



EVANGELICALS AROUND THE WORLD

(Thomas Nelson, 2015) was released in June

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50 YEARS
of global Christian research,
1965-2015



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Our work with JESUS Film, research on Christians in the Middle East; and more



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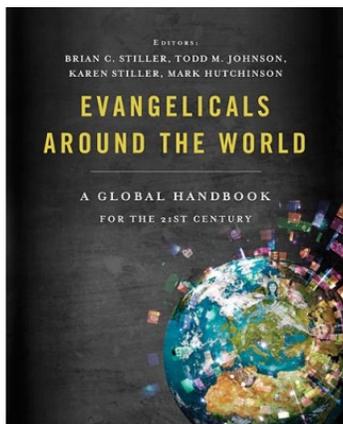
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NEWS FROM THE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF GLOBAL CHRISTIANITY

New Book: *Evangelicals Around the World*



Evangelicals Around the World: A Global Handbook for the 21st Century, published by Thomas Nelson

Evangelicalism is on the rise around the world, but who are Evangelicals, what do they believe, and what do they do? To answer these questions, Todd Johnson joined with Brian Stiller of the World Evangelical Alliance in producing the first global handbook of Evangelicalism in the 21st century. Highlighting history, theology, mission, social engagement, ministry, and numerous other subjects, this book provides a compelling look at global Evangelicalism from a variety of perspectives, aimed at a general audience.

Highlights include Bert Hickman's contributions of "200 events in Evangelical History" and "Evangelicals You Would Want to Know," the latter of which comprises short biographies of 58 men and women who have helped shaped Evangelicalism all over the world throughout the movement's history.

The book also contains the only published demographic analysis of global Evangelicalism, by Gina Zurlo, which is paired with attractive graphics of Evangelical traditions by proportion and a family tree of Evangelical denominations in all traditions. They show that the majority of Evangelicals are found in Pentecostal, Baptist, and Anglican denominations, such as the Church of the Nazarene, Assemblies of God, Southern Baptist Convention, and Apostolic Church of Nigeria.

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Celebrating Fifty Years of Global Christian Research

The work of the Center traces its origins to 1965 with Anglican missionary and aeronautical engineer David B. Barrett (1927–2011) in Nairobi, Kenya. A golden anniversary celebration in March 2015 brought together current and former researchers, supporters, and advocates for religious demography and the study of global Christianity.

Guests included Pam Barrett, Church Missionary Society worker and David's widow, and Inus Daneel, who interacted with David in Africa. Todd and Gina presented a timeline of the Center's history, which highlighted the impact of David's legacy not only as the founder of international religious demography, but as a mentor to younger missionary researchers who now serve all over the world.



Reflecting on research, analysis, and dissemination from 1965–2015

LATEST FROM THE CENTER

Bert at the JESUS Film Project

More than 200 leaders and staff from the JESUS Film Project (JFP) met in July 2015 in a breakout session as part of Cru’s (Campus Crusade for Christ) annual meeting at Colorado State University.

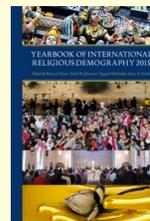


CSGC Senior Research Associate Bert Hickman was invited to address participants on five issues related to the shift of Christianity to the global South: (1) its impact on (Western) agencies and leaders who have been missionary senders for many years; (2) what the new roles for these agencies and leaders should be; (3) how the Western “plan and execute” style fits with the leadership and

action styles of other cultures; (4) the shift’s impact on donors who have funded mission work; and (5) how the shift impacts thinking about and the use of technology (among both missionary senders and receivers). Bert offered suggestions for the future while reaffirming the continuing role that Western agencies such as JFP have in global missions.

The JESUS Film, a dramatization of the life of Jesus based on the Gospel of Luke, has been translated into more than 1,300 languages and shown in every country of the world since it was released in 1979.

