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NEW ON THE WEBSITE – MORE LANGUAGES

In the past we were able to translate the website into six languages. We are now able to translate into 51 languages. The old system had you translate the first page and from then on all the pages were automatically in that language. This system requires you to select the language for each individual page, but I felt it was worth it to change systems for the sake of the variety of languages since so many of our people come from so many different countries.

The new system is under the main ChristianGays.com title and simply says, "Select Language".

GAY NEWS - MEREDITH BAXTER COMES "OUT"

Excerpt:

Since her TV career heyday in the 1970s and '80s as a darling of the popular prime-time series *Family* and *Family Ties*, Meredith Baxter has mainly flown under the radar, with the exception of a few acclaimed turns in made-for-TV movies such as *My Breast* and *A Woman Scorned: The Betty Broderick Story*. That is until she boarded the Sweet Caribbean Cruise with thousands of other lesbians last month. If the woman who famously played Elyse Keaton, liberal mother to Michael J. Fox's conservative Alex on the long-running sitcom *Family Ties*, thought she would go unnoticed amid generations of gay women who idolized her for her blond-haired, blue-eyed, all-American good looks, she was wrong.

Go to the **Gay News** page at <http://christiangays.com/news.shtml> for a link to the whole article, including a video of Meredith with Matt Lauer on *The Today Show*.

NEWS – NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION OF THE BIBLE (NIV)

Excerpt:

The global board of Biblica today announced its intention to update the New International Version (NIV) of the Bible, the first time it has been revised since 1984. The Committee on Bible Translation (CBT), the independent body of global biblical scholars solely responsible for the translation of the world's most popular Bible, is slated to finish its revision late next year, with publication in 2011.

Zondervan is giving opportunity for input and we have been asked to suggest that "male prostitutes" and "homosexual offenders" (1 Corinthians 6:9) and "perverts" (1 Timothy 1:10) be replaced by the more accurate and less offensive "men who have sex with men". You can read more about this on Colin Smith's website at <http://gaytales.web.officelive.com/default.aspx>

I will be writing to them but will probably be more general with my comments. I hope that you will take the time to make your wishes known too.

*Go to the **Gay News** page at <http://christiangays.com/news.shtml> for the link to read the whole Press Release and to get the associated links.*

NEWS - ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA STATEMENT

Excerpt:

House of Bishops Issues Statement on Uganda's Anti-Homosexuality Bill

The proposed Bill would severely restrict the human rights of Ugandan citizens both at home and abroad by infringing freedom of speech, peaceful assembly, freedom of organization, and legitimate advocacy of civil rights. It would impose excessive and cruel penalties on persons who experience same-sex attraction as well as those who counsel, support, and advise them, including family members

and clergy.

*Read the whole statement on the **Gay News** page at <http://christiangays.com/news.shtml>*

(Thanks Frank!)

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Note from Mary: These folks have just renewed their banner ad with us for another year. I can highly recommend them as being extremely professional and very easy to deal with. Please check out their website, and if you know of anyone who needs any editing, please recommend these guys. Their business is gay-owned and operated. Let's support our community!!!

FYI - WEBSITE STATS

We have now gone over the 40,000 visits per month mark. Hallelujah! Praise the Lord! What this means is that in the previous 30 days, over 40,000 people have

visited the ChristianGays.com website to read the good news that God loves God's gay children!

May those who are seeking answers, find them. May they find peace and fulfillment in their lives as the beautiful people they were created to be!!!

