

# Explore the Bible Series for May 14: Everyone needs hope, encouragement

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**Explore the Bible Series for May 14**

## Everyone needs hope, encouragement

- Isaiah 54:1-57:21

**By James Adair**

*Baptist University of the Americas, San Antonio*

The chapters in Isaiah under consideration this week are set in the late exilic and early postexilic period, during the last half of the sixth century B.C. It was a time of great excitement and great disappointment, a period of high hopes and harsh realities. The Jews in exile heard a message of deliverance, but the situation in the land of their ancestors was not quite what they had expected.

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# Homegrown churches make gospel readily accessible

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Jose Acosta leads worship at a church that meets in the shade of a tree at a San Antonio mobile home park.

## Homegrown churches make gospel readily accessible

**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

SAN ANTONIO—Steeple-crested church buildings dot San Antonio's west side, but Pastor Manuel Rodriguez isn't concerned about them. He's focused on structures that aren't adorned with crosses.

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# CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS: Authentic worship outside

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A  
volunteer  
teaches  
biblical  
principles  
to a child  
by using  
a puppet  
during a  
church  
service  
held  
outdoors  
at a San  
Antonio  
mobile  
home  
park.  
(Photo by  
John  
Hall)

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**By George Henson**

*Staff Writer*

AMARILLO—Sometimes church-starting dreams bog down in the details of where the church can meet and how to pay for that space.

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**By Robert Marus**

*Associated Baptist Press*

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (ABP)—One of the men instrumental in the Southern Baptist Convention's 1990 move to defund its historic public-affairs agency faces federal charges.

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# **Nash nominated as CBF missions coordinator**

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**By Hannah Elliott**

*Associated Baptist Press*

ATLANTA (ABP)—Robert Nash has received the nomination for the global missions coordinator position at the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. CBF council members will vote to approve the nomination at their annual meeting June 21 in Atlanta.

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## **Playboy visits Baylor despite**

# warnings

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**By Hannah Elliott**

*Associated Baptist Press*

WACO (ABP)—Playboy photographers held an open casting call April 18 at Baylor University, despite the university's discipline and suspension in recent years of students who posed in the magazine.

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## Expert explores myths of multihousing ministry

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**By George Henson**

*Staff Writer*

AMARILLO—Churches interested in reaching multitudes who do not know Christ as Savior should engage in multihousing ministry but do it with their eyes open, said Jeff Parsons, multihousing director for Amarillo Area Baptist Association.

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# **RIGHT OR WRONG? Responding to the poor**

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**The hurricanes along the Gulf of Mexico revealed a demographic identified as the “new poor.” What does that mean? What about the “old poor”? How do Christians respond to this theologically?**

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# **Reccord resigns as NAMB president after trustee investigation**

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**By Greg Warner**

*Associated Baptist Press*

ATLANTA (ABP)—After a trustee investigation produced a scathing report of numerous examples of poor management, Bob Reccord resigned as president of the North American Mission Board, effective immediately.

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## **Proclamation for Immigration Reform**

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# Proclamation for Immigration Reform

## Hispanic Baptist Youth and Singles

Congreso Solemn Assembly, April 15, 2006

Whereas, our beloved United States of America, a nation of immigrants, is in the midst of the most dramatic immigration policy reform in the 21st century,

And whereas, 12 million undocumented immigrants are living and working in the United States today with 1.2 million undocumented immigrants living in Texas, And whereas, President George Bush has recommended that Congress considers comprehensive reform of U.S. Immigration Law,

And whereas, the Hispanic Baptist Convention of Texas and the Baptist General Convention of Texas passed resolutions in 2003 affirming Jesus' concern for ministry to the "alien" and "stranger" in the land and encouraged "proactive involvement of ministry activity among immigrants, documented and undocumented, through prayer and action,"

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*Associated Baptist Press*

RICHMOND, Va. (ABP)—After receiving an April 15 ultimatum to resign or face termination, Wyman and Michelle Dobbs refused to resign as International Mission Board missionaries in Guinea, West Africa.

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## **Resolution on Baptist dissent submitted**

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*Associated Baptist Press*

ARLINGTON (ABP)—In a sign of the controversy threatening to engulf the Southern Baptist Convention’s upcoming annual meeting, a Texas pastor has formally submitted a resolution that accuses SBC leaders of trying to “silence principled dissent.”