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**By Toby Druin**

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GEORGETOWN-If Trey Hillman were a less honorable man, he might be managing the Texas Rangers in the American League instead of the Hokkaido Ham Fighters in Japan's Pacific League. But it would have hurt his Christian witness, which he is able to share in unprecedented ways in his new home.

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# **Evidence found of misuse of Valley funds**

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BGCT executive board member Al Flores during a question and answer session following the presentation of the investigation into alleged misappropriation of BGCT church starting funds in the Rio Grande Valley. (Photos by Barbara Bedrick/BGCT)

## **Evidence found of misuse of Valley funds**

**By Ken Camp**

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DALLAS—A five-month investigation uncovered evidence Baptist General Convention of Texas church starting funds were misused between 1999 and 2005 in the Rio Grande Valley.

At a called meeting of the BGCT Executive Board Oct. 31, investigators reported they discovered up to 98 percent of the 258 church starts reported by three pastors in the Valley—Otto Arango, Aaron de la Torre and Armando Vera—no longer exist. And some never existed, except on

paper. The BGCT gave more than \$1.3 million in start-up funding and monthly financial support to those 258 churches.