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Lt. Col. Michael Keller has a cup off coffee at Camp Babylon, actually one of Saddam Hussein's former palaces.
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Plainview man helps bring better health to Iraq

By Jonathan Petty

Wayland Baptist University

CAMP BABYLON, Iraq-Lt. Col. Michael Keller sets foot outside his temporary home in a former presidential palace in Iraq. What meets his eyes isn't pretty. All the windows and doors in the building were broken out or destroyed during the looting and riots that followed in the wake of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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Reyes to be nominated for BGCT's first vice presidency in Lubbock

By Marv Knox

Editor

SAN ANTONIO — Albert Reyes, president of Hispanic Baptist Theological School, will be nominated for first vice president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas when it meets Nov. 10-11.

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BGCT schools ranked in

annual U.S. News survey

By Marv Knox

Editor

Twenty-eight schools stand between Baylor University and its goal of ranking among the 50 finest schools in the country.

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Shepherd's Inn keeper knows her flock well

By George Henson

Staff Writer

PORT ARTHUR-Toni Damian's life is a testament that God can use both the good and the bad in a person's life, given the opportunity.

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Enlist 'special' volunteers for music

By Sara Horn

LifeWay Christian Resources

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)-By all accounts, little David was a holy terror at church. He didn't sit still, didn't listen and distracted other children.

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Non-Aggies find a home with international Aggies

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

COLLEGE STATION-Call them students. Call them summer missionaries. Just don't call them Aggies.

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Student missionaries parade God's presence in Colorado resort town

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

CRESTED BUTTE, Colo.-Baptist General Convention of Texas student summer missionaries paraded a Christian presence down the streets of this popular Rocky Mountain resort town.

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Little sleep, lots of opportunities

By John Hall

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HAMPSTEAD, N.H.-Robert Nixon loves to sleep. Maybe now that his stint as a summer missionary is over, he'll get some.

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SARS detour opens student's eyes to a new world vision in Germany

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

A Baptist General Convention of Texas student summer missionary learned to live intentionally for Christ by traveling the long way to serve him.

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Children find faith through Bible stories

HOUSTON June 26 and July 24 will live forever in the minds of Brandy Jacobson and the 15 children she led to Christ those days.

Jacobson, a senior elementary education major at West Texas A&M, served as a Baptist General Convention of Texas student summer missionary at the Houston Mission Center. She helped primarily with the Kid's Club program and the food pantry.

She vividly recalls going through a Bible lesson June 26 and looking up to see all the children staring at her. Jacobson felt God tell her to close the lesson and extend an invitation to the kids.

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Missionary gets warm welcome

By John Hall

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Eastern Europeans love Americans, according to a student summer missionary. But they had no idea what this American stands for until they

met him.

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Dallas Baptist University student Micah Blalock (with guitar) leads Russian orphans and American volunteers in worship during a summer camp session for orphans. At right, DBU student Andrew Briscoe poses with a new friend, Vova, a Russian orphan boy.

Texas students travel to Russia with love

DALLAS—Andrew Briscoe, a graduate student at Dallas Baptist University, has devoted much of his life to learning in the classroom. But after a month-long summer missionary internship working in the orphanages of St.

Petersburg, Russia, he is quick to tell listeners that education also takes place on the hard surface of the mission field.



DBU students Leslie Whitlock and Danny Krumbholz provide recreational fun for an orphan

Briscoe and eight other DBU students joined students from six other colleges, including Baylor University, to work as summer missionaries, or interns, through Buckner Orphan Care International. The team provided a Christian witness-and love -to children living in Russian orphanages and orphanage hospitals through summer camp programming, Vacation Bible Schools, personal attention and support of shorter-term volunteers.

For Briscoe, the internship was a learning experience in missions involvement. "I wanted to be a part of this trip so I would have a greater understanding of missions. The entire month was an incredible learning period and the spiritual growth we experienced was amazing," he said.