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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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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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By Ken Camp

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

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.

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

EDITORIAL: Celebrating Advent makes the wait worthy of Christmas_120604

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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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President Fang 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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Luke 15:18-32

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Chinese Baptist Church, Arlington

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Christmas reminds us of the possibilities

Luke 1:26-38, 46-56

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Enthusiasm for Christ should be contagious

John 1:35-50

By Leroy Fenton

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