

# Friday Church News Notes

## New Technology to Allow Mothers to Hold Models of Unborn Babies

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A new technology being tested in Brazil allows mothers to hold a life-sized model of their unborn children. The invention uses 3D printing technology to create plaster models with data converted from high-tech ultrasound and MRI scans. The technology is on exhibition at the Royal College of Art in London (“Invention Allows Pregnant Women,” *London Times*, June 26, 2009). Brazilian designer Jorge Lopes is developing simple software that doctors can use. By the 12th week of pregnancy, the baby’s arms and legs are formed and its vital organs are functioning. It can swallow, bend its arms, twist its wrists and elbows, clench and open its fists, and its face is animated.



### DAWKINS SPONSORS FIRST SUMMER CAMP FOR ATHEISM

Richard Dawkins, author of “The God Delusion,” sponsored England’s first summer camp to promote atheism among children. The “It’s Beyond Belief” camp, which ran this week, was for children aged eight to 17, featured lessons in evolution and a sing-along to John Lennon’s song “Imagine,” which envisions no religion, no heaven, and no hell (“Dawkins Sets up Kids’ Camp to Groom Atheists,” *The Sunday Times*, June 28, 2009). Though most of the doctrine and practice that flies under the banner of religion in this world is mythical, there is a Creator God and there is a heaven and a hell. The Bible makes no attempt to prove the existence of God for the very reason that man knows instinctively that He exists. It is a fact that is written in nature and upon man’s very heart. The Bible says, further, that it is the fool that says there is no God (Psalm 14:1; 53:1).

### FORMER GITMO DETAINEE ACCUSED OF KILLING THREE MISSIONARIES

The following is excerpted from OneNewsNow, June 23, 2009: “A best-selling author and critic of Islam says he can’t understand why U.S. President Barack Obama and the United Nations are not expressing more outrage over the execution-style murder of three Christian missionaries in Yemen, apparently by al Qaeda. According to a spokesman from the Yemeni Embassy in Washington, nine foreign nationals--four German adults, three small German children, a British man, and a South Korean woman--were abducted on June 12 after they ventured outside the city of Saada without their required police escorts. Days later the bodies of German nurses Rita Stumpp and Anita Gruenwald, and Eom Young-sun of South Korea were found shot execution

style in an area known to be a hotbed of Al Qaeda activity. The fate of the remaining six abducted people remains a mystery. Terrorism experts say the crimes bear the mark of Al Qaeda, and they fear they are the handiwork of the international terror organization’s number two man in the Arabian Peninsula--Said Ali al-Shihri, an Islamic terrorist who once was in American custody but who was released from the U.S. detention center in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Robert Spencer is, director of Jihad Watch, says this illustrates the folly of Obama’s plan to close GITMO and release potentially dangerous prisoners. ‘Freeing some of them is unconscionable, and essentially criminal.’”



Rita Stumpp and Anita Gruenwald

### “FEEL LIKE GOD” ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN

The Bajaj motorcycle company in India has launched an advertising campaign to encourage riders that they can “Feel Like God” if they purchase the 200cc Avenger. (Motorcycles in India are typically 100-125cc.). The blasphemy of the campaign is obvious, but what a pathetically small idea these people have of God! Well does the Bible prophesy, “This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy ... heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God” (2 Timothy 3:1-2, 4).



### TEN CHRISTIANS MURDERED THIS YEAR IN SOMALIA

The following is excerpted from The Baptist Press, July 22, 2009: “Islamic militants in Somalia have killed eight Christians this year, along with two sons of a Christian leader, according to reports by Reuters Africa and Compass Direct News. Nine of the 10 victims were beheaded, according to the reports. The killings stem from the push by extremist al Shabaab insurgents to topple Somalia’s West-leaning transitional government and to enforce sharia (Islamic) law in areas they control in the African nation’s capital, Mogadishu, and in southern Somalia, according to the reports. ... Compass [stated] that al Shabaab, buttressed by foreign fighters reportedly with ties to al-Qaida, is monitoring converts from Islam and is intent on ‘cleansing’ Christians ‘especially [from areas] where Christian workers had provided medical aid’ through a former Christian-operated hospital.”

### CHRISTIAN WOMAN REPORTEDLY EXECUTED IN NORTH KOREA

The following is excerpted from “Activists Claim Christian Woman Executed,” Associated Press, July 24, 2009: “North Korea publicly executed a Christian woman last month for distributing the Bible, which is banned in the communist nation, South Korean activists said Friday. Ri Hyon Ok, 33, was also accused of spying for South Korea and the United States and organizing dissidents. She was executed in the northwestern city of Ryongchon near the border with China on June 16, according to a report from an alliance of several dozen anti-North Korea groups. Ri’s parents, husband and three children were sent to a political prison camp in the northeastern city of Hoeryong the following day, the report said, citing unidentified documents it says were obtained from North Korea. ... ‘North Korea appears to have judged that Christian forces could pose a threat to its regime,’ Do Hee-young, a leading activist, told reporters, claiming public executions, arrest and detention of North Koreans are prevalent. The Investigative Commission On Crime Against Humanity also alleged in its report that in March, North Korean security agents arrested Seo Kum Ok, 30, another

Christian, in a city near Ryongchon and tortured her. The agents alleged she was attempting to spy on a nuclear site and hand over the evidence to South Korea and the U.S. The report said it remains unclear whether she survived. Her husband was also arrested and their two children disappeared, it said.”



