

## Radio in South-East Asia

Broadcasting the gospel by radio is very fruitful in the majority-Buddhist countries of Thailand, Myanmar, Laos and Cambodia. Reports indicate that the number of people coming to Christ is increasing and believers are being taught and strengthened in their faith. There are also unreached minority groups that need to be reached in their own languages. FEBC



## A dangerous region of Congo

Christians in north-eastern Congo suffer continued violence at the hands of Islamic State terrorist groups. Dozens of Christians have been brutally killed for not submitting to Islamic conversion or for refusing to pay the *jizya* tax levied on all non-Muslims – all this in a country that is nominally Christian. Half a million people are currently displaced within their own country. Barnabas Aid

## Sri Lanka's tutoring program

Parents in parts of Sri Lanka are increasingly being drawn to a Christian after-school tutoring program, run by volunteers who specialise in mathematics and English. The program also contains gospel content. Although many parents were initially cautious, thinking the program was simply trying to convert their children, over time they have grown to value the work and open their minds to hear about the love of God.

Not everyone, however, wants to hear the Good News. The resistance is led mainly by Buddhist priests, who are well known for their overt opposition to all things Christian. Attacks typically involve verbal abuse, threats against pastors, or demands that churches be closed. Mission Network News

## Christians in Israel

When the modern nation of Israel was established in 1948, there were only 23 known Christians; today the estimated number is 30,000. This represents almost three hundred congregations. Many Christians say their main opposition comes not from Muslim radicals but from Jewish conservatives; not from Palestinians but from Israelis; not from terrorist groups but from the government. Crosswalk Headlines

## From a preacher in Uganda

*“Recently I've been up and down in travel as I responded to invitations to teach at various institutions and churches. Apart from the Bible, your Bridgeway Commentary and Dictionary gave the solid core in all my sermons. I pray that one day we meet physically and you share with me many things and how you address some ministerial and administrative issues in churches. You may not see the results of what your books are doing, but heaven is a witness and the results are for the ages.”*

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## Swiss and Ukrainians

The Swiss Evangelical Alliance reports that churches across Switzerland are playing a key role in hosting refugees from Ukraine. A network of about a hundred churches has supported more than a thousand Ukrainian refugees, first by providing private accommodation and then by finding more permanent housing.

Refugees who stay with host families are better able to navigate daily life and show positive trends in social, linguistic and cultural integration. All this leads towards more independent living. Swiss churches and Christian organisations have also delivered around 100 truckloads (more than 700 tonnes) of humanitarian aid into Ukraine. Christian Daily International

## Reaching China's children

In a country where children are officially forbidden to attend mainline churches, a ministry called Keys for Kids is producing material in Mandarin for children who may never hear the gospel otherwise. The risk is huge, but so is the demand to make God's Word available to children and youths at an age when they are forming their worldviews. Mission Network News

## The church in Jordan

For more than 30 years, Jordan has been a safe destination for hundreds of thousands of refugees from Middle East conflicts. Refugees who are crammed into huge overcrowded camps receive international aid, but refugees who have sought shelter in nearby towns and cities receive less attention – and these represent the overwhelming majority of refugees.

One Jordanian Christian ministry has been serving these refugees for decade after decade, bringing physical and spiritual aid through food, clothing, education, literature, medical services and gospel outreach. It partners with like-minded organisations and with local churches who allow it to use their facilities to distribute relief supplies and spread the Christian gospel. Desperate and traumatised people are not only given hope in their present circumstances but many also find eternal life in Jesus Christ.

Manara

## Mauritania's small Christian groups

In Mauritania, a West African country that is officially 100% Muslim, there are a few small isolated Christian groups. In one town a demonstration, fuelled by anti-Christian rhetoric on social media, turned violent when a mob exhumed the body of a recently deceased Christian man, dragged it through the streets and left it in a village 20 kms away. Christians are labelled 'infidels' and 'apostates', as calls go out for their complete social exclusion. Pray for God's protection of these small Christian communities.

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## Equipping Australia's indigenous Christians

A Bible College in Australia's Northern Territory equips indigenous men and women for leadership roles in their churches and communities. Four different groups that recently completed a course in indigenous translation have now returned to their communities to apply what they learned so that people might hear and read the Word of God in their heart language.

Sparklit

## Christianity in Egypt

Christianity in Egypt has one of the world's oldest religious traditions, with Coptic Christians forming about 10% of the population alongside other Christian communities. Although the constitution guarantees freedom of religion, many Christians experience social and legal discrimination. Yet the church is growing, having vibrant activities in evangelism, education, healthcare and social ministries. Of particular prominence are literacy programs, where hundreds of Christian volunteers help thousands of people, mostly women, towards literacy.

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## Struggling Yemen

Christians in Yemen are a tiny and largely hidden minority in an overwhelmingly Muslim society. A few groups of believers gather in private, relying on whispered prayers and encrypted communications to sustain fellowship. Many believers, disadvantaged because of illiteracy and limited education, struggle to earn a living. Yet even in this war-torn and dangerous country, reports indicate that the number of believers in Jesus is growing.

Suffering Church

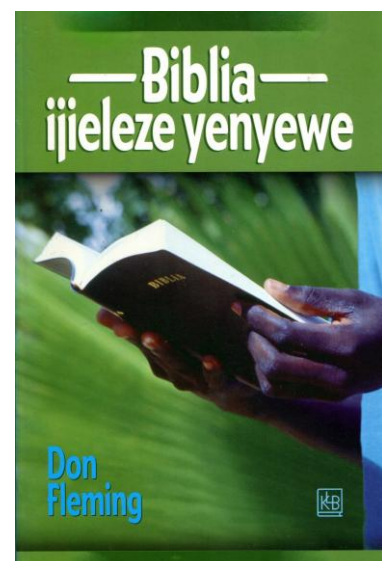
## In a Kenyan Bible college

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