



World Mission News

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India: Omar, a boy from a poor area of an illiterate family in a home without electricity or running water, was sick of school as classmates made fun of him about his not so good grades. When a Bible club became available, he joined in a whim hoping to meet some new friends. There, he got help with homework, and became more interested in learning resulting in better grades. He also accepted Christ and had his heart transformed. His parents were so impressed of what happened, they sent his four siblings to join the club. Today, the whole family has known Christ.

<Mission India, www.missionindia.org, 12/16/16>

Egypt: Last December 11, a suicide bomber killed 25 Christians injuring 49 others at the largest Coptic church in Cairo. Most of the victims were women. The president and the Muslim Brotherhood condemned the attack. But many survivors and family members felt that the police failed to protect them. A few days later, radical ISIS claimed responsibility for the attack. The last notable attack on a Christian Church was on January 1, 2011 in Alexandria. Some think it has become a pattern: at a time of celebration, this is a sort of spoiler. Christians composed about 10% of total population and increasingly become targets of radical Islamic terrorists.

<Window International Network, www.win1040.com, 12/14/16>

<Sat-7, www.sat7usa.org, 12/16/16>

Middle East: A gospel TV ministry reported 76% increase of regular viewers in last 5 years to 20 million primarily in the Arab world. These viewers and those in North Africa are hungry for spiritual message of love and reconciliation that they do not get from other channels and these programs are presented mostly by Middle Easterners. The satellite TV ministry is effective as it is nearly impossible for any one to stop or censor and in an area where 50% of the people are illiterate.

<Sat-7, www.sat7usa.org, 12/13/16>

Cuba: The death of dictator Fidel Castro who banned free speech, free press, and freedom of assembly, post question of what next? One possibility is things not changing for many years. An offshore Radio ministry is increasing their transmitter power from 100,000 watt to 450,000 watt so they can send a much cleaner signal providing training to meet the need of trained leaders of growing churches. Meanwhile, church leaders are subjected to arbitrary detainment, harassment and confiscation or destruction of personal and church property. An agency is sending in many Bibles and support pastors who like most people earn \$25 a month.

<Trans World Radio, www.twr.org, 12/1/16>

<Vision Beyond Borders, www.VBBonline.org, 11/30/16>

China: An agency that works with government approved Amity Press in printing 4 million Bibles is cooperating with another agency to secure more funds for the printing. There is a severe need for Bible for the fast growing churches.

<Bibles For China, www.biblesforchina.org, 12/2/16>

Myanmar: A small, impoverish, Muslim group Rohingya has long been biased by the officials, giving them no identification, not allowing freedom to move around, and no health care. Last October, nine police were killed along the Bangladesh border. The government blamed the Rohingya and locked down the township where many Rohingya live. News reports 10,000 of them fled to neighboring Bangladesh, joining 120,000 of them already in the camps there since 2012. They receive very little aid. Their situation is said to be destitute but the exact detail is obscured as officials rarely allow foreigners to visit.

<Vision Beyond Borders, www.VBBonline.org, 12/14/16>

Latvia: The society struggles with drugs, alcohol and sex-trafficking issues, and the country has one of the highest suicide rates in the world. Many homes are unstable, and children in these homes even with one parent, live like orphans. Orphanages are being phased out, and the country is relying more on foster home program. An agency's ministry is growing, turning a one-week summer camp into four. They take the orphans and the vulnerable children to the day camp with games, crafts and sports along with times of sharing the gospel. The children also receive a healthy meal each day and are connected with an evangelical church.

<Orphan' Heart, www.orphanheart.org, 12/19/16>

Syria: As the minority Kurds (some 7-10% of population) fights the ISIS militants in the north, they have to keep a low profile at night. They need small flashlights at night as they cook meals. Through a humanitarian NGO, a number of flashlights built into audio Bibles in Arab and Kurdish languages were sent to the fighters. The agency is expanding this ministry, sending in more of these Bibles to the orphanages etc.

<Audio Scripture Ministries of Holland, www.asmtoday.org, 12/9/16>

Africa: Many deaf people do not have access to anything in their sign language. An agency has developed a series of micro SD cards. When they are plugged into a cell phone, they start to play the Bible in some sign language. These are very popular. People getting them will watch them for a long time. Many have been distributed in Kenyan, Uganda, Nigeria, South Africa, etc.

<Deaf Bible Society, deafbiblesociety.com, 12/14/16>