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### CHINA SLIGHTLY MODIFYING ITS ONE-CHILD POLICY

For residents of Shanghai and other large cities, the government of China is slightly relaxing its one-child policy and is urging couples to have two children “if the husband and wife are themselves only children” (Agence France-Press, July 24, 2009). The objective is to “reduce the proportion of the ageing people and alleviate a workforce shortage in the future.” People over 60 make up 22% of the Shanghai’s population today and that is expected to grow to 34% in ten years. China estimates that its one-child policy, which was implemented in 1979, has resulted in 400 million fewer births. As a result of parents choosing to abort girls in favor of boys, there is a shortage of wives.

### CNN REJECTS AD FEATURING U.S. ASTRONAUTS OPPOSING ABORTION

The following is excerpted from “Astronauts Launch New Pro-Life Commercial,” LifeNews.com, July 16, 2009: “A pro-life group whose first two television commercials were rejected by NBC and CNN has unveiled a new ad that promote the potential of human life. The ads feature clips of astronaut Neil Armstrong and they have the support of top astronauts Dr. Joseph Kerwin and Gene Krantz. Featuring video images of a 3-D ultrasound of an unborn baby, a message shows saying, ‘At 5 weeks, his heart will beat, at 9 weeks his feet will form, at 80 weeks he will take his first

step.’ The images move to a scene of Armstrong landing on the moon and audio of his famous words saying it was ‘one giant leap for mankind.’ The message concludes, ‘at 2,024 weeks ... Life, Imagine the Potential.’ Dr. Joseph Kerwin, the first American doctor in outer space, joined other former NASA greats yesterday at a press conference sponsored by the Catholic pro-life group Fidelis ... The event commemorated ... the fortieth anniversary of Apollo 11’s historic landing on the moon.”



### PARENTS, DEMAND OBEDIENCE

The following is excerpted from *Training Your Children to Turn out Right*, an excellent book by David Sorenson (Northstar Ministries, 1820 W. Morgan St., Duluth, MN 55811, 218-726-0209, [www.northstarministries.com](http://www.northstarministries.com), [dhs.northstar@charter.net](mailto:dhs.northstar@charter.net)) -- “Let me suggest to you three major, absolute, axiomatic rules for your family. Do not tolerate any deviation from these basic rules. Each is based in biblical precept and each goes to the very heart of doing right. (1) We always obey. Few things in family life are more fundamental than teaching children to obey. We positively, absolutely always expected our children to obey when they were given clear instructions (Ephesians 6:1). ... If children are consistently disobedient, it means that the parents, at some point, have not trained them to be obedient. ... We positively demanded that our children obey us. If they did not obey, there were immediate and consistent consequences. Every time. Every single time! Obedience is critically important. Not only is obedience important to maintain order in a child’s life, but it also has a profound spiritual implication. ... when children become accustomed to disobeying their parents and getting away with it, they are likely to adopt the same attitude toward doing God’s will. ... Parents, you will do your children a great spiritual favor by insisting on obedience. You are establishing a precedent in their lives for them to obey God as they mature and become independent. ... Insisting on obedience is a basic way of training a child to subordinate his or her old nature to standards of right. ... In our home, when one of the children was directly and overtly disobedient, it was dealt with immediately. There were no ifs, ands, or buts. ... There was no debate. ... If one of the children was punished for having been disobedient, we always made very sure that she understood her punishment was because she disobeyed” (*Training Your Children to Turn Out Right*, 1995, pp. 62-64).



## THOSE ASTONISHING BEE ENGINEERS

The following is from Creation Moments, <http://www.creationmoments.net/radio/transcript.php?t=2179>: “The amazing structure of the honeycomb has fascinated scientists for thousands of years. In the third century, the astronomer and geometer, Pappus of Alexandria, became the first to offer an explanation for why the honeycomb has a hexagonal shape. Pappus explained that only three shapes could serve as candidates for a honeycomb cell--the triangle, the square, and the hexagon. Any other shape would leave wasteful open spaces between each cell. Pappus noted that the hexagon holds more honey in the same space than either a square or a triangle. It also takes less wax to build, and the shared sides of the hexagonal cells cut wax usage even further. But it was not until the development of modern calculus that scientists could fully appreciate the shape of the caps at the end of the honeycomb cells. Each cell is capped with a pyramid composed of three rhombuses. Complex mathematics shows that this shape too, requires the least amount of wax for construction and that it allows honeycomb cells to be butted up against each other without wasting space. Modern scientists who accept evolution talk about the design of the honeycomb as a great accomplishment by bees. But the more sensible conclusion is obvious. The twelve-sided prism, that is, six sides plus two ends of the honeycomb, is magnificent testimony to the mathematical wisdom of the Creator Himself!”

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