Moving a church

St. Gerard’s Catholic Church in Buffalo, New York, is on the move. Literally. The church is a one-third scale of the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls in Rome. But in 2008 it closed as a result of a diocesan-wide parish reorganization. The structure was built of limestone in 1911 and has an interior of marble, ornate plasterwork, and 46 stained glass-windows—all of which was threatened to be destroyed with a wrecking ball.

However, Mary Our Queen Catholic Church in Norcross, Georgia, was planning to build a traditional style church, and when they learned of the possible demolition of St. Gerard’s Church in Buffalo, they went to take a look. It was exactly what they wanted. So they bought the church and are having it moved a piece at a time to Norcross, 900 miles away. It will be the largest building in U.S. history to have been taken down, moved, and rebuilt.—National Catholic Register

Underwear for orphans

Mark and Ruth Boughan of Kitchener, Ontario, had an announcement for pastors to make from the pulpit: “Put your underwear in the box in the foyer.” They didn’t expect people to undress and hand over their own. They were asking people to buy underwear for orphans in Botswana. In planning for a mission trip to the African nation, the Boughans asked what the greatest need was, and they were told, underwear for orphan children. Under garments are a luxury in Botswana. Most children never wore any until they received the gift from the Boughans.

The underwear came from various sources. Several churches had underwear projects. One of Boughan’s friends had a birthday party and asked for underwear instead of gifts for herself. Another woman overheard Mark Boughan telling the clerk at a store about the underwear project, and she dropped off a few pairs at their home.—ChristianWeek

Evangelical voters in November 2010

Conservative evangelical voters turned out in record numbers for the November 2010 election in the United States. A post-election survey by the Public Opinion Strategies for the Faith and Freedom Coalition found that evangelicals constituted 29 percent of the vote, which was the largest single group of voters, and of these 78 percent voted for Republican candidates. The survey also found that 52 percent of all those who said they were members of the Tea Party identified themselves as conservative evangelicals. Twelve percent of voters were Roman Catholic, 58 percent of whom voted Republican. “This survey, along with numerous exit polls, makes clear that those who ignore or disregard social conservative voters and their issues do so at their own peril,” said Ralph Reed, founder and chairman of the Faith and Freedom Coalition.—ChristianNewsWire
Pakistani woman sentenced to death

On November 8, 2010, a judge in Pakistan sentenced a Christian woman to death for allegedly speaking ill of the prophet Mohammad. A year and a half earlier, fellow field workers in Ittanwali village pressured Aasya Bibi to renounce her Christian faith. Following a heated exchange, several Muslim men working in nearby fields forced their way into Aasya's house and tortured her and her children. When the police arrived, they took Aasya into custody. Muslims exerted immense pressure on the judge, who imposed a fine of 100,000 rupees (US$1,150) and ordered that Aasya be hanged. Her attorneys have appealed the ruling. They are optimistic of a favorable decision, since Pakistani judges in higher courts are under less pressure from local Muslims.—Compass Direct News

New Chinese Bible

The Hong Kong Bible Society recently published the Revised Chinese Union Version of the Bible, replacing a similar Bible version that was first published in 1919. More than 30 Bible scholars spent 27 years working on the revision. “Nora Lucero, global chairperson of the United Bible Societies, said that the new version “has the potential to be the one and only version used by Chinese-reading Christians all over the world.”—ChristianWeek

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