

# **ANOTHER VIEW: 'Jesus' celebrates 25th birthday\_120604**

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Recently I participated with other volunteers in distributing the gospel on the streets of a sprawling mega-city in Central Asia.

We struck up conversations with shopkeepers, cafe owners, college students, bus passengers and anyone else willing to talk to us in the overwhelmingly Muslim city. We prayed for opportunities to give our new acquaintances small packets containing a New Testament, a video showing local followers of Christ and how they worship-and a DVD version of the "Jesus" film.

Not everyone took our gift. Some declined politely; a few returned it after looking it over. But many accepted it with curiosity, gratitude, even emotion. They seemed eager to read, hear and see all they could about Jesus. Several asked for extra packets.

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# Rice's selection unlikely to impact religious liberty, observers say\_120604

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Condoleeza Rice waves to the crowd after she was introduced at the American Israel Public Affairs Committee's annual summit in Hollywood, Fla.

## Rice's selection unlikely to impact religious liberty, observers say

**By Robert Marus**

*ABP Washington Bureau*

WASHINGTON (ABP)- President Bush's choice of National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice to replace Secretary of State Colin Powell may not mean much change in the United States' foreign policy regarding religious-freedom issues, experts on the subject maintained.

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## **Dispute between Criswell College & contractor to be settled out of court\_120604**

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### **Dispute between Criswell College & contractor to be settled out of court**

**By Ken Camp**

*Managing Editor*

DALLAS-A dispute between Criswell College, the W.A. Criswell Foundation and a computer contractor will settled by an arbitrator rather than a jury.

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# **DBU volunteers build on-campus Habitat house\_120604**

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About 400  
Dallas  
Baptist  
University  
students,  
faculty and  
staff  
volunteered  
to help  
build a  
Habitat for  
Humanity  
house on  
the  
university  
campus.

## **DBU volunteers build on-campus**

# Habitat house

**By Kristie Brooks**

*Dallas Baptist University*

DALLAS-For the second consecutive year, Dallas Baptist University volunteers built a Habitat for Humanity house on the school's campus.

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## **DBU students, faculty fill shoeboxes with love\_120604**

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## **DBU students, faculty fill shoeboxes with love**

**By George Henson**

*Staff Writer*

DALLAS-Love may not fit in a box, but students at Dallas Baptist University hope children who receive shoeboxes filled with goodies will know someone cared enough to send a token of their love.

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# **DOWN HOME: God, creativity, chaos & beauty\_120604**

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## **DOWN HOME: God, creativity, chaos & beauty**

Don't worry about the Loch Ness Monster and/or Bigfoot. They don't exist.

If they did, we would've found them.

Joanna and I spent the better part of a Saturday helping our youngest daughter, Molly, clean her room. We didn't encounter any world-famous monsters, but that's about the only thing we didn't find.

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## **Free curriculum offers parents, youth ministers tool to prevent**

# drug abuse\_120604

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## Free curriculum offers parents, youth ministers tool to prevent drug abuse

**By George Henson**

*Staff Writer*

Parents and youth ministers have a new tool to use in their efforts to fight drug use among teens. And it's free.

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## EDITORIAL: Celebrating Advent makes the wait worthy of Christmas\_120604

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**EDITORIAL:**

# Celebrating Advent makes the wait worthy of Christmas

So now we wait.

Waiting, particularly waiting patiently, is not an American virtue. You know you're wound just a little too tightly when you get annoyed because the microwave doesn't heat your pre-cooked dinner fast enough. You're on the impatient side when you order movie tickets online so you won't have to wait in line to buy them at the cineplex. Americans by the millions are signing up for broadband Internet access so we won't have to wait for our computers to download pictures and songs and all the other "instant" data available at the click of a mouse.

But we wait for Christmas. The Christmas season-called Advent by Baptists and others not worried about being considered "too Catholic"-follows an arc determined by the calendar. It covers the span of four Sundays, usually from the Sunday immediately following Thanksgiving to the Sunday before Christmas. It moves at the timeless pace trod by Christians for nearly two millennia.

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# **ETBU reaffirms Chinese partnership**

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Jianzhuang (left) of  
the Gaungdong  
Teachers College of  
Foreign Language and  
Arts in China and  
President Bob Riley of  
East Texas Baptist  
University in Marshall  
sign an agreement to  
continue a program  
allowing the exchange  
of professors and  
students from both  
schools for a semester  
or longer. The two  
schools have had a  
relationship since  
1991.

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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# **LifeWay Explore the Bible Series for Dec. 12: Remember the mercy God has shown to you\_120604**

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LifeWay Explore the Bible Series for Dec. 12

## **Remember the mercy God has shown to you**

Luke 15:18-32

**By Pakon Chan**

*Chinese Baptist Church, Arlington*

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## **LifeWay Explore the Bible Series for Dec. 19: Christmas**

# reminds us of the possibilities\_120604

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LifeWay Explore the Bible Series for Dec. 19

## Christmas reminds us of the possibilities

Luke 1:26-38, 46-56

**By Pakon Chan**

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## LifeWay Family Bible Series for Dec. 12: Enthusiasm for Christ should be contagious\_120604

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LifeWay Family Bible Series for Dec. 12

# Enthusiasm for Christ should be contagious

John 1:35-50

**By Leroy Fenton**

*Baptist Standard, Dallas*