

Personhood USA Gathers 1 Million ProLife Sigs

✖ Personhood USA is on a mission to collect millions of signatures across the United States with its nationwide petition—and it just got a little closer to its goal.

The national prolife organization reports closing in on the milestone of gathering nearly 1 million signatures of Americans in support of defending the rights of unborn children. Specifically, the group has gathered more than 919,000 signatures on legal petitions. Personhood USA also announced it is now actively working in all 50 states.

ICC Issues 2011 Hall of Shame Report

Open Doors recently issued its [World Watch List](#) of the most dangerous countries for Christians. Now, International Christian Concern, or ICC, is following up with the release of its annual Hall of Shame report, a list of the globe's worst persecutors of Christians in 2010.

"In compiling the report, it was striking to see the rate at which Christian persecution has accelerated around the globe, especially in the Islamic world," says ICC President Jeff King. "Anti-Christian hatred arising from Islam has flowed into 2011, as seen in the horrific attacks in Egypt, Pakistan and Iraq already this year."

Compass Direct News' Top 10 Stories of 2010

Pakistan's blasphemy laws led to the murder of two Christians and a death penalty sentence for a Christian mother of five in 2010, topping Compass' top 10 news stories. Following this blend of state and societal violence to Christians was a spike in attacks on Christians in Iraq; a possible death penalty for an Afghan Christian accused of apostasy; a 17-year-old Somali girl's martyrdom; and large-scale attacks on Christians in Nigeria. The complete list follows:

130 Young Preachers Gather In Louisville

How can the lost call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

Enter 130 young preachers.

The young men and women of God are gathering together in Louisville this weekend for the second National Festival of Young Preachers. Hosted by the Academy of Preachers, the Lilly Endowment is underwriting the event, which is open to young preachers between the ages of 16 and 28.

Attorneys Demand Answers in Notre Dame 88 Case

Remember when 88 pro-life demonstrators were arrested on the University of Notre Dame's campus before the 2009 commencement ceremonies? The demonstrators were protesting the honoring of President Barack Obama.

The Thomas Moore Society, a Chicago-based public interest law firm that exists to restore respect for life in law, has filed a motion in St. Joseph County Criminal Court to compel answers in a pretrial deposition of a former University of Notre Dame official in the case.

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✖ One of the six ministries, Joyce Meyer Ministries, responded fully to Grassley's inquiry and joined the ECFA in March 2009. Benny Hinn of World Healing Center Church also provided complete answers to all questions. Four ministries either did not provide any information or provided incomplete information, according to the Senator's office.

Updated NIV Bible Ebook Hits Bestseller Lists

It's official. Zondervan's new NIV Bible e-book has made its way onto the USA Today bestsellers list. Released on Dec. 15, the digital release marks the first time that a new Bible translation has launched in a digital format prior to publication in a print format.

Here are some additional breakthroughs: The NIV Bible made its debut as the number one e-book in the Religion & Spirituality Category of Apple's iBookstore and rose to number 7 for all books on Apple. It is also among the Top 100 in Amazon's Kindle Store and a Top 25 e-book in Barnes & Noble's Nookbook Store.

SBA List Calls on Congress to Repeal Pro-Abortion Health Care Law

As part of its Stop Abortion Funding campaign, the Susan B. Anthony List has mobilized its 280,000-member grassroots network to lobby members of Congress to vote for the repeal of the pro-abortion Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

"Keeping abortion out of health care—as the antitheses to it—was the critical issue with enough votes to stop or pass healthcare. It was a dramatic caving in on abortion in health care by a group of now former Members of Congress that finally sealed the deal on the bill," says SBA List President Marjorie

Short-Term Missions Impact At-Risk Youth

Could short-term missions be an answer to stemming the tide of lost youth? A new Barna Research study offers good news about the ministry model.

Barna took a look at Scripture Union's SuperKids program. SuperKids offers one- and two-week outreach missions programs that aim to make an impact on youth at a time when many are leaving the church as soon as they get old enough to drive.