

Transitional home provides refuge for teenaged girls

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Celeste, 18, turned herself into the courts at age 15 in order to receive an education. Now, she is studying to be a lawyer and lives at the Buckner Transitional Girls' Home in Guatemala City.

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By Jenny Pope

Buckner Baptist Benevolences

It's a bright, golden-colored refuge that rests among the hectic streets of [Guatemala City](#). A bus stop sits across the way, and hatchback cars and colorful buses whirl by on their way to outlying territories. Outside it's noisy, dusty and fast-paced.

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But inside the home is drastically different. It's airy, open and calm. A plant-lined atrium greets guests upon entry; bedrooms line the walls with photos, stuffed animals and posters of celebrities; there's a cozy living room with several couches and a TV; and fresh laundry flaps in the cool air outside an open kitchen.

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By Ferrell Foster

Texas Baptist Communications

DALLAS—Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Board officers expect to call a special board meeting by the end of October to consider the results of an [investigation](#) into the use of church-starting money in the Rio Grande Valley.

Jim Nelson of Austin, vice chairman of the board, said the complexity of the investigation made it impossible for investigators to finish the task by the regular Sept. 25-26 board meeting.

Cyberbullies harass, humiliate peers

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Cyberbullies harass, humiliate peers

By David Briggs

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Beware the wrath of a dumped boyfriend or girlfriend spreading rumors about a former partner on [MySpace](#). Pity the middle-school student whose clothes, popularity or appearance becomes the object of derision in public chat rooms frequented by classmates.

These days, teenagers and their parents don't have to look out just for sexual predators online. Some of their peers are turning into cyberbullies, using sites such as MySpace and [Facebook](#) to harass and humiliate classmates.

Predators make Web risky for teens

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Predators make Web risky for teens

By George Henson

Staff Writer

DALLAS—Most teenagers don't need a warning about the predators waiting on the Internet. That thrill is what drives some riskier behaviors, a Dallas assistant district attorney said. And that makes parents' role in keeping children safe even more important.

Some teens may think flirting and sexual innuendo on the Internet is a safe risk, like riding a thrill ride at an amusement park, but that is a false assumption, said Brooke Robb, an assistant district attorney who specializes in prosecuting Internet crimes against children. She spoke to a group of youth ministers from [Dallas Baptist Association](#) churches.

Cybercolumn By John Duncan: Thinking of Carolina

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CYBER COLUMN: Thinking of Carolina

By John Duncan

I'm sitting here under the old oak tree, thinking of the mountains of North Carolina. My family roots are there from way back, and I just went to visit two aunts in their eighties. I love the mountains and North Carolina, and on some days I may suddenly break out in song, James Taylor's *Carolina in My Mind*.

Today I have Carolina in my mind. My grandfather served as a foreman in the mining industry. I imagine the business is much today like it was, with dump trucks and tractors with huge front end loaders and conveyor belts and blasting techniques, with dynamite and guys wearing hard hats and taking lunches to work in steel pales, and dust, grit and grime. My grandfather, best I can tell, was a man of the earth. He also lived as a man of heaven: Sunday school superintendent at Pine Branch Baptist Church in Spruce Pine, N.C.

John Duncan

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BGCT says controls in place to

guard mission offering fund use

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BGCT says controls in place to guard mission offering fund use

By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

DALLAS—Contrary to allegations, there is no indication any [Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas Missions](#) funds have been mismanaged, Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Director [Charles Wade](#) said.

Financial controls are in place to ensure the Baptist Building staff administers funds from the Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas Missions according to plans approved by the Woman's Missionary Union of Texas Executive Board, [Chief Financial Officer David Nabors](#) added.

BaptistWay Bible Series for September 24: Longing to be in

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Bible Studies for Life Series for September 24: Passing on the baton of leadership

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By Kenneth Lyle

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Explore the Bible Series for September 24

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- Hebrews 3:16-4:7, 9-13

By Howard Anderson

Diversified Spiritual Associates, San Antonio

God offers to humankind the blessings of a life far beyond what we can live without him. We must be willing to stake our lives on his promises.

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Student found niche helping

renovate Philippine Baptist camp

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Luke Loetscher (third from left) is pictured with other members of his summer missions team in the Philippines along with Filipino workers who helped them in various projects. One named Kuya Tata (pictured second from left) was baptized by the group during the summer after receiving Jesus as his savior.

Student found niche helping renovate Philippine Baptist camp

By Teresa Young

Wayland Baptist University

PLAINVIEW—There's something to be said for finding your sweet spot—locating the place you're meant to be.

For Luke Loetscher, that happened this past summer while he served as a summer missionary in the Philippines. A [Wayland Baptist University](#) junior from Cheyenne, Wyo., Loetscher has long had an interest in agriculture and especially in improving processes in farming, using his interest in science. He is also handy with tools, having participated in several construction-related service projects while at Wayland.