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DALLAS—Josue Valerio, an associational director of missions and former campus minister and missionary, has been named team leader of the missions section within the Baptist General Convention of Texas Missions, Evangelism and Ministry area.

Wayne Shuffield, director of the BGCT [Missions, Evangelism and Ministry](#) team, said Valerio is passionate about helping churches share the gospel throughout their communities and around the world. His connections with the National Baptist Convention of Mexico should further strengthen the BGCT's partnership with Mexican Baptists, he noted.

"Josue is the ideal person to lead the BGCT missions team," Shuffield said. "He understands Texas Baptist ministry and is committed to facilitating greater mission work throughout the state and around the world. He will be a great asset in helping our churches fulfill the calling God has placed on each of them."

Valerio comes to the Baptist Building staff after serving as director of

missions for the [El Paso Baptist Association](#) where he facilitated an increase in the number of church starts each year he was there. In 2002 to 2003, the association started 16 churches. It started 30 congregations in 2004 and 60 in 2005.

Valerio has extensive experience in collegiate ministry, serving as the West Texas regional coordinator for [BGCT's collegiate ministries](#) and having started a Baptist Student Ministry at Texas Southmost College in Brownsville.

He also directed Baptist student work in El Paso and Texas A&M University in Kingsville and served as the associate director of Baptist Student Ministries at the University of Texas-Pan American.

Valerio served as a missionary in Mexico eight years, coordinating the student missions program there and teaching seminary classes.

He also served as youth director at Primera Iglesia Bautista in Carrollton.

He is work on his doctorate in ministry in leadership training at Fuller Theological Seminary. He earned a master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and his bachelor's degree from the University of Texas-Pan American.

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