

Jack Frost Dies

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Frost was an ordained minister for the Salvation Army in Conway, S.C., from 1984 to 1986 and pastor of evangelism at Evangel Cathedral in Spartanburg, S.C., from 1989 to 1991. He was the author of two books, *Experiencing the Father's Embrace* and the recent *Spiritual Slavery to Spiritual Sonship*, which have touched the hearts of millions throughout the world. He was also an accomplished sea captain.

A funeral service will be held March 7 at 1 p.m. at Christ Community Church, 1500 Highway 501 Business, in Conway. A graveside service will follow at Southeastern Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Shiloh Place Ministries, P.O. Box 5, Conway, S.C. 29528. The Frost family and friends express thanks and gratitude to the staff of Mercy Hospice Center in Conway for their support and care.

Christian Teens Fast for the Hungry

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Christian Drama Series to Debut

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On Saturday, Trinity Broadcasting Network will launch; the Christian drama series '7th Street Theater', a 30-minute show; that looks behind the scenes of a fictitious stage play. "I want to change the face of television," said series producer Dave Christiano. "For decades, the major networks have had dramatic programs in prime time, and the day has finally come for a distinctly Christian drama series to be there as well." While the actors are not well-known, Christiano said they give award-winning performances. "After people watch a few episodes and get to know [the actors], I think they'll really appreciate the talent and personalities of each," Christiano said. "This is a really special cast." The series will debut on March 3 at 11 p.m. EST. The first 24 episodes have been produced and will be available on DVD in April.

Pentecostal Challenging Traditions

Growth Catholic

Catholic leaders in Asia met earlier this month to outline implementation of certain practices common in charismatic churches.



Catholic clergy and lay leaders recently met in Manila, Philippines, to discuss ecumenism in the Asian church. One key subject during the seminar titled “The Search for Christian Unity: Where We Stand Today” was the rapid growth of Pentecostalism in Asia and its affect on the Roman Catholic Church. “Since the appearance of the phenomenon of Pentecostalism in Asia, profound changes, both positive and negative, have been taking place within the churches,” the Archdiocese of Manila said in a statement released at the conclusion of the seminar. The Catholic Church is urging its priests to implement various Pentecostal practices into their historically solemn services. “Indeed, there are very attractive elements in Pentecostalism: their joyful and spontaneous worship; the intimate, friendly nature of their community life; and the opportunity for all believers to contribute their talents and charisms for the spiritual benefit of all,” the statement said. “These are factors in drawing Christians from other churches into the Pentecostal fold.” In response to Pentecostalism, the archdiocese has outlined positive attributes from charismatic and Pentecostal churches and is encouraging Asian Catholic churches to implement them. The document also cautions against the negative trends within the Pentecostal movement, particularly its perceived emphasis on wealth and health, and worship services being entertainment-orientated rather than focused on helping congregants encounter Christ. **–Felicia Mann**

U.S. Becoming Immigrant Pastors' Mission Field

Immigrant pastors are moving to the United States to bring unity to the American church the Assemblies of God (AG) said. Photo: Scott Temple AG spokesman.



For centuries American-born pastors have gone outside the United States to spread the gospel through missions. The Assemblies of God (AG) news service reports that immigrant pastors now are moving to the U.S. to serve as missionaries. "Just as the Assemblies of God has sent missionaries to every part of the world, the Spirit is calling people from every part of the world to come to this great mission field," said Scott Temple, AG director of Intercultural Ministries. The news service reported that many immigrant pastors are coming to America to minister to other immigrants who have moved to the U.S. to escape persecution or to seek economic opportunity. The pastors also hope to bring unity in the American church. "In the U.S. I noticed that churches were either black, white, Hispanic or Asian," said Steven Siaji, who moved from Kenya and is currently a pastor in San Antonio. "America has taken the gospel to other nations for many years, but here the races have stayed separate. It's about time we change." The AG news service said most of the missionary pastors are coming from unexpected nations such as Tonga, Germany, Brazil and South Korea. "We need each other," Siaji said. "Our differences are gifts God has made available to us."

Chinese Government Reports More Believers in China Than Expected

The number of Christians in China have more than doubled since 2005.



For many years, Christian organizations have reported that the Chinese are rapidly converting to Christianity, despite government restrictions on religious freedom. A recent Chinese government-sponsored survey on religious beliefs lends credence to claims, reporting a larger number of Chinese Christians than previously thought. Although the poll estimates are lower than the 80 million to 130 million Christians that Chinese ministries claim, the poll reported 40 million Christians in China, more than double 2005's official figure of 16 million. Conducted by professors from East China Normal University in Shanghai, the poll found 300 million religious adherents in China overall, three times the government's previous estimate. About 200 million were Buddhists, Taoists or worshipers of traditional gods, the BBC reported. Christianity and Catholicism, which were tracked separately, and Islam were China's other leading religions. Some researchers say the poll's findings may be a sign that the Chinese are searching for new values to replace the nation's communist ideology, the *Washington Post* reported. "More Chinese feel unstable and harassed by the rootless lives they lead now," Liu Zhongyu, a philosophy professor who helped organize the survey, told the *Post*. "People don't trust each other anymore. They are looking for something to anchor their lives in."

Video Series Documents Muslim Supernatural Conversions

More than Dreams chronicles Muslims who miraculously have had dreams and visions of Christ and were converted.



A video series that re-enacts the testimonies of Muslims who came to salvation after miraculously having dreams and visions of Jesus is being used as a ministry tool to evangelize the Islamic world. Most of the subjects in the five-disc *More Than Dreams* series had no previous knowledge of Christ when they came to faith and were living in Muslim countries where conversion to Christianity often brings a death sentence. The series' producers, who asked to remain anonymous, said all the subjects had been seeking to know God when they dreamed about Christ. The first DVD in the series focuses on Khalil, once a radical Egyptian terrorist who despised Christians and Jews and tirelessly tried to disprove the Bible to no avail. After Jesus appeared to him in a dream, he gave his life to Christ, and he says he's never been the same. The film creators hope testimonies such as Khalil's will lead other Muslims to salvation. They are partnering with ministries to distribute 10 million copies. To date, the series has aired on Arabic satellite television and was given to thousands who attended the Germany 2006 World Cup games, at which teams from Saudi Arabia and Tunisia competed. Producers also distributed videos to travelers taking the ferry between North Africa and southern Europe. The series has been released in Arabic, Indonesian, Hausa, Farsi and Turkish—all languages spoken in Muslim communities. The producers hope to soon offer the video in five more languages, including English. Some of the videos explain how to accept Christ, provide instruction for Christian discipleship and offer an electronic Bible.