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Kyle Kinser, a senior at Howard Payne University, measures before hanging drywall in a recently built home in Cross Plains.

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Ninety-five Howard Payne University students spent a recent Saturday in Cross Plains, where they helped homes that had been damaged by wildfires.

The fires torched 7,600 acres across Central Texas on Dec. 27, 2005.

The student volunteers were participating in Impact weekend, through the Baptist Student Ministries at Howard Payne, working in conjunction with the city of Cross Plains and First Baptist Church of Cross Plains. The group worked on five different homes throughout the day, doing various projects including painting, hanging drywall, clearing land and digging for a foundation.



Bethany Elmore, a freshman at HPU, paints the trim on a home in Cross Plains that was damaged by the wildfires that hit in December 2005.



Josh Rhodes, a transfer student at HPU, helps with the dry walling in a home that was recently built in Cross Plains.

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Stephanie Skiles, a sophomore science major at Wayland Baptist University, pauses with the Manhattan skyline at her back. Skiles worked at the New York Divinity School, located in Manhattan's Times Squares, during the summer.

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By Teresa Young

Wayland Baptist University

Many summer missions volunteers return home eager to tell other people what they learned to do. For Stephanie Skiles, her summer taught her all the things not to do in New York.

“People kept laughing at me because I was always getting stopped by the police,” Skiles said with a chuckle.

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Joy Miller pals
around in a
pickup bed
with children
at the Rafiki
Village in
Mzuzu,
Malawi,
during a
school lesson
on ground
transportation.

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PLAINVIEW—Joy Miller has spent the last few years at [Wayland Baptist University](#) taking classes and getting involved in experiences that will prepare her for her future career ministering to young girls.

So it came as some surprise to her that a summer missions endeavor on the other side of the world served not so much as a practice session but as additional training.

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Jalissa King, summer missionary to East Asia, pauses during a trip to the local zoo, with her friends, Anna (left), Ivy and Evans, fellow students at the university.

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PLAINVIEW - Here's the assignment: Travel halfway around the world, attend classes at a university in another country and make friends with the nationals. It may sound like just a vacation, but the trip was much more

detailed for the students involved.

The assignment belonged to Jalissa King, a [Wayland Baptist University](#) senior from Portales, N.M., for the past summer, her second summer missions adventure to Asia.

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Surrounded
by his six-
screen
computer
setup,
Wayland
senior
Jerod
Clopton
does
research
for a
missionary
during his
summer
missions
experience
at Greater
Good
Global
Support
Services
outside
Meridian,
Texas.

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By Teresa Young

Wayland Baptist University

PLAINVIEW—The phrase “summer missions” typically conjures images of students sharing the gospel in foreign countries or doing manual labor in inner-city areas, with evangelism the prevalent concern. Jerod Clopton knows first-hand, though, that missions takes on very different shapes and each experience has the power to change lives.

Clopton, a senior math major at [Wayland Baptist University](#) and a native of O'Donnell, spent his summer on a farm near Meridian, working for an agency called [Greater Good Global Support Services](#), or G3S2, as an agent of [Go Now Missions](#), an arm of the Baptist General Convention of Texas [collegiate ministries](#).

Cybercolumn by Brett Younger: Doom, despair and the agony of the teeth

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CYBER COLUMN:

Doom, despair and the agony of the teeth

By Brett Younger

Carol called me at the church to say, "When I put gas in the car, the Visa card didn't work."

I called the Visa people who told me they cancelled our card because "you didn't pay the bill."

BaptistWay Bible Series for September 17: Trust in a God who cares for you deeply

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BaptistWay Bible Series for September 17

Trust in a God who cares for you

deeply

- Psalms 23:1-6; 27:1-6

By David Wilkinson

Bible Studies for Life Series for September 17: Responding to the agony of defeat

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Bible Studies for Life Series for September 17

Responding to the agony of defeat

- Joshua 7:6-7,10-13,16-21,24-26

By Kenneth Lyle

Explore the Bible Series for September 17: Listen to God's word and remain true

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Explore the Bible Series for September 17

Listen to God's word and remain true

- Hebrews 3:1-15

By Howard Anderson

Diversified Spiritual Associates, San Antonio

Good works cannot generate salvation, but they are subsequent and consequential God-empowered fruits and evidences of it. Our salvation is a byproduct of grace and faith. We are required to believe for salvation, and faith is part of the gift of God that saves and cannot be exercised by one's own power. Timely obedience is one of the great dynamics of Christian discipleship.

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By Robert Marus

Associated Baptist Press

WORCESTER, Mass. (ABP)—New scientific research may defuse the culture war over embryonic stem-cell research, but it also may raise new ethical questions.

In a study publicized on the [website of the journal *Nature*](#), members of a team of scientists headed by Robert Lanza of Advanced Cell Technology in Worcester, Mass., reported they had successfully grown stem-cell colonies that were extracted from human embryos without destroying the embryos in the process.

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ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—After a three-year-long debate, the federal Food and Drug Administration has approved wider distribution of a “morning-after” contraceptive, angering some religious conservatives and anti-abortion groups.

[FDA officials recently announced](#) they had approved non-prescription sales of “Plan B,” a drug designed to prevent ovulation and fertilization of a woman’s egg. The decision, however, only allows women 18 years of age or older to have over-the-counter access to the drug.

Displaced New Orleans resident finds home at Gracewood

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By **Miranda Bradley**

Children at Heart Ministries

HOUSTON—Rochelle Wright lost everything to Hurricane Katrina—everything except what matters most to her.

“There was a time when I thought I was going to die,” she said, thinking back to events that changed her life. “I’ve tried to block out a lot of what happened.”



Rochelle
and Rayven
Wright
walked 10
miles in
waist-deep
water to
escape
Katrina.
Now they
live at
Gracewood,
a Children
At Heart
Ministry,
their "first
real home"
since the
storm
destroyed
theirs.