

news from around THE world

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HISTORY CREATED

For the first time in the history of the United State of America, a black President was elected to office. On Tuesday 4th of November, 2008 Barack Obama, Democratic Party's Presidential candidate won a land slide election over the Republican Party's John McCain to become the 44th President of the United States of America. The son of a Kenyan father and a white mother won the election easily and sparked large scenes of celebrations in Africa, Europe, Asia and other parts of the world apart from the United States where the elections were held. According to him, this election means, Change has come to the world!



destructions of properties targeted at Christians in a part of India called Orissa. This has led to several Christians running into hiding as Hindu activists go around attacking the Christians. CBN (Christian Broadcasting Network) news monitored by Praisereel reported that in this area of India, Christians were being asked to renounce Christianity and embrace Hinduism and if they refuse they were in some cases hacked to death.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know 200 million Christians all over the world are being persecuted for their faith? Did you know North Korea is the number one persecution hot spot in the world? Persecution might be a real challenge for Christians today, but it is not a new phenomenon. It dates right to the time of Jesus. In the gospel of Matthew, the theme of persecution is in the beatitudes- "*Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you*" (Matthew 5:11-12). Jesus himself too was persecuted and knew the challenges of spreading the word was inevitable - Matthew 10:16-23.

CHRISTIAN AID WORKER KILLED FOR HER FAITH

In Afghanistan, a Christian aid worker with the Christian AID group, SERVE was killed by the Taliban. Gunmen reportedly shot and killed on her way to work around 0800hours on Monday 20th of October 2008. The lady identified by SERVE as Gayle Williams was said to have died almost immediately after the attack.

The Taliban are reported to have issued a statement claiming responsibility for the attack on the innocent and harmless aid worker. In Published remarks, Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid defended the decision to kill her. "*This woman came to Afghanistan to teach Christianity to the people*

of Afghanistan," he said. "*Our (leaders) issued a decree to kill this woman. This morning our people killed her in Kabul.*" Gayle Williams is said to be of South African-British nationality.

CHRISTIAN BISHOP DEPORTED

In Belarus, a Bishop and founder of one of the country's biggest churches has been deported for "*Christian activities*". Veniamin Brukh is a bishop in the Full Gospel Church and arrived in the country only to be met in the airport with an order to deport him. A stamp was put on his passport.

50,000 CHRISTIANS HIDING IN INDIA

The death of an Hindu priest in India has led to the mass killings and

FINALLY...

Let us remember to pray for missionaries the world over especially in these hard times. Also let us endeavour to be a blessing to someone in the mission field. We must obey the Bible and not become weary of well doing.