

# Book Reviews

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***Gospel Tracks Through Texas*** by Wilma Rugh Taylor (Texas A&M University Press)

What did U. S. Christians learn about reaching people from the Russian Orthodox Church? The author says the use of converted railroad passenger cars to “chapel cars” in the 1880s on the Trans-Caspian railroad to reach the peoples of Eastern Siberia was the forerunner of 13 such rolling churches used in the western part of this country between 1891 and 1940.

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In *Gospel Tracks Through Texas*, Taylor describes in intricate detail the mission work of chapel car Good Will between 1895 and 1903 to reach lost souls, to minister to believers, and to aid or establish churches in railroad towns and cities.

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## Cartoon

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“He's  
not  
moving  
to the  
next  
row. I  
don't  
think  
we  
gave  
him  
enough.  
Do you  
have  
any  
more  
cash?”

in the BGCT, the Southern Baptist Convention ( SBC ) and around the world.

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# **DOWN HOME: Driving lessons: Count blessings**

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## **DOWN HOME: Driving lessons: Count blessings**

It's a curse that reminds me of my blessings: Most days, the worst part of this job is getting to and from it.

Take this morning, please.

Somebody-the radio traffic reporters discreetly declined to say who-decided the construction crews working on the section of Highway 121 Bypass that crosses over Interstate 35W in Lewisville should keep on keeping on.

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# **EDITORIAL: As hearts break, aid Katrina's victims**

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Which image tormented you the most in the wake of Hurricane Katrina? Brothers in Gulfport, walking through sticks that once framed their apartment. An old woman in a boat, evacuating her home. An elderly person sitting on a cot in the Superdome with a gaping hole in the roof behind her. People crouched on their rooftops, shingled islands in a muddy sea. Or floodwaters engulfing huge swatches of New Orleans, where life will not be "easy" for a long, long time.

I'm still haunted by the news clip of a distraught man describing the last time he saw his wife. Their home split between them. He tried in vain to pull her to safety, until she told him she was slipping away and he needed to take care of their children. The story overwhelmed both the widowed father and the reporter who interviewed him. By the time the clip was over, they both were weeping, along with millions of us whose hearts broke with his.



If Katrina didn't break your heart, don't worry about suffering cardiac arrest. You don't have a heart in your chest. But for all of us who love New Orleans and its Creole charms, who have been mesmerized by the Gulf

Coast's pristine beaches, who have even the remotest ability to empathize with suffering, Kristina is a tragedy of epic, heart-rending proportions.

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# Texans help tent church needing permanent facility

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Guellele  
Church  
in Addis  
Ababa,  
Ethiopia,  
meets  
under a  
tent.

## Texans help tent church needing permanent facility

**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

In 1984, hungry Ethiopians gathered beneath a large tent to get some much-needed food. More than 20 years later, hundreds of people regularly

find their spiritual needs met under the same canvas roof.

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# Hunger farm aims to raise consciousness

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For close to 30 years, the World Hunger Relief farm has operated as a learning laboratory for people of all ages.

**Hunger farm aims to raise**

# consciousness

**By George Henson**

*Staff Writer*

ELM MOTT-A 42-acre farm seven miles north of Waco seeks to combat hunger around the world-not so much by raising crops as by raising consciousness.

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## **A baseball mascot's faith-straight from the horse's mouth**

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Jim Tennison  
poses at  
Ameriquest  
Field with  
promotional  
giveaways  
depicting  
Rangers  
Captain and  
Dinger the  
Dinosaur-both  
of whom he  
has  
portrayed.  
(Photo by Ken  
Camp)

## A baseball mascot's faith- straight from the horse's mouth

**By Ken Camp**

*Managing Editor*

ARLINGTON—Jim Tennison can offer only a nonverbal Christian witness when he's in uniform at his workplace, but it's not due to timidity. It's because horses don't talk.

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# Ministry seeks to rescue potential victims of sex trafficking

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Summer camps run by Texas Baptist volunteers are the highlights of the year for many Moldovan orphans like these girls.  
(Photos by Marla Rushing)

## Ministry seeks to rescue

# potential victims of sex trafficking

**By Craig Bird**

*Baptist Child & Family Services*

CHISINAU, Moldova—Homeless teenaged girls vulnerable to victimization by the international sex slave trade are the focus of a new ministry of Children's Emergency Relief International.

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## Nation Building one life at a time

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**By Jenny Pope**

*Buckner Benevolences*

About 108 million orphans live in Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America, and the number grows exponentially each year due to the international AIDS epidemic, global aid experts insist.

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Buckner  
Orphan Care  
International  
responds to  
basic human  
needs with  
Christian  
compassion  
such as  
providing  
food, diapers  
and medical  
care for  
Guatemalan  
(left) and  
Russian  
orphans.  
(Photos by  
Scott Collins  
& Misty  
Keasler)

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# **Doors open to Christian business**

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*Managing Editor*

DALLAS-The authentic witness of Christian laypeople who conduct business in a global market-in contrast to covert operations by clandestine missionaries who enter closed countries under the guise of “shell businesses”-represents a key strategy for 21st century missions, a Texas Baptist missions leader insists.

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## Enter in front door

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*Texas Baptist Communications*

Why sneak in the back door when the front entry works just fine?