

# Howard Payne students send Christmas cheer to Iraq\_122004

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Howard Payne

University freshman  
student

representatives (left to  
right) Amanda Alvey,  
Ellen Belgie and  
Demetria Menifield  
participate in a  
student government-  
sponsored project to  
send handmade  
Christmas cards to  
military personnel  
stationed in Iraq.

Student government is  
a campus organization  
comprised of class  
officers and  
representatives from  
student organizations.

News of religion, faith, missions, Bible study and Christian ministry among Texas Baptist churches, in the BGCT, the Southern Baptist Convention ( SBC ) and around the world.

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Juan Acuña  
(left), a  
student at  
Baptist  
University  
of the  
Americas,  
participates  
in a  
Christian  
worship  
service  
among the  
Banjara  
Gypsies of  
India.

## Latin American students serve in India

**By Ken Camp**

*Managing Editor*

SAN ANTONIO-Two Baptist University of the Americas students-one from Mexico, the other from Nicaragua-spent the fall semester working with Banjara Gypsies in India.

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# **‘As India goes, so goes the Great Commission’\_122004**

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As many as 30 million pilgrims flooded the Hindu holy city of Ujjain to seek spiritual cleansing in the sacred Shipra River. India alone is home to 14 "super-mega" people groups with more than 10 million members each who are currently "unengaged" by a church-planting movement strategy. (Matt Jones Photo)

# 'As India goes, so goes the Great Commission'

**By Erich Bridges**

*International Mission Board*

MUMBAI, India (BP)-What country is home to thousands of millionaires and nine of the world's richest billionaires, makes more movies than Hollywood, boasts the world's largest democracy and is home to 24 million Christians, including 19 million evangelicals?

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## **Veteran missionary called to bring healing in Christ's name\_122004**

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## **Veteran missionary called to bring healing in Christ's name**

BANGALORE, India (BP)-Ask people around Bangalore, India, what a Christian looks like, and many would describe Rebekah Naylor, the Southern Baptist missionary surgeon who has labored at Bangalore Baptist Hospital the past 30 years.

Some Indians have seen Naylor-who currently is clinical assistant professor and surgeon at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas- as a cool, precise, professional medical doctor who has performed countless surgeries and other medical procedures.

She has saved lives, delivered babies and relieved suffering for thousands

of people over her years in India.

Rebekah  
Naylor,  
who has  
served at  
the  
Bangalore  
Baptist  
Hospital  
more  
than 30  
years, has  
come to  
be  
accepted  
as an  
honorary  
“auntie”  
to  
hundreds  
and  
hundreds  
of Indian  
young  
people  
and  
children.

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# **San Antonio church provides BUA scholarships for two students from India\_122004**

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## **San Antonio church provides BUA scholarships for two students from India**

**By Craig Bird**

*Special to the Baptist Standard*

SAN ANTONIO—The cross-cultural mix at Baptist University of the Americas will get even richer next month when two students from India begin studies at the BGCT-affiliated school.

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## **Texas Baptist Forum\_122004**

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# TEXAS BAPTIST FORUM

## For whom the bell tolls

Target's decision to place "no solicitation" restrictions on the Salvation Army lacks any legal or Christian justification. If nothing else, we who have discretionary funds need gentle reminders of our affluent good fortune during this abrasive period.

That Target prohibits a modest, peaceable effort to help the needy is morally inexcusable.

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Since 1891, Salvation Army bell-ringers have sought funds. Standing on wet or icy pavement is no ego-inflating exercise. Rather, it is a humble reminder for us about the many unfortunates among us—our mentally and/or physically ill, addicted, veterans (one-third of our homeless are former military personnel), our inadequately educated, disabled, downsized, abandoned, our too elderly or too youthful.

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**Suit                      asserts                      Lottery**  
**Commission, attorney general**

# **broke state laws\_122004**

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## **Suit asserts Lottery Commission, attorney general broke state laws**

**By Ferrell Foster**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

AUSTIN-A Texas taxpayer doesn't want state government to pay a bill to a Las Vegas lawfirm, and he's filed suit to stop it.

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## **Accrediting agency places Louisiana College on one-year probation for violating standards\_122004**

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# Accrediting agency places Louisiana College on one-year probation for violating standards

**By Robert Marus**

*Associated Baptist Press*

PINEVILLE, La. (ABP)-The South's major accrediting agency for schools has placed a Louisiana Baptist college on probation for a year for violating the agency's standards.

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## On the Move\_122004

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### On the Move

**B.B. Alvarez** to Fairview Church in Grand Prairie as interim minister of music.

- ♦ **Luke Austin** to Zephyr Church in Zephyr as minister of music.
- ♦ **Jeff Bankhead** to Central Church in Italy as pastor.

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# **Brother's unselfishness provides gift of life, inspires sister\_122004**

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**By George Henson**

*Staff Writer*

DALLAS-A boy's desire to give of himself has meant new life for seven other people and led to eternal life for his sister.

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## **Abilene church helps members match skills, interests to**

# **missions needs\_122004**

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## **Abilene church helps members match skills, interests to missions needs**

**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

ABILENE-At Pioneer Drive Baptist Church, any member who can sweep a floor has a skill that can be used to honor Christ. Church leaders emphasize Christians should live “missionally”—using their talents and abilities to glorify God and share Christ.

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## **Christmas Bible School teaches true meaning of the season\_122004**

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Children  
listen  
intently to  
lessons  
during a  
one-day  
Christmas  
Bible  
School at  
Faith  
Baptist  
Church in  
Princeton.

## **Christmas Bible School teaches true meaning of the season**

**By George Henson**

*Staff Writer*

PRINCETON—No star above a stable guided them, but the story of the Christ-child still drew people to worship as a North Texas church reminded area families about the true meaning of Christmas.