



伊拉克：雖然恐怖分子伊斯蘭國已攻佔距離一修道院僅三哩，修道士們堅決留守。他們的堅持不是因勇氣而是信心，神賜力量讓他們表現全然的信賴。他們也很感恩，因他們地處庫爾德族戰士控制區的邊陲。院內有26人，包括一些事務人員及兩個難民家庭。

<Open Doors USA, www.opendoorsusa.org, 7/10/15>

伊朗：近期的核子協議雖未必直接危害基督徒，但這視所有基督徒活動為非法的政權，可能因此而坐大，並增加對基督徒的迫害。然而，在嚴峻的情勢下，教會仍甚興旺，是普世增長最快的教會。是神用異夢、異象，基督教電台/電視廣播，以及基督徒不顧性命的見證等不同的方式，使教會增長。

<Voice of the Martyrs, www.persecution.com, 7/17/15>

東南亞：一餐館開始放映「耶穌傳」電影後，有30人決志信主，包括一些主流宗教信徒。雖然面對城內激進團體的威脅，餐館主人在威脅解除時便繼續放映。現時全球已有2億人看過母語的「耶穌傳」電影後歸信耶穌；大約每5.5秒就有一位信主。據估計，尚未看過母語「耶穌傳」電影的人，仍約有20億。

<JESUS Film Project, www.jesusteam.org, 7/20/15>

墨西哥：東南部的奧撒卡省有一百多種不同言語，多數都有新約聖經譯本，可惜當地超過三分之一的人是文盲。一機構自2002年開始新約聖經的錄音工作，現時的進度是每數月就可完成一種語言的錄音。最近幾年內，他們帶領了1,200人歸主，950人受洗，拓植了24個教會。

<Audio Scripture Ministries of Holland, www.asmtoday.org, 7/17/15>

宣教：一機構提供一個月至一年的短宣，到世界多處工場體驗。他們吸引了對宣教有興趣的信徒，願意使用特殊才幹(教英文、護理等)，或感覺神的呼召，而不知道如何踏出下一步者，這種經歷幫助他們瞭解作宣教士是怎麼一回事。去年，三分之一參加了短宣的人，投身長期宣教士之路。

<Pioneers, www.pioneers.org, 7/15/15>

蒙古：25年前，國內只有4名基督徒；現今已有4萬信徒，是全球第8個教會增長最快的國家，幫助迅速增長的因素之一是福音廣播。最近，三個廣播機構攜手合

作，建造三個新電台，工程完成後，全國90%的人民能收聽福音廣播。另一機構預備派發900個固定頻率的太陽能手提收音機，讓人們可以收聽當地的福音電台。

<Reach Beyond (HCJB), reachbeyond.org, 7/13/15>

北韓：多年來，北韓是迫害基督徒最嚴厲的國家。3年前，無人能逆料近期緬甸的開放，這擺在世界面前的事實震撼了南韓的基督徒。上月，1,000名南韓教會領袖聚集，知道北韓兒童所處的困境，準備一旦北韓開放，就立即進去幫助他們。他們計劃到2017年能有200個伙伴教會。他們現已裝備好，可以隨時行動。

<Compassion International, www.compassion.com, 7/14/15>

尼泊爾：15年以來，村民仇視教會，向教會及信徒的家投擲石頭，又逮捕教會牧師。年初的大地震及餘震時，教會開放安全的庭院給90個村民家庭，並分享所得的救濟食物及物品，現在，教會已為村民接納。類似的情況，也發生在不少其他的鄉鎮。

<Evangelical Free Church of America, www.efca.org, 7/15/15>

巴基斯坦：基督徒受到的迫害越來越多。他們恐怕政府不但不關心他們，更讓情況惡化。學校、家庭及教會，慣例地被攻擊，信徒被拘禁，受誣告褫奪法律。政府恢復死刑，佯稱為懲治恐怖分子。過去幾年，10多萬基督徒已逃離至東南亞國家，在難民營中艱苦生活。

<Forgotten Missionaries Int'l, forgottenmissionaries.org, 17/21/15>

普世宣教：普世未曾接觸過福音的人口比率，由1800年的74.6%降至1900年的54.3%，至1970年是44.7%，2000年是29.9%，從那時開始放慢，至2015年約29.3%。據估計，2050年會是27.3%，然後可能開始上升。主要原因是，在一些嬰兒出生率高的地區如印度、中國及伊斯蘭教等地區，未曾接觸過福音者人口快速增長。面對這挑戰，眾宣教機構鼓勵更多「織帳棚」的宣教士進入福音受限制地區；差遣工人去人口越來越集中的城市；訓練宣教士學習華語、阿拉伯語等語言；加強工場信徒的門徒訓練，並激勵他們傳福音的事工等等。

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World Mission News

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IRAQ: Some Christian monks doggedly determined to stay in their monastery even though the terrorist Islamic State reached within 3 miles of them. They insisted that it is not about courage, it is about faith. That God gives them the strength to exemplify their trust. They are also grateful that they are at the edge of what is controlled by the Kurdish fighters. Including supporting staff, students and 2 refugee families, they have a total of 26 people.

