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Chad Glover	Micah Huckaby

## ETBU football players share gospel in the Czech Republic

**By Jocelyn Delgado**

*Communications Intern*

For two weeks this summer, two East Texas Baptist University Students traveled to the Czech Republic with nine other student volunteers to minister by sharing the gospel and playing a little football.

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Volunteers from First Baptist Church in Devine help renovate a house in their community. Seventeen homes were renovated during the week through a ministry that also included Backyard Bible Clubs, discipleship events, and yard-and-street cleaning. (Photos by Danielle Young)

## Mission Devine focuses on community involvement

**By George Henson**

*Staff Writer*

DEVINE-About six months ago, the staff at First Baptist Church in Devine decided to make this summer about missions. And they wanted to focus on the local community.

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## **DOWN HOME: Worship wars 'We' can overcome\_72505**

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### **DOWN HOME: Worship wars: 'We' can overcome**

I stumbled into the worship wars.

On July 30, 1997, I revealed that my daughter Molly, then 10, had absolutely no idea what I meant when I hinted she might earn a “star” in her “crown” if she agreed to visit prospects for our church with me.

Kids these days. They haven't heard of, much less sung from, the lovely 1956 *Baptist Hymnal*. Molly never intoned the plaintive question, “Will there be any stars, any stars in my crown?”

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# **EDITORIAL: Will Bush supporters receive payoff?\_72505**

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## **EDITORIAL: Will Bush supporters receive payoff?**

Here's why so many people with strong opinions spent so much money and worked so hard during the last presidential election: Presidents nominate Supreme Court justices.

Presidents and members of Congress, powerful as they are, come and go. But Supreme Court justices serve on and on and on for decades, and their decisions determine how Americans live for generations.

So, while movers and shakers may have been talking about George W. Bush when they worked for his re-election, they were thinking about William Rehnquist and Sandra Day O'Connor, the justices most likely to retire during this presidential term.

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# El Paso Baptist volunteers serve in Mexico City\_72505

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## El Paso Baptist volunteers serve in Mexico City

Director of Missions Josue Valerio led church leaders from El Paso Baptist Associations on a mission trip to Mexico City. The group participated in personal evangelism, Bible studies, prayerwalks, training events, children's outreach activities and counseling in partnership with Mexican Baptists. Fifty-four Mexico City residents made professions of faith in Christ. El Paso Baptists also established 37 outreach Bible studies and made 600 contacts and gospel presentations.



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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# **LifeCall Missions launched to involve volunteer\_72505**

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## **LifeCall Missions launched to involve volunteers**

**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

DALLAS—Committed to the idea that God leads people into service as a lifetime calling rather than a one-time event, the Baptist General

Convention of Missions Equipping Center has launched LifeCall Missions, a volunteer missions program for Texas Baptists of all ages.

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## On the Move\_72505

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### On the Move

**Drew Allen** to Calvary Church in Mexia as interim minister to youth/students.

- ◆ **Jack Boggs** has resigned as pastor of First Church in Matador.
  - ◆ **Clay Carter** to First Church in Perryton as youth/education minister from McKinney Street Church in Denton, where he was youth minister.
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## Reyes will not seek second term as BGCT president\_72505

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BGCT President Albert Reyes
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## **Reyes will not seek second term as BGCT president**

**By Marv Knox**

*Editor*

Albert Reyes will not seek a second one-year term as president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

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## **Wichita Falls volunteers plant seedlings, gospel seeds in South Africa\_72505**

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First  
Baptist  
Church in  
Wichita  
Falls sent  
108  
volunteers  
to South  
Africa to  
plant  
gardens  
to help  
fight  
hunger  
there.

## **Wichita Falls volunteers plant seedlings, gospel seeds in South Africa**

**By George Henson**

*Staff Writer*

WICHITA FALLS—Members of First Baptist Church in Wichita Falls not only planted seedlings to nourish bodies, but also left seeds of evangelism to transform souls in South Africa.

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# **TOGETHER: Davis Offering makes lasting impact\_72505**

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## **TOGETHER: Davis Offering makes lasting impact**

In a few weeks, the women in your church likely will talk about the Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas Missions. Every year, Texas Baptists give almost \$5 million over and above our regular church budget gifts to make an impact on the needs of Texas. Our WMU leaders have worked especially hard to help Texas Baptists be on the cutting edge of mission advance.

The apartment ministry movement, Rio Grande River Ministry, college scholarships for ethnic students and the surge in church starts in Texas all are trophies for the vision of Texas Baptist women. While continuing to support these efforts, Texas WMU is challenging us with stories about the rise of cowboy churches, about partnership efforts in New England, about training and linking people involved in innovative church plants and responding to the new realities in Texas.



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BGCT Executive  
Board

When you support our missions offering, you will help prepare training materials to help our church members work directly with at-risk children, youth and families in crisis. Children live near you who do not even know the name of Jesus except as a curse word.

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## **El Paso store offers needy women on-the-job training**

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EL PASO—A new grocery store opened in El Paso, but it's not in business to make money. Its goal is to provide job training for women seeking to turn their lives around.

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# Lubbock ministry meets needs, changes lives\_72505

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## Lubbock ministry meets needs, changes lives

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LUBBOCK-Soon after graduating high school, Tanji Lamar was pregnant and living in an abusive relationship. She always planned to attend college, but after seven years, she thought it never would happen.

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Once  
Tanji  
Lamar  
thought  
she never  
would go  
to  
college.  
Three  
months  
after she  
entered  
Christian  
Women's  
Job  
Corps,  
she  
graduated  
with a  
plan for  
her  
future.