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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.

‘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?

Veteran missionary called to bring healing in Christ's name_122004

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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.

San Antonio church provides BUA scholarships for two students from India_122004

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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.

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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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.

Accrediting agency places Louisiana College on one-year probation for violating standards_122004

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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.

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.

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.

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

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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.