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By Robert Marus

Associated Baptist Press

BEIRUT (ABP)—As international negotiations to end the war in Lebanon proceeded slowly, Lebanese Baptist leaders questioned whether two Baptist schools—now housing hundreds of refugees displaced by the conflict—will be able to begin the academic year on time.

Meanwhile, Baptists around the world continue to solicit prayers seeking an end to the conflict and aid for relief and rebuilding work in the ransacked nation.

Cybercolumn by Brett Younger: God and science

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CYBER COLUMN: God and science

By Brett Younger

When I was in the eleventh grade, I was in A.W. Dolan's chemistry class. He had been a research chemist, but at the age of 60, he decided to spend the rest of his working days with teenagers. He knew a lot about chemistry, but not a lot about 16-year-olds. He was easily flustered and wasn't always fair. For instance, he kept count of how many test tubes we broke and at the end of the year he presented us with bills. I'm not complaining for myself. Mine was not the largest. I finished second. My parents, who weren't always fair either, insisted I pay the bill myself even though it was clearly an educational expense.

In Ohio, you were supposed to take chemistry in the tenth grade, but I had transferred from Mississippi, where science was not our strong suit—football was our strong suit—so I was a little behind. My lab partner was Randy Zur, because we were in alphabetical order. The alphabet also dictated that Zurbo and I were in the far corner of the lab and were always the last to receive whatever chemicals we were experimenting with.

Brett Younger

BaptistWay Bible Series for August 20: Salvation results in good works

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- Titus 3:1-9

By Joseph Matos

Family Bible Series for August 20: Make a difference in the world

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Make a difference in the world

- 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:13-16

By Greg Ammons

Explore the Bible Series for August 20: Old age has its own rhythms

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Explore the Bible Series for August 20

Old age has its own rhythms

- Ecclesiastes 11:7-12:14

By James Adair

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After an examination of life from a variety of perspectives and inquiries into such issues as the possibility of knowing God's will, the proper approach to

life and the value of character, the book of Ecclesiastes ends with a poem on youth and old age (11:7-12:8), followed by an epilogue (12:9-14).

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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

PIEDRAS NEGRAS, Mexico—More than 400 pastors, their spouses and children from both sides of the Texas-Mexico border reconnected and strengthened their families at Congreso de la Frontera in late April.

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PHOENIX (ABP)—In what has been described as the largest case of fraud targeting a religious group, the former top executive and legal counsel for the Baptist Foundation of Arizona were convicted on multiple fraud-related counts.

A Maricopa County, Ariz., Superior Court jury convicted former foundation President William Crotts and Thomas Grabinski, the group's former top lawyer, each on three counts of defrauding investors and one count of knowingly operating an illegal operation. They will be sentenced in September.

Church's foster care focus enriches Chester family

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Cheyenne, age 12, has found a foster home with Stephanie (left) and Terry Chester of Orchard Road Baptist Church in Lewisville, and everyone concerned is looking forward to the day when her adoption by the Chester family will be finalized.

Peggy Starkey (right), a Child Protective Services specialist with the CHILD (Congregations Helping in Love and Dedication) program, helped bring the new family together.

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By George Henson

Staff Writer

LEWISVILLE—It may be unusual for a church to focus its ministry on foster care, but 12-year-old Cheyanne certainly is glad one North Texas church has done just that.

Orchard Road Baptist Church in Lewisville has made foster care the cornerstone of its ministry, and Cheyanne is the first child taken in by a family there. And soon, when she calls Terry and Stephanie Chester “Mom” and “Dad,” it will be official. Permanent adoption papers are making their way through the system.

Mission East Dallas: A gift of healing

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Doris
Hinton,
Mission
East
Dallas
volunteer,
registers
a patient
at the
ministry's
medical
clinic.
(Photos
by Angela
Best)

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By Angela Best

Communications Intern

DALLAS—Francisco suffers from high blood pressure and diabetes, but he has no insurance to help cover costs of treatment and medication.

Even so, he is on his third visit to the Mission East Dallas medical clinic, where he receives both treatment and medication at no cost. “I was looking for somebody to help me

Mission Lubbock worker seeks to transform lives

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By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

LUBBOCK—An abandoned church sanctuary may seem like an odd place for people to try on shoes, select clothing and pick out kitchenware. But Judy Cooper sees it as a vast improvement over where the ministry to Lubbock's low-income multi-housing residents started.

Cooper heads Mission Lubbock—a multi-housing ministry she launched in April 2005, patterned after the successful Mission Arlington model. She runs the ministry from the facility Carlisle Baptist Church occupied until last fall, when the struggling congregation closed its doors and gave its property to the association.

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Amy and Ron Byrd embrace as a prayer of thanksgiving is offered before a bus delivers them to their home church, First Baptist in Forney. She was part of a team from the church that was stranded in Lebanon when war broke out. She and the rest of the volunteer team had just arrived at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport after being evacuated from Lebanon. (Photo by Bill Bangham/BP)

Forney volunteers successfully evacuated from Lebanon

By Angela Best

Communications Intern

FORNEY—A volunteer missions team from First Baptist Church in Forney that had to be evacuated from Lebanon testified they found God's peace in the midst of chaos and confusion.

"God can bring peace when it feels like there is no reality of that," said team member Amy Byrd.

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HOUSTON—Robert Sloan, chancellor and controversial former president of Baylor University, appears poised to assume the presidency of Houston Baptist University.

The HBU presidential search committee recommended Sloan at a special called meeting of the university' board of trustees Aug. 1, and the board will reconvene Aug. 8 to vote on the recommendation.