

Doomsday Prophet Camping Leaves Radio Show



The voice of prophetic doom is silenced, sort of.

Harold Camping, the 89-year-old Christian radio broadcaster who three times predicted the world would end—most recently on May 21—is putting an end to his weekday segment called *Open Forum* on Family Radio.

Camping suffered a stroke on June 9, and Family Radio has been playing reruns of earlier recorded episodes on the radio station he founded since then. Specifically, Camping's staff aired 20 segments he recorded between May 23 and June 9, according to the *Oakland Tribune*.

Hostile Rhetoric Turns Up Heat on Iranian Christians

Increased public statements against Christianity in Iran have intensified pressures on Christians, sources said, but at their core they reflect Islamic leaders' dismay with the growth of house churches and may signal dissension within Iran's leadership.

"The reality is most

of the house churches are so hidden that the government can't do anything, and they know it," said a regional expert who requested anonymity. "They just see how the house churches are still growing."

The source said that since mass arrests at the beginning of this year, Christians have been more cautious.

84 People Accept Christ Where Witchcraft Rules

✘ In an area plagued by darkness, Gospel for Asia-supported pastor Josiah Munda is working to proclaim the name of Christ.

People in this region hold to traditional beliefs and superstitions.

If a person dies, the people in the community often blame a widow or an

older woman for the death, accusing her of witchcraft.

Sometimes they

will even kill people over such matters.

Last August, a local newspaper

reported that nine people took part in murdering a 56-year-old woman. A

pregnant young woman in their village had died, and they suspected the

older lady had committed witchcraft against her.

Although this woman was falsely accused, Munda knows from

personal experience that people in his area do practice witchcraft. When he was a young man, he followed the traditional religion of this region.

One day, he had a stroke that left him paralyzed. His wife consulted a magician who told them that if they did not offer goats to their deities, Munda would die. Because he could not afford to sacrifice goats, Munda went to a doctor instead. He took the medicines prescribed by the doctor and experienced complete physical restoration.

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But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him. It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. —1 Corinthians 1:27-31

Praying for Those Who Hurt You

... and pray for those who persecute you ... –Matthew 5:44

Mission Aviation Fellowship Celebrates 50 Years in Congo

Members of the Congolese medical community joined church and mission leaders, relief workers and Congolese government officials in celebrating 50 years of Mission Aviation Fellowship service in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

MAF is a Christian ministry organization that uses airplanes and other technologies to serve church and relief organizations in remote areas of the world.

During a gathering at the International Protestant Church of Kinshasa last month, Dr. Tony Karemere of the Institut National de Recherche Biomedicale commended MAF's commitment to sharing the gospel and providing access to medical care. Karemere emphasized MAF's work to combat Ebola epidemics in 1995 and 2007, as well as the measles outbreak that threatened the DRC this spring.

Will Kansas Become First Abortion-Free State?



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Kansas could become the first abortion-free state in the nation.

According to the new state law, clinics offering abortions must meet minimum safety standards before they can be licensed. If clinics fail to meet the new standards, they cannot legally do abortions.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment has the authority to deny, suspend or revoke a license, and has the authority to fine a clinic for violations and go into court to ask that a clinic be closed. The KDHE will notify the trio of clinics on July 1 as to whether or not they can continue killing unborn babies.

“We have doubts that any of the abortion clinics can meet the safety requirements of the new law,” says Operation Rescue President Troy Newman. “If they cannot comply, all three abortion clinics would be forced to cease abortion operations, making Kansas the first abortion-free state in the nation.”

Biblical Babies

“Jacob” and “Isabella” are king and queen of the crib again this year. This is the 12th year in a row on the Social Security Administration’s list of popular baby names that the biblical name Jacob has ranked supreme. Other Bible names on

the list include Michael, Noah, Daniel and Abigail.

Batting 1.000 For Churches

National Back To Church Sunday, a cross-denominational movement to reverse declining church attendance and encourage everyone to revisit congregational life, is set for Sept. 18.

Lending his voice to this year's event is Texas Rangers All-Star Josh Hamilton, the 2010 American League Championship Series MVP who credits his comeback from drug addiction and suspension from the game to his faith and church.

"God's Word tells us to spur one another on toward love and good deeds, and not give up meeting together," Hamilton said. "We are to walk through life with other believers. My family and I have found that church is a wonderful way to do this, so I encourage you to join thousands of Americans as they go back to church on National Back To Church Sunday."

Sorry, Apostle!

ABC News issued a long overdue public apology to Frederick K.C. Price for painting him in an opportunistic light. Four years ago, it aired a misleading report about the founder of Crenshaw Christian Center in Los Angeles.

Correspondent John Stossel reported the story "Enough!" on the network's popular *20/20* and *Good Morning America* programs in

March 2007. The premise of the segment was to explore ministers of large churches who use donations to support their lavish lifestyles.

ABC aired a 10-second video clip of a sermon in which Price said: "I live in a 25-room mansion, I have my own \$6 million yacht, I have my own private jet, and I have my own helicopter and I have seven luxury automobiles." The problem was, ABC took the video out of context to support its story. The network division admitted it misled its audience and failed to live up to its own news-reporting standards.

