重視，這是前所未見的。那些訓練課程及研討會也大大幫助了基督徒，且在他們之間滋育了強烈合作的精神。二零零三年「巴爾幹半島之盼望」事工的籌備工作已經開始。

<Global Update, www.globalaction.nu, 7/02>

**菲律賓：**今年六月七日在菲律賓南部一次軍事救難行動中，宣教士本翰馬丁被殺害，他的妻子格雷西亞脫難，他們被恐怖份子阿布塞耶夫集團綁架，拘留了三百七十六天。同時，菲律賓護士葉艾娣波拉也遭難，她一年前被該集團綁架去看護他們的傷患。據報導，葉護士曾有機會逃脫，但她決定留下照顧本翰夫婦。當她的屍體被運回鄉時，數百鄉人出來迎接，甚多基督徒及回教徒都去參加她的葬禮彌撒。菲律賓總統亞羅友宣稱葉護士「因公受難」，她準備命名一醫院來紀念葉護士。

<Christianity Today, 7/8/02>

**葡萄牙：**人口近一千萬，超過百分之五十是天主教徒，只有百分之三是福音派信徒，後者每年增長百分之二點五。

<Operation World, 2000>



# World Mission News

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**Eritrean:** The Eritrean government ordered in late May the closure of all Christian churches that are not Orthodox, Roman Catholic, or Lutheran. This contradicts the constitution's mandate on freedom of religion. It appeared to be due to pressure from the dominant Orthodox Church and foreign Muslim groups. There have been a budding revival movement within the Orthodox Church and renewed evangelical fervor in the independent and charismatic churches.

<Christianity Today, 8/5/02>

**Lesotho:** A missionary couple of the China Evangelical Mission to South Africa have begun last April a mission in Lesotho, a nation twice the size of Hong Kong and completely surrounded by South Africa. There are about 500 Chinese in that nation, mostly in restaurant, food market, or clothing business. The fellowship now numbers 20 people meeting twice a week.

<中福快訊 CEM News, 6/02>

**Saudi Arabia:** Police in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, arrested 10 Christians from Eritrea and Ethiopia as they arrived at a weekly worship service on May 10. The incident is the third raid on Christian homes or meeting places since summer 2001. In addition, four other Christians, 3 from Sudan and one from Sri Lanka were jailed too.

<Voice of the Martyrs, www.persecution.com, 8/02>

**North Korea:** 15,000 copies of Bibles have been printed for delivery into North Korea. 5,000 are large-print editions targeting those saved before the communist takeover and having prayed for decades to own a Bible. There have been stories of Christians beaten to death when caught carrying Bibles into this tightly closed nation.

<Voice of the Martyrs, www.persecution.com, 8/02>

**Russia:** A ministry in Russia is tackling the nation's high rate of alcoholism. One Moscow group hosts 3 AA groups and an Al-Anon group each week. Seminars in Moscow and 9 other cities are training teams to start Christian treatment centers in cities where few recovery resources are available. More than 30,000 Russians die of acute alcohol poisoning each year, versus 300 to 400 such deaths in the US.

<World Pulse, 6/21/02>

**United Kingdom:** Loses churches so fast that no one knows how many have been demolished in recent years, but the number runs into the thousands. The trend is blamed partly on declining church attendance and partly on consolidation among nonconformist churches. The Methodist, for example, once had 14,000 chapels. Today they own 6,000 and dispose of 100 a year.

<World Pulse, 6/7/02>

**West Bank and Gaza:** There are several evangelical congregations and fellowships in the West Bank and Gaza (Palestinian Authority). The evangelical presence is very small in the midst of a larger nominal Christian minority. A far larger Muslim population surrounds them. The Jewish majority, by and large, considers all Arabs, whether Christian or not, to be troublemakers. Muslims generally consider evangelical and nominal Christians alike to be heretics who believe in more than one God.

<World Pulse, 5/24/02>

**Ukraine:** Under the umbrella of the Baptist Union (2,500 churches) in Ukraine, California-based Global Missions Partnership continues its mission in that nation. A multi-cultural short-term mission team of 40 members last summer ministered in an orphanage and hospital (evangelism, humanitarian, and music), churches (praise and evangelistic concerts), youth camps, seminars, gospel camps, and VBS, reaching many Ukrainians and Chinese. They also distributed care packages.

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**Burkina Faso:** During a week of home-to-home campaign in April, Every Home For Christ workers in Burkina Faso saw 4,393 people expressing desire to receive Christ. Even in the most difficult village of Kaore (100% Muslim), which EHC workers usually skipped, at least 30 new converts came to prayer meetings each evening. Other churches had been mobilized for weeks for outreach also. Thousands of souls are giving themselves to Christ. A meningitis epidemic, however, is raging the country with more than 10,000 victims in April.

<Every Home for Christ, Prayer + Praise, 5/29/02>

**Spain:** Morocco and Saudi Arabia are giving huge sums of money for the construction of mosques in Spain. In the 80's there were only 10 Muslim associations in Spain. Today there are more than 200. In last several years, 30,000 Spaniards have been converted to Islam.

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**China:** The leaders of a large house church network in China reported kidnapped (WMN, 8/02) by the Eastern Lightning Cult have now been released. They are very grateful for the worldwide prayers for them in facing this hardship.

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**Bulgaria:** The ten-month outreach program of "Hope For the Balkans" across Bulgaria (WMN, 2/02) has successfully concluded beyond all expectations. The events reached more people than planned and touched people more deeply. They also drew unprecedented attention from both the secular media and municipal governments. The training seminars and conferences greatly impacted the Christians besides fostering a strong spirit of cooperation. Plans for "Hope For the Balkans 2003" are already on the table.

<Global Update, www.globalaction.nu, 7/02>

**Philippines:** Missionary Martin Burnham died and his wife, Gracia, escaped on June 7 during a rescue attempt in the Philippines after they were kidnapped by the terrorist Abu Sayyaf group and held hostage for 376 days. Also died was Ediborah Yap, a Filipino nurse kidnapped a year ago by the group to treat their wounded. According to some report, Yap had opportunity to escape at one point, but chose to stay and care for the Burnhams. Hundreds greeted her body at her hometown and both Christians and Muslims attended the funeral Mass. President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo said she "died in the line of duty." And she plans to name a hospital in Yap's honor.

<Christianity Today, 7/8/02>

**Portugal:** Has a population close to 10 million, over 50% Catholics and 3% evangelicals. The latter is growing 2.5% annually.

<Operation World, 2000>