

Papua New Guinea

Christian Leaders Training College in the highlands of Papua New Guinea is a vital part of church development in that country. The church is growing everywhere and this year CLTC experienced a 40% increase in student enrolment.

Currently, the college has 250 students in theological studies and 35 in its Early Childhood Education program. This year’s increase in enrolment is a testament to the demand for quality theological and vocational training. Through video streaming and online platforms, CLTC has extended classes to its campuses in Port Moresby and Lae.

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The villages of Laos

Eight Christian families (about 60 people) have been expelled from their village in Savannakhet province because they left the traditional spirit cults to follow Jesus. District authorities gave the families thirty days to find themselves new homes outside the village. Elsewhere in the same province, a deputy village chief ordered the closure of a church of 18 Christians.

Although the Lao Constitution guarantees religious freedom, this is followed only in more urban areas. In rural areas there is much hostility towards what is perceived as a foreign religion.

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Christian soldiers in Israel

As the crisis in and around Israel continues, Israeli Christians are still presenting the gospel. A youth pastor who has also been drafted as a soldier into the Israeli Defence Forces says the Lord has opened surprising opportunities to share his faith. Pray encouragement for Israeli Christians living the gospel in very difficult circumstances.

Ukraine feeling the pressure

Since Ukraine got the green light to strike Russia with long-range missiles, the US and several other countries closed their embassies in Kyiv, expecting a response attack from Russia. Reports from Ukraine say that war is taking its toll on Ukrainian Christians, particularly those in leadership roles. Nevertheless, one Christian agency alone has now distributed over 25 million meals through Ukrainian churches and reached 1.2 million people with the gospel.

Haiti’s ongoing crisis

Mission airlines, along with airlines in general, have been stopped from delivering humanitarian aid to Haiti for more than a month. The need for help is desperate as gang violence continues, despite the appointment of a new prime minister. In the space between starvation and compassion, Christian teams inside Haiti are doing their best to minister Christ to desperate people.

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Strengthening China’s Christians

In March this year, fifty church leaders in central China gathered for a three-day training camp to prepare Christians for increasing persecution. Chinese Christians continue to meet challenges from their communities and authorities because of their testimony to Jesus Christ.

Some Christians are isolated or discriminated against when people see their faith as an act of disloyalty to their ethnic community, their family beliefs, or the national government. Church leaders see an urgent need for teaching on persecution preparedness to equip believers for a biblical response to oppression and hardship.

Open Doors

ETHIOPIA: from an itinerant evangelist

“The Lord has opened for me more ministry doors. I was so glad to distribute books you sent me and use your money gift to buy and sell more Christian books in Amharic language. I am glad to inform you that I distributed free to two high school libraries, a university, a prison library, a school of theology library, as well as to pastors and church elders. I gave many of your smaller local-language books to 140 people doing leadership training in three new churches plus 180 different books to our missionaries and evangelists out in rural or isolated areas of southern and western Ethiopia.”

Bridgeway

Kyrgyzstan: overcoming restrictions

Christian media outreach in the Muslim-majority Central Asian country of Kyrgyzstan (pop. 6.8 million) is reaching huge numbers of citizens with the gospel. Radio OK has 189,000 app users, 88,000 Instagram followers and 50,000 online streaming listeners. The radio ministry's follow-up team includes Christian journalists, evangelists, pastors, psychologists and media professionals, all fervent gospel workers.

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From a mission enthusiast in South Africa

"I was visiting a remote African township last week, where a lay pastor came to see me, asking how his smartphone could help him know the Bible better. He knew three languages – which, in order, were Xhosa, Afrikaans and English. I found the Matthew Henry Commentary in English, but it was too difficult for him. Then I found an Afrikaans commentary, but this was limited in scope. I searched for an easier English commentary and was delighted to find Bridgeway Bible Commentary. He now has the link to download it, read it and understand the Bible better."

Bridgeway

Algeria's intensified anti-Christian program

News coming out of Algeria gets worse by the month. One report indicates that the government's actions in closing churches has been so successful that only one church remains. Because of imposed restrictions, getting reliable news from Algeria is difficult, but the persecuted Christians need much prayer and encouragement.

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North Korea and China

China has subjected hundreds of North Koreans to atrocities since last year by forcibly returning them to a country whose leaders hold that religion, especially Christianity, is the greatest threat to its power. Torture, sexual violence, enslavement and murder await those repatriated from China to detention centres in North Korea.

North Korea's leaders operate a criminal enterprise that enslaves civilians to produce goods for export, through which it acquires foreign currency to fund its military programs. The program to suppress all religion other than 'worship' of the Kim dynasty is so efficient that 99.6 percent of North Korean refugees say they are not aware of any religion being practised within the country.

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Hope for Vietnam

Some Christians in Vietnam are enjoying more religious freedom than at any time in recent history. Earlier this year a 'Business as Mission Conference' in Ho Chi Min City attracted more than 250 Christian business men and women from around the country.

House churches in Vietnam that once hid themselves now worship openly. There is an increase in the numbers of converts and churches, and in the number of Bible schools being registered to train evangelists and pastors for ministry in remote areas.

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Islamic State's expansion in Mozambique and Congo

The violent Islamist insurgency in regions of northern Mozambique and north-eastern Congo shows no signs of ending. On the contrary this vicious terrorism, directed from Islamic State's regional headquarters in Somalia, poses a threat to all people, including Muslims, but Christians are the most at risk. Ask the Lord to rescue His people from evildoers and protect them from brutality.

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India's vibrant missions

Indian Evangelical Mission is one of many local Indian missions that are engaged in evangelism, church planting and other ministries around the nation. IEM alone has about 500 missionaries engaged in gospel outreach, church growth, discipleship classes, leadership development, health care, vocational training, children's work, health services, literacy programs, food production and environmental care.

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