Recent Publication: *Yearbook of International Religious Demography 2015* (Brill)

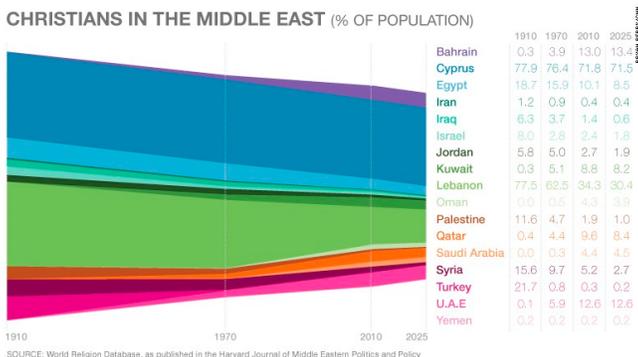


Buddhists in Norway, Zoroastrians in India, and Jews in Israel — what is the current status of the world’s religions? Our annual publication with Brill answers this and

other questions about religion, and non-religion, all over the world. The second (2015) volume of the Yearbook highlights global and local realities in religious adherence, from the demographics of the world’s atheists to Muslim immigration to Australia. Other articles include inter-religious marriage patterns in Austria, methodological challenges in counting Hasidic Jews, and projecting religious populations to the year 2050.

CNN Citation - “Can Christianity Survive in the Middle East?”

CHRISTIANS IN THE MIDDLE EAST (% OF POPULATION)

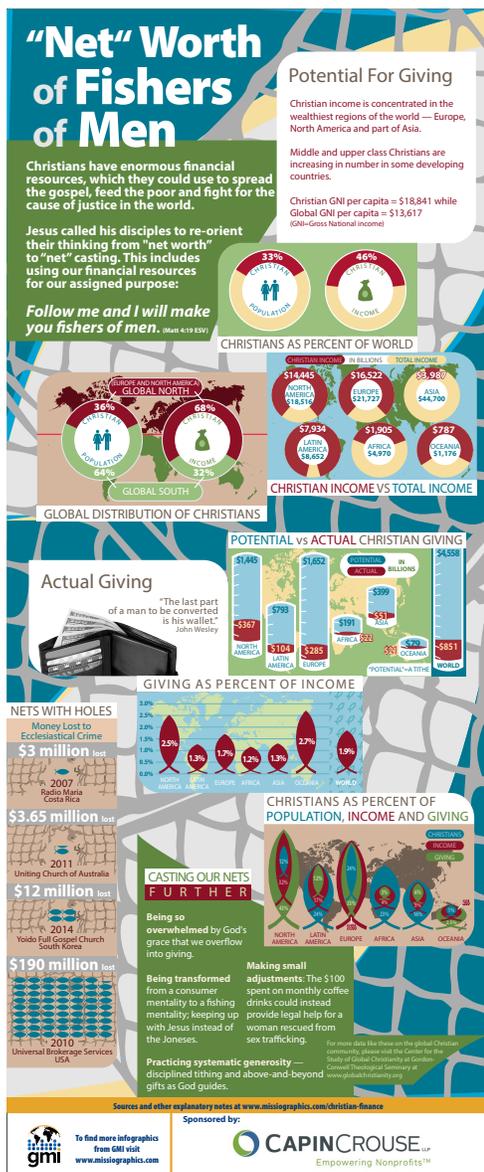


<http://www.cnn.com/2015/02/27/middleeast/christianity-middle-east/>

In February, CNN released an important story on the plight of Christians in the Middle East, extensively citing Center data. Christians dropped from 13.6% of the population in 1910 to 4.2% in 2010 and their share is expected to decline even further. Some of the most drastic changes have occurred in Turkey (22% to less than 1%), Syria (16% to 3%), and Palestine (12% to 1%).

Article: Embezzlement in the Global Christian Community

In 2015, an estimated \$50 billion will be stolen from money that Christians give to churches, para-church organizations, and secular organizations around the world. This startling figure is the feature of Todd, Gina, and Bert's recent publication in the Review of Faith & International Affairs (Vol. 13, no. 2; Summer 2015). Financial fraud is a serious global problem, and Christian institutions are especially susceptible to fraud that exploits the trust that exists within a religious community. The article provides detailed case studies of Christian fraud from around the world (Australia, Costa Rica, South Korea, and USA) and offers practical suggestions to help prevention efforts.



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The Center for the Study of Global Christianity is an academic research center that monitors worldwide demographic trends in Christianity, including outreach and mission. We provide a comprehensive collection of information on the past, present, and future of Christianity in every country of the world. Our data and publications help churches, mission agencies, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to be more strategic, thoughtful, and sensitive to local contexts.

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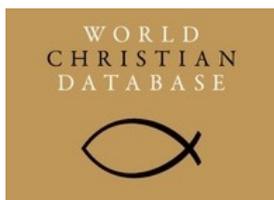


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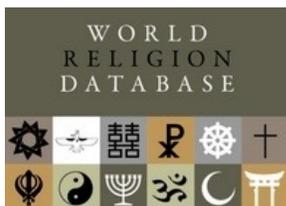


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