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By Michael Leathers

Associated Baptist Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (ABP)—With just a portable heater as defense against the cool night, Kendra Jackson waits for the next group of Christmas celebrants to arrive. The 30-something mother of two daughters is portraying Anna in the interactive Christmas drama produced by Western Oaks Baptist Church.

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By Gregory Tomlin

Baptist Press

COLLEYVILLE (BP)—It wasn't quite comparable to the New Testament feeding of the 5,000, but an army of volunteers served hot meals and passed out sacks of groceries to more than 2,800 people.

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More than 100 faculty and staff members of the Alfa & Omega School in Denia, Spain line up for a Thanksgiving meal provided by volunteers from First Baptist Church in El Paso.

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Texas Baptist Communications

EL PASO—A holiday meal filled several Texas Baptists from El Paso with a renewed desire to see and meet needs around them.

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By Jeff Robinson

Baptist Press

SAN ANTONIO (BP)—Members of the Evangelical Theological Society passed a resolution to consider using the Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy to clarify the organization's position on the inerrancy of Scripture.

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ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—A federal judge has dismissed the most sweeping portions of a lawsuit that challenged President Bush's faith-based initiative as unconstitutional.

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Allan Escobar (above, center) worked with several current and former Baptist Univerisyt of the Americas students among India's Banjara Gypsies during the fall semester.

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By Ken Camp

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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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Dr. Rebekah Naylor says she hopes Southern Baptists will send 1,000 workers to India.

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BANGALORE, India—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 for the past 30 years.

Some have seen Naylor 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 the years.

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But others know Naylor through her soft-spoken but persistent sharing of

the gospel, her training and encouragement of Indian Baptists in how to witness and plant churches. In this role she has helped thousands of people find eternal life in Christ.

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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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FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (ABP)—Ten years ago, Snyder Memorial Baptist Church in Fayetteville, N.C., was a church ready for a new challenge. To revitalize the congregation, staff members envisioned a brief local-missions blitz with the ambitious goal of involving more than half of the people attending Sunday morning services.

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Members of Pioneer Drive Baptist Church in Abilene sing praises to God during a recent mission trip to New York City.

Abilene church encouraging members to use skills to live 'missionally'

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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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Teenagershelp teach children a craft activity during a one-day Christmas Bible School at Faith Baptist Church in Princeton.

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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.

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International Mission Board

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—When King S.O. Abimola II bestowed an African chief's title on a 56-year-old woman from Texas, young people danced in procession to the palace and hundreds assembled for the ceremony.