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■ Latin America

With 85 million evangelical believers, Latin America now has 400 mission agencies sending out 9,000 missionaries—and the majority serving outside Latin America itself are going to the Muslim world.

—Lausanne World Pulse

■ El Salvador

Can God transform an entire city? Just a few years ago, San Marcos was considered the most violent city in the nation with gangs, rampant drugs and witchcraft. Then an outbreak of dengue fever began decimating the population. Churches in the city and in nearby San Salvador mobilized to help those afflicted. Then 3,000 of the Christians demonstrated for improved health conditions for San Marcos. Then they fasted and prayed for 3 months. A year later, the violence level had dropped 90%, and within a few more months the National Police declared San Marcos violence-free.

—DAWN Ministries

■ Mexico

More than 60,000 attended a 3-day Festival of Life in Chiapas, Mexico. Of these, more than 6,000 came to faith in Christ. Mini festivals, free medical clinics, women's breakfasts, BMX bike stunt riders and the stadium outreach messages were broadcast on almost 4,000 Latin American TV channels.

—ASSIST News Service

■ North America

Norwegian Aril Edvardsen broadcasts Christ's message of hope in Arabic via radio, TV and now the Internet. "What has really shocked me is the great response from Arabs in the United States and Canada. In the last few months more than 30,000 Arabs living in North America have responded and are interested in being saved."

—Mission Network News

■ USA

What's happening on campus? One of the dozens of nationwide college ministries—Campus Crusade for Christ—keeps detailed records, and recently reported its 2005-2006 schoolyear ministry tally: Collegians who through this one ministry committed their lives to Christ? 84,859!

—Worldwide Challenge

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One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.

—Psalm 145:4-6

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■ Global

A sometimes controversial "insider's approach" mission strategy implemented in the Muslim world sees mosques turning into "centers of worship of Isa"—Jesus—and new believers not taking on the label of "Christian." Eminent missiologist Dr. Ralph Winter says, "If [this strategy is] properly pursued, there could be 100 million Muslims who are followers of Christ in the next 10 years."

—Mission Frontiers

■ The Virtual World

Christians around the real world have banded together to buy an island and build a stunning cathedral in Second Life, the 3-D virtual world populated by 7 million real people. Mark Brown, CEO of the Bible Society of New Zealand, says the ultimate aim is to share Christ. "It's about positioning the Church at the forefront of the future of technology and saying: How can we get involved? Let's get our virtual hands dirty."

—<http://slangcath.wordpress.com>

■ Vanuatu

On the isolated Pacific island of Tanna, the 10,000 inhabitants worshipped "John Frum," a WWII G.I. who would someday emerge from a volcano and reward his cult followers. But since virtually everyone on Tanna has seen the JESUS film over the past 3 years, nearly 7,000 islanders have come to faith in Christ! Talk about a transformed society—and a discipling challenge.

—Worldwide Challenge

■ Vietnam

Known for its persecution of Christians, the Vietnamese government has now surprisingly allowed the printing of 100,000 Bibles—to be released to the unregistered churches of the country! The number of believers increased from about 55,000 in 1975 to as many as 1.5 million today.

—WorldServe Ministries

■ Thailand

The Bible League, only one of many ministries that offer Bible correspondence courses, reported that last year 61,377

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Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name.

Make known among the nations what he has done! —Isaiah 12:4

Thai in this Buddhist country completed their Bible study courses—a 300% increase over 2005. —*The Bible League*

■ **Indonesia**
In this most-populous Islamic country in the world, 3 schoolgirls were brutally beheaded 18 months ago on the island of Sulawesi. Yet since January this year, 3 other children are phenomenally bringing the Gospel to Sulawesi. Selvin, an 8-year-old girl, led a healing revival in the Poso District with up to 30,000 Muslims, Hindus and Christians attending. An 8-year-old boy named Moko was the speaker at evangelistic meetings in Toraia, and 40,000 attended! Meanwhile 11-year-old Maria has gained regional acclaim by preaching a powerful message of repentance and reconciliation. —*Joel News Intl.*

■ **Myanmar**
Nine of 10 Chin and Kachin—minority peoples in what was called Burma—are Christians. They're constantly persecuted by the Buddhist military regime in purges as the women are raped, children are sent to Buddhist monasteries, and the Christians are forced to contribute to Buddhist projects. A document leaked from a government ministry translated as *Programme To Destroy The Christian Religion In Myanmar* opens with the line "There shall be no home where the Christian religion is practised." —*Daily Telegraph, UK*

■ **Malaysia**
A Malaysian Federal Court ruled that a woman cannot remove "Islam" from her government identity card and replace it with "Christian." A Christian since 1998, Lina Joy is now vulnerable to imprisonment for apostasy. —*Christian Post*

■ **China**
China now has three types of churches: The Three-Self Patriotic Church (government-registered), the house churches (unregistered) and now the "Third Church." The Third Church is the scattered, loose network of believers that sprang up virtually overnight among urban professionals and businesspeople following the massacre in Tiananmen Square in 1989. These white collar, elite groups usually meet in workplaces and comprise about a million families. —*Asian Outreach Intl.*

"Today it is an open secret that Christian fellowships are active in most Chinese universities. More than thirty academic facilities and research centers in China are now dedicated to the study of this 'once maligned religion.'" —*China Study Journal*

During the Cultural Revolution, the elderly man who now leads the OMF Charismatic Household network of house churches was beaten, imprisoned, and forced to walk the streets in a dunce hat saying, "I believe in superstition!" Today he leads the leaders of more than 25,000 house churches. (Continued—)

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churches totaling some six million people. In one coastal city alone, this network holds 1,500 church services every Sunday. A young woman named Eden supervises that city's Sunday Schools— involving 100,000 children every week. She also organizes Friday night children's prayer meetings at which about 10,000 kids regularly pray for world missions. —*Global Harvest Ministries*

■ **Bhutan**
Evangelism is illegal in Bhutan, so "John" & Ashok share their faith among their 150,000 fellow Bhutanese refugees exiled in neighboring Nepal. With help from Indian ministries, the two men have seen 50 "bamboo and tin" house churches started in the past 18 months. —*DAWN Ministries*

14 million converted Hindus, Buddhists, and Muslims have opted to remain within those religions in order to witness for Christ as active believers in Jesus as Lord.
—*World Christian Trends*

■ **Germany**
About 5,000 Muslims come to faith in Christ every year in this country. Many of the new Christ-followers change their identity because they fear they'll be killed. —*Christian Solidarity Worldwide*

■ **Nigeria**
In this most-populous country of Africa, 9 of 10 attend church regularly. Pray for revival among these church-goers—since Nigeria desperately needs political, economic and

social/ethnic redemption! Revival is happening in many of the country's denominations. The United Methodist Church in Nigeria, for example, has in 15 years grown from 10,000 to 400,000 members—about 25% of the global United Methodist Church. —*NationMaster.com & Institute for Religion and Democracy*

■ **Southern Africa**
A church-planting ministry organized in 2000 has now started its 2,000th church. Director of Harvesters Int. Ministries Steven Loots says, "We probably have 2,300 now since we average 3 to 4 new churches every day." That kind of spontaneous multiplication of churches is unheard of in the developed Christian world, but is increasingly seen in the majority world of house churches and people movements. About 700 of the new churches are in Mozambique, with 409 being among the Makua—a people group that is 93% Muslim. —*Assist News Service*

■ **United Kingdom**
TearFund, a Christian relief and development agency, has launched a campaign encouraging a worldwide network of 100,000 churches to pray that 50 million people would be lifted (Continued on back—)