

Libya Tries to Squelch Anti-Government Protests and News

Libya's Moammar Gadhafi is using drastic measures to try to wrestle control back from the anti-government protesters.

After telling them he would not tolerate any opposition to his power, he tried to quell the uprising by calling air strikes on them.

Not surprisingly, Libya has also experienced "rolling blackouts" of its internet and mobile phone connections during the uprisings.

Rex Rogers is with SAT-7, a Christian satellite television ministry to the Middle East and North Africa. He says, "Three times, we've been knocked off the air; not just SAT-7, but many Arabic language channels. It's being attributed to roots in the social unrest that is taking place in the Middle East."

Wycliffe Seeks \$1.5 Million in Indonesia Bible Translation Efforts

✘ Jesus once said that the sower sows the Word. But in Wycliffe's case, the translator is looking to reap a financial harvest for the Word's sake.

Bible translator Wycliffe is working to raise \$1.5 million so it can buy a plane to operate in Indonesia, which Wycliffe Associates President and CEO Bruce Smith calls "one of the

most challenging mission fields on earth.”

One of the most challenging, in part, because the people of Indonesia speak more than 700 separate languages. Indonesia is also one of the least explored places on earth and one of the hardest to travel. Spiritual strongholds there include animism and spiritism and impoverished people are struggling just to survive.

Human Traffickers Planning for 2014 World Cup?

The 2010 World Cup in South Africa generated over 3 million visitors from across the globe to join in weeks of festivities. The next World Cup is not until 2014, but with those kinds of numbers, host country Brazil has already begun to prepare.

Many are excited for the games to be played in a such a beautiful place, and they expect the World Cup along with the 2016 Olympic Games to be a significant boost for the Brazilian economy. The two large sporting events will be an all-around good thing for the country then. Right?

Unfortunately, not for the poor.

One of the largest threats to the impoverished of the country as it relates to the events is a swell in human trafficking. A rise in the number of sex slaves is inevitably tied to these large sporting events, as was evidenced at the 2010 World Cup in South Africa and the 2010 Olympic Games in Vancouver, Canada. Where the demand is high, so also will be the supply.

When the Prosperity Gospel Steals

You've heard the example of cashing a check against your heavenly bank account in the name of Jesus. Well, a senior citizen in East Tennessee has taken the notion a few steps further.

Sixty-nine-year-old Barbara Whitt and 43-year-old Michael Whitt pleaded guilty in federal court in Greeneville to stealing more than \$1.5 million from the First Baptist Church of Morristown, according to a report in *The Citizen Tribune*.

"A high school-educated woman who managed to steal more than \$1.5 million from First Baptist Church of Morristown will be booked into a federal prison in July. Her son, who reportedly spent most of the money, will be going away at the same time," the story reports. "Mrs. Whitt cashed more than 1,600 checks totaling \$1,514,593 over a 34-month period on the church's general-fund bank account."

Are Tea Party Protesters Racists At Heart?

✖ I don't read *Esquire* magazine, but with a circulation estimated at 700,000 it's clear that the publication has a loyal following. So when comedians like Chris Rock start using words like "racism" within its pages, it gets the attention of subscribers and non-subscribers alike.

In the March issue of *Esquire*, writer Scott Raab interviewed the comical superstar. Raab shared with Rock how he cried the night Barack Obama was elected as the first African-American president of the United States. He called it a "high point in American history."

But then the tone of the interview turned. When Raab asked Rock to weigh in on the "sh—storm of hatred" since the election, subtle accusations of racism came against members of the Tea Party movement.

"I actually like it, in the sense that—you got kids?" Rock responded. "Kids always act up the most before they go to sleep. And when I see the Tea Party, it actually feels like racism's almost over. Because this is the last—this is the act up before the sleep. They're going crazy. They're insane. You want to get rid of them—and the next thing you know, they're f—ing knocked out. And that's what's going on in the country right now."

Project Kaelyn Helps Pastor's Daughter Fight Leukemia

Faith without works is dead. So when Dustin James saw his pastor's little girl suffering with Leukemia, he put his faith into action.

Last Spring, James went on a mission to find five-year-old Kaelyn Adams an affordable home that was safe enough for a little girl with a compromised immune system—infections are life-threatening for Kaelyn. When the search turned up fruitless, he launched Project Kaelyn to build the family a house from the ground up.

"We decided we would raise support to build a home," James says. "Most of our help came from contractors and subcontractors that donated time and material to build the house. Local churches also pitched in and helped on the weekends."

Middle East Uncertainty Impacts Muslim Efforts on U.S. Campuses

"There's a day of dialogue. There's a new energy around the identity of Islam. And that is going to give Christians an opportunity."

That's York Moore with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, talking about how the winds of revolution in the Middle East

are affecting Muslims students in the United States. He says, "I think that the recent events throughout the Middle East are going to shape how we connect with Muslim students on [U.S.] college campuses."

InterVarsity works on college campuses across the United States, but especially in the Detroit area where the largest U.S. Muslim population lives. Moore says Muslims now see themselves differently. "When we look at some of these regimes and see these regimes fall, that challenges the very foundation of what it means to be Muslim. And at the crucible is where Christians need to be asking the hard questions and engaging in love with their Muslim neighbors."

Is Planned Parenthood Targeting Black Babies?

Police discovered gruesome evidence when they raided the offices of Pennsylvania abortionist Kermit Gosnell. In fact, gruesome may be an understatement.

Authorities found jars holding the remains of pre-born babies—some of them 30 years old. The police also reported that the clinic was operating in squalid, unsafe conditions.

Meanwhile, charges against other abortionists, including Nicola Riley, James Pendergraft, and Andrew Rutland, offer insight into the sinful underworld of abortionists.

According to official records, some women were scared into getting unnecessary hysterectomies. Other reports cite over-prescribed painkillers, falsifying medical records, and even engaging in sexual intercourse with patients.

Wichita Realtors Give Back to Medical Non-Profit

Three-year-old Corbin Morris doesn't chat like other kids his age, but the fundraising efforts he has unknowingly inspired for children with communication deficiencies are speaking loud and clear.

Corbin has an unknown condition that slowed his physical development, including his walking and talking. But the quest for a cure—and the quest for better health—led his grandfather and parents to take up the cause of all kids with communications challenges.

"I was looking at Christmas pictures of Corbin and myself from a year ago," says Dave Neal, Corbin's grandfather and an agent at the Wichita East market center. "I was frightened by what I saw—a picture of me at age 54 weighing 240 pounds. I decided to make a complete lifestyle change—not just a diet—so I started running."

HHS Secretary Sebelius to Testify on Planned Parenthood Controversy

✖ In response to videos produced by Live Action showing Planned Parenthood workers willing to conspire in sex

trafficking, Florida Rep. Cliff Stearns joined other members in calling for the defunding of that organization.

At a news conference last week hosted by Live Action and Susan B. Anthony List, Stearns said he plans to call the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), Kathleen Sebelius, to testify on taxpayer funding of Planned Parenthood and that organization's tolerance of sex trafficking and other criminal activities.

Stearns is chairman of the Energy & Commerce Committee's Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over HHS, and the hearing will be scheduled soon.