NOTABLE BIRTHDAYS - December 1 - 31

December 1: Martyred college student **Matthew Shepard**, 1976

December 2: Fashion designer **Gianni Versace**, 1946; actor **Dan Butler**, 1954

December 3: Psychoanalyst **Anna Freud**, 1895

December 5: Rocker **Little Richard** (Richard Penniman), 1932; Actress and comedian **Margaret Cho**, 1968

December 6: Actress **Agnes Moorehead**, 1900

December 7: Writer **Willa Cather**, 1873

December 9: Poet **John Milton**, 1608

December 10: Poet **Emily Dickinson**, 1830

December 12: Administrator of ChristianGays.com **Mary Pearson**, 1944

December 16: Playwright, actor, and songwriter **Sir Noel Coward**, 1899; anthropologist **Margaret Mead**, 1901

December 18: Canadian figure skater **Brian Orser**, 1961

December 27: Actress **Marlene Dietrich**, 1901

December 30: Nobel Prize-winning novelist and poet **Rudyard Kipling**

(from glbtq.com)

FRAUD ALERT – DAVE LAUREN

Normally I don't post frauds and scammers in the Newsletters. I just send the "**Fraud Alerts**" to people who have subscribed to receive them, but we've had a most prolific scammer sign up with us for the **Dating Service** using the name of **Dave Lauren**. He has dozens of usernames, names and email addresses, so if you are having any kind of online relationship with a man, please go to the **Fraud page** of the **Dating Service** at <http://christiangays.com/osdate/fraud.shtml> and check under the scammer names for "davelauren" just to make sure that you're not dealing with this man.

I also advise you to read "**They Might Be A Scammer If . . .**" on the same page, and you may also want to consider subscribing to receive the **Fraud Alerts**.

CHRISTIANGAYS.COM STORE – IT'S NOT TOO LATE

It's not too late to order for Christmas. There are still lots of bargains. I've put 55 items on Special, including embroidered rainbow wave t-shirts, regular \$19.95 for only \$5, rainbow steering wheel cover (1 only) for \$20, regular \$29.95, cassettes for only \$3, baseball hats, pet leashes and collars, lots and lots of music from \$2 - \$15, etc, and of course we have our regular stock as well.

If you want to listen to some of Marsha Stevens' CD's, including music by some artists from her upBeat program while you browse the website, click on the player at the VERY top of the main website. There are new instructions there to help you. <http://christiangays.com>

JOKE – GRANDMA STILL DRIVES

Grandma is eighty-eight years old and still drives her own car. She writes:

Dear Grand-daughter,

The other day I went up to our local Christian book store and saw a 'Honk if you love Jesus' bumper sticker ..

I was feeling particularly sassy that day because I had just come from a thrilling choir performance, followed by a thunderous prayer meeting. So, I bought the sticker and put it on my bumper. Boy, am I glad I did; what an uplifting experience that followed.

I was stopped at a red light at a busy intersection, just lost in thought about the Lord and how good he is, and I didn't notice that the light had changed. It is a good thing someone else loves Jesus because if he hadn't honked, I'd never have noticed.

I found that lots of people love Jesus!

While I was sitting there, the guy behind started honking like crazy, and then he leaned out of his window and screamed, 'For the love of God!' 'Go! Go! Go! Jesus Christ, GO!' What an exuberant cheerleader he was for Jesus!

Everyone started honking!

I just leaned out my window and started waving and smiling at all those loving people. I even honked my horn a few times to share in the love! There must have been a man from Florida back there because I heard him yelling something about a sunny beach.

I saw another guy waving in a funny way with only his middle finger stuck up in the air. I asked my young teenage grandson in the back seat what that meant. He said it was probably a Hawaiian good luck sign or something. Well, I have never met anyone from Hawaii, so I leaned out the window and gave him the good luck sign right back. My grandson burst out laughing. Why even he was enjoying this religious experience!!

A couple of the people were so caught up in the joy of the moment that they got out of their cars and started walking towards me. I bet they wanted to pray or

ask what church I attended, but this is when I noticed the light had changed. So, grinning, I waved at all my brothers and sisters, and drove on through the intersection. I noticed that I was the only car that got through the intersection before the light changed again and felt kind of sad that I had to leave them after all the love we had shared.

So I slowed the car down, leaned out the window and gave them all the Hawaiian good luck sign one last time as I drove away. Praise the Lord for such wonderful folks!!

Will write again soon,
Love, Grandma



(Thanks Frank!)

God bless,
Mary

Gay AND Christian? YES! It IS Possible!

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