<Open Doors USA, www.opendoorsusa.org, 7/10/15>

IRAN: The nuclear deal with Iran may not endanger Christians here directly. But the regime, that views nearly all Christian activities as illegal and now strengthened by the deal, could be emboldened in their acts of persecution. Yet, despite the hostility, the church is striving. It has been called the fastest growing church in the world. God is working through various means, dreams and visions, radio/TV broadcasts, and the bold witnesses of Christians risking their lives.

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SE ASIA: A restaurant has been showing the “Jesus Film” resulting in 30 people coming to Christ including some from the dominant religion. Despite the very real threat of radical group in town, the owner said he continues when there is no indication of danger. To date, more than 200 million people have come to Christ after seeing the film in their heart languages. It equates to 1 person each 5.5 seconds. There are estimated 2 billion people yet to be shown the film.

<JESUS Film Project, www.jesusthefilm.org, 7/20/15>

MEXICO: The southwestern Oaxaca State is the home to over 100 languages. Most of them have had translation of New Testament. But over a third of the people are illiterate. An agency has worked on the audio Scripture since 2002. It is now averaging about one recording every few months. Over the last couple of years, more than 1,200 people have come to Christ. More than 950 have been baptized, and 24 new churches planted.

<Audio Scripture Ministries of Holland, www.asmtoday.com, 7/17/15>

MISSIONS: An agency has been providing mission trips from one month to a year to many mission fields. They have been working with people who have special skills from English teaching to nursing; and those who are mission-minded or have felt the call from God but not quite sure about the next step. These trips help them to gain an understanding of what it is like to be a missionary. Last year about 33% who took the trips went back for long-term missions.

<Pioneers, www.pioneers.org, 7/15/15>

MONGOLIA: 25 years ago, there were only 4 known believers in the nation. Today, it has more than 40,000

Christians, it is the 8th fastest growing church in the world. One major factor is radio broadcasting. Recently, 3 radio ministries joined their effort to build 3 new stations. When finished, 90% of the populations can listen to gospel message. Another agency is planning to distribute 900 solar-powered hand-held radios, fixed-tuned to the local Christian station.

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NORTH KOREA: This has been for years the worst nation for persecuting Christians. Yet, the recent opening up of Myanmar that nobody foresaw 3 years ago, stimulated Christians in South Korea. Last month, 1,000 church leaders gathered to learn about the dire needs of children in the north, and to begin prepare for the day when they can go in to help them. Their plan is to have 200 church-partners by 2017. They are now well prepared to act.

<Compassion International, www.compassion.com, 7/14/15>

NEPAL: For 15 years, the church had faced hostility from the community. Stones had been thrown at the church and houses and the pastor arrested. After the big earthquake and the after shocks earlier in the year, the church offered its safe open-space to 70 village families, and shared the food and relief supplies with them. The church is now accepted by their neighbors. This scene is repeated in many towns and villages.

<Evangelical Free Church of America, www.efca.org, 7/15/15>

PAKISTAN: Christians are suffering more persecution. They fear the government is not looking after them, but actually has made it worse. Schools, homes, and churches are routinely attacked. Believers are in prison -- falsely charged under the blasphemy law. Death penalty is re-enacted recently under the guise to deal with terrorists. Over 100,000 Christians have fled to southeastern Asian countries in past several years where they endure rather hard lives in refugee camps.

<Forgotten Missionaries International, forgottenmissionaries.org, 7/21/15>

GLOBAL MISSION: The percentage of global population that are unevangelized dropped from 74.6% in 1800 to 54.3% in 1900, 44.7% in 1970, 29.9% in 2000, and since has leveled out to 29.3% in 2015. It is projected to be 27.3% in 2050 when it may start to increase. The main reason is the unevangelized population growth in high birthrate regions like China and India. Mission agencies are trying to meet the challenge by encouraging more tent-makers, sending workers into urban areas that are fast growing, equipping workers with languages like Mandarin and Arabic, better discipling believers in the mission fields to motivate them to witness for Christ, etc.

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