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Texas  
medical  
students  
hold hands  
with  
Hondurans  
to pray  
during a  
short-term  
mission  
trip to  
Honduras.

## Short-term missions the 'in thing' for Christian students

**By Amanda Mantone**

*Religion News Service*

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Steve Holt spent his first semester away from home doing typical college freshman things—making friends, going to class,

working out. He had new streets to learn and lessons to study, just like his peers.

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Howard E. Butt Jr. of San Antonio was named the inaugural recipient of the John Newport Foundation National Leadership Award.

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Butt is best known as vice chairman of H.E.B. grocery stores and president of H.E. Butt Foundation, a private organization that funds Christian camps through its lodges in the Texas Hill Country.

He is president of the Laity Lodge Foundation and Laity Renewal Foundation.

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**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

ARLINGTON—Creeds have a clarifying role in Christian life, but they build barriers between believers when used incorrectly, Baptist leaders told a national leadership conference.

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# On the Move\_51704

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## On the Move

**Steve Allen** to North Shore Church in Lewisville as associate pastor.

✘ **Tracy Bartley** to Acton Church in Granbury as minister of education.

✘ **Kevin Boyd** to Longbranch Church in Midlothian as minister to students.

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Patients leaving  
the clinic where  
the Hardin-  
Simmons  
University  
physical therapy  
ministry team  
served.

## **Hardin-Simmons students, faculty work in Piedras Negras children's home**

Several Hardin-Simmons University physical therapy students and four faculty members traveled to the recently flooded area of Piedras Negras, Mexico to minister to people there.

They worked in Casa Bethesda, a home for indigent and abandoned children, many of whom have been diagnosed with cerebral palsy, autism or Down's syndrome. They also worked the Clinica Bethesda, a medical facility.



Marsha Rutland,  
instructor of  
physical therapy  
at Hardin-  
Simmons  
University, and  
students Alex  
Griffin and  
Kathy Tilson  
work with  
children at the  
Clinica  
Bethesda in  
Piedras Negras,  
Mexico.

Physical therapy faculty who attended were Dennis O'Connell, Janelle O'Connell and Marsha Rutland. Teresia Taylor, a Spanish professor, went with the group to help with translation.

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## **Promise Keepers plan Dallas 'fusion' event\_51704**

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DALLAS (RNS)—Former University of Colorado football coach and founder of Promise Keepers Bill McCartney huddled recently with about 400 North Texas church leaders about how to move 20- and 30-year-olds off the ministry sidelines and into active church and mission participation.

At the kickoff luncheon, McCartney reviewed the playbook for fusion+dallas, an event planned for November.

He told the group that fusion will include biblical teaching, workshops, praise and worship, and opportunities to connect with local churches, local church missions and international mission agencies.

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Becky  
Oprean  
reads her  
favorite  
scripture,  
Psalms  
139,  
before  
giving her  
testimony  
at  
Emmanuel  
Baptist  
Church in  
Bucharest,  
Romania,  
in 1999.  
Her  
mother,  
Lidia  
Oprean,  
holds her  
Bible for  
her.

## **Family wants ministry to disabled children started in Romania**

**By Craig Bird**

*Special to the Baptist Standard*

The verbal and visual messages resonate in any setting—a smiling, wheelchair-bound teenager confidently quoting Psalm 139: “I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”

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# **Dallas church plans to rise from ashes and rebuild ministry\_51704**

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A fire in 2002 left the east Dallas landmark Ross Avenue Baptist Church building a burned-out shell of its former glory. The church will demolish the old building and rebuild on the site.

## **Dallas church plans to rise from ashes and rebuild ministry**

**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

DALLAS—Ross Avenue Baptist Church's building stands a shell of its former

glory. Its walls are propped up with large beams. A stained-glass dome that once called a community to Christ is now but a memory.

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# **Society saturated with distorted images of sexuality, singles minister says\_51704**

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## **Society saturated with distorted images of sexuality, singles minister says**

**By Ferrell Foster**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

SAN ANTONIO—Sex can loom large in the life of single adults. They are bombarded by sexual enticements and perversions, whether or not they are sexually active, a single-adult minister told a statewide conference.

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# Texas Tidbits\_51704

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## Texas Tidbits

**Hendrick chaplain named Logsdon distinguished alum.** Mike Patrick, staff chaplain at Hendrick Medical Center, has been named the recipient of a distinguished alumnus award from the Logsdon School of Theology. Cecil Richards, pastor of Kingstown Baptist Church in Kingstown, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, also has been named a Logsdon distinguished alumnus. Richards is the former president of the St. Vincent and Grenadines Baptist Convention.

**Guild sets fund-raising record for HBU.** The Guild of Houston Baptist University marked the school's 40th anniversary with a "silver tea" that raised a record amount to support graduate scholarships for career classroom teachers. Proceeds from the event-topping \$113,500-will provide annual and endowed scholarships. The silver tea is the primary charitable project of The Guild, an interdenominational Christian women's group in Houston. The event has its roots in England, where the hostess of a high tea placed a silver bowl at the entrance of her home to collect silver coins for charity.

**Commentary by Truett prof named finalist.** A commentary on 1 Corinthians by David Garland, professor and associate dean of academic affairs at Baylor University's Truett Theological Seminary, has been named a Gold Medallion Book Awards finalist by the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association. Winners will be announced June 26 at an awards

banquet in Atlanta, Ga.

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# **Together: Needed Miraculous, compelling vision\_51704**

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## **TOGETHER: Needed: Miraculous, compelling vision**

Last fall, a consultant told me we could not achieve the results I was seeking in the Baptist General Convention of Texas unless our Baptist Building culture and structure changed. That was the day I knew we had to begin working to make significant changes.

I wanted to know how we could offer churches personalized consulting and know whether we actually helped them. I wanted to link churches with similar problems to a network that would enable them to find good solutions. I wanted a way to measure effectiveness. We have said we want to help churches and related ministries be the presence of Christ in the world. I wanted to know whether we were succeeding.

The BGCT is the largest Baptist state convention in America. But largest does not necessarily mean most effective.

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DALLAS—A nonprofit group that grew out of the Baptist General Convention of Texas' commitment to victim ministries has unveiled a tentative architectural concept for the only memorial for victims of violent crime in Texas.