

School Puts Kibosh on Church Party Invitations

Fall out from the war on Christmas 2010 is still working its way through the courts—and the elementary schools.

Barrett Elementary Center banned a fifth-grade student from handing out Christmas party invitations to her schoolyard friends last Christmas. The party was held at the student's church, and the Pocono Mountain School District took exception. The district's policies that prohibit any speech promoting Christianity on campus as a reason to put a stop to the student's good cheer.

Attorneys with the Alliance Defense Fund (ADF) filed a lawsuit against Pocono Mountain School District officials Friday on behalf of the student.

College Students Hand Out Bibles Only to be Attacked by vicious mob

A mob of Muslim extremists overpowered police to get to Christians sharing the Gospel.

Voice of the Martyrs, Canada recently reported that 17 students were on a short-term mission trip at the tail end of February in Oma village, Ethiopia. The students, from Meda Welabu University, went to the Muslim village distributing Bibles and striking up conversations with villagers.

As students were handing out Gospels and talking to Muslims, one of the villagers began to argue with the believers. His rage became so overwhelming that a mob began to attack the young students.

Christian Reportedly Kills Hindu Over Kite-Flying Dispute

Even as news emerges of [Hindu extremists attacking](#) the Koya tribal Christians in villages in a remote area of India, the *Indian Express* is reporting that violence has erupted in Peshawar.

No, it's not over religion. It was over, of all things, a kite-flying argument.

Peshawar is the capital of the Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and the administrative center for the Federally Administered Tribal Areas of Pakistan, an Islamic state.

Ethiopian Muslims Burning Down Christian Churches

Despite its status as a majority Christian nation, the danger is rising in Ethiopia.

Earlier this week, *Charisma News* reported that a [Muslim mob attacked Christian missionaries](#) in the Oma village. And last month Ethiopian Muslims sent a [clear message](#) to believers in Besheno: “Convert, leave the city or face death.”

Now, church buildings and evangelists are being targeted for attack. Indeed, thousands of Muslims have razed five churches and the homes of two evangelists in Asendabo, Ethiopia in recent days. International Christian Concern (ICC) reports that Muslim attackers continued to burn down churches even after federal police were brought in.

NRB Set to Air Parental Rights Documentary

- ✘ The assault against parental rights is more than disturbing—it’s downright frightening.

Celebrities like Drew Barrymore and Macaulay Culkin actually divorced their parents by filing for “emancipation” in the courtroom. In other cases, it’s the government infringing on parental rights to homeschool their kids.

In fact, just this week *Charisma* magazine covered two stories that infringe on parental rights. Christian [parents were jailed](#) for denying kids “sex ed classes” in the public school system, and UK court ruled that [Christianity is harmful to kids](#).

With the onslaught against parental rights in Europe, could the U.S. be next? The NRB is working to educate parents about their rights in a new documentary called “The Child: America’s Battle for the Next Generation.” The documentary will air on

March 7 at 8 p.m. on the NRB Network.

Uproar follows Assassination of Christian Minister in Pakistan

✘ An advocate for Christians in Pakistan will be laid to rest today, and the government is observing three days of mourning.

Even as Pakistan's clerics and other senior leaders condemned Wednesday's assassination of Shahbaz Bhatti, Christians took to the streets in Lahore, expressing their ire.

Bhatti was the federal minister of minority affairs, as well as the only Christian in the cabinet. Anger stirred over the lack of protection for those championing the cause of the oppressed Christians.

By Thursday, demonstrations were held across Punjab, where Governor Salman Taseer was murdered in January. Both were outspoken opponents of the controversial blasphemy law, and both had faced down death threats to keep speaking out about the injustices of the law.

Bhatti Assassination Shines Light on Pakistani Persecution

✘ The world's eyes shifted from the revolution in the Middle East to the broad daylight assassination of Pakistan's only Christian cabinet member in Islamabad on Wednesday. Hundreds of protesters flooded the streets of Islamabad demanding justice.

Before escaping the scene of the crime—and after firing as many as 30 bullets at Shahbaz Bhatti's vehicle—the assassins made sure the world knew why the Federal Minister for Minorities was targeted.

Indeed, leaflets left behind made it clear that Bhatti was paying the price for opposing Pakistan's blasphemy law that makes criticizing Mohammed or Islam a crime punishable by death.

Parent Jailed for Denying Kids 'Sex Ed' Classes

What would you do if your parents were arrested for keeping your little sister out of sex ed classes? That's just what happened to Heinrich and Irene Wiens.

The Wiens didn't want their four kids to attend a mandatory play and four school days of sex ed because the teaching offered what they considered an extremely permissive view of

sexuality. So they kept the kids home.

The result: the Wiens were sentenced to more than six weeks in prison for refusing to pay a German court-imposed fine. As ridiculous as it sounds, the story isn't all that unusual. Alliance Defense Fund (ADF) has four similar cases going. In fact, Iren is the 10th Christian parent imprisoned. Heinrich already served his time.

Why Are So Many Christians So Stressed Out?

Stress. There have been so many books written on the topic you could literally fill a library—Amazon offers more than 32,000 books on the sore subject!

There are Christian books, secular self-help books, stress-reduction workbooks—even a *Stress Management for Dummies* book—all written by the “experts” from just about every angle under the sun.

I've read enough of those 32,000-plus books on stress to tell you about what anxiety does to the body. I know the common stress reduction techniques 10 ways from Sunday. I've taught on stress from the pulpit. I can parrot the Scriptures we're supposed to confess when stress comes knocking on our doors. I get it.

And guess what? I still get stressed out some days.

Radio Broadcasts Bring Hope Despite Libya Bombings

✘ Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi launched an air raid on eastern Libya yesterday. Bombs fell on the area of Brega and on military camps on the outskirts of Adjabiya.

Oil installations in Brega appear to have been switching hands between pro-Gaddafi forces and rebel forces off and on. At one point, rebels believed they had forced Gaddafi supporters out, but another bomb was dropped mid-celebration.

Libya has been in an uproar for weeks. Anti-Gaddafi protests have led to air strikes on protesters, military personnel have fled the country, Tripoli is now surrounded by military tanks, and rebels across the country are armed and ready to fight.

The number of deaths associated with the weeks-long, violent uprising in Libya are unclear. Thousands of people are trying desperately to flee the country.

In a speech yesterday morning, Gaddafi threatened that thousands of Libyans will die if the U.S. or NATO interfere in the country. He continued to blame all uprisings on al-Qaida and still refused to step down.