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With more than 440 people reported dead and thousands injured following the 7.9 magnitude earthquake in Peru, Buckner International has requested donations of humanitarian aid for shipment to the struggling South America country.

“We are not a disaster relief organization, but we have a responsibility to help our brothers and sisters in crisis,” said Rachel Garton, director of Shoes for Orphan Souls. “We already have a container scheduled to send shoes and humanitarian aid to Peru in a few weeks. This is the perfect opportunity for us to really provide the victims with their most pressing needs.”

Buckner is seeking the following donated items:

Shoes and socks.

Drake won't repeat as SBC 2nd VP; won't rule out higher office

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By Hannah Elliott

Associated Baptist Press

BUENA PARK, Calif. (ABP)—Wiley Drake, the Los Angeles-area pastor, radio crusader and Southern Baptist Convention gadfly, has announced he will not allow himself to be nominated for a second term as second vice president of the convention.

The convention will meet June 12-13 in San Antonio.

SBC Vice
President
Wiley
Drake
broadcasts
his daily
radio
show
from his
cell
phone in
Buena
Park,
Calif.
(ABP
photo by
Greg
Warner)

KidsHeart builds relationships, grows churches

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Pastor Ismael Garcia, second from right, pushes The Church at Canyon Creek's van out of the mud. The team from Canyon Creek was leaving to pick up children for Vacation Bible School at Iglesia Bautista Sublime Gracia in Progreso, part of KidsHeart missions week in the Rio Grande Valley. (Photos by Russ Dilday/Buckner)

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By Jenny Pope

Buckner International

PROGRESO—Pastor Ismael Gaspar dug his heels in the mud as the church van’s tires spun with no avail. The [KidsHeart](#) mission team from The Church at Canyon Creek, Austin, was stuck.

It took nearly an hour of pushing, spinning and sliding through Iglesia Bautista Sublime Gracia’s muddy parking lot—caused by several days of unusual Valley thunderstorms—before the van was finally released.

BaptistWay Bible Series for August 26: God’s steadfast love

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God’s steadfast love

- Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-41

[By Corey Cornutt](#)

Bible Studies for Life Series for August 26: When society abandons God's ways

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Bible Studies for Life Series for August 26

When society abandons God's ways

- 2 Kings 22:1-23:30

[By David Harp](#)

Explore the Bible Series for August 26: Trusting the God of justice

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Explore the Bible Series for August 26

Trusting the God of justice

- Malachi 2:17-4:6

[By Kathryn Aragon](#)

First Baptist Church, Duncanville

You know you've thought it. It's the age-old question that haunts us at the end of the day. But Malachi says we have "wearied the Lord" with our words (2:17).

Taliban reportedly releases two Korean Christian hostages

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[By Hannah Elliott](#)

Associated Baptist Press

GHAZNI, Afghanistan (ABP) — Two of the 23 South Korean hostages kidnapped by the Taliban last month were released Aug. 12.

Associated Press reported Kim Kyung-ja, 37, and Kim Ji-na, 32, were driven to waiting Red Cross vehicles in rural Afghanistan and then transferred to a United States military base.

East Texas volunteer warms hearts and heads of Moldovan orphans

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East Texas volunteer warms hearts —and heads—of Moldovan orphans

By Whitney Farr

Communications Intern

TYLER—Beth Rowley has knit 100 wool stocking caps. Only 2,900 left to go.

Mrs. Rowley isn't shooting for the Guinness Book of World Records, but she is working overtime to make 3,000 wool hats for orphaned children in Moldova before the next snowfall.

Beth
Rowley of
Tyler is
using her
knitting
machine
to make
thousands
of caps
for
orphans
in
Moldova.

Academy's centennial focuses on future

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By George Henson

Staff Writer

SAN MARCOS—[San Marcos Academy](#) is celebrating its centennial this year with a glance at the past but with the future firmly in sight.

The centennial celebration theme is 100 Years of Light, Academy President Victor Schmidt noted.

San
Marcos
Academy
President
Victor
Schmidt
stands
beside
the
future
site of an
alumni
plaza on
the San
Marcos
campus.
(Photo by
George
Henson)

Northeast Texas churches provide medical missions in Guatemala

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By Rebekah Hardage

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MOUNT PLEASANT—A team of volunteer missionaries from First Baptist Church in Mount Pleasant and First Baptist Church in Texarkana traveled to Guatemala this summer to offer general medical assistance, perform surgeries and share the gospel.

Gerald Stagg, a pediatrician in Mount Pleasant, and his family went on a similar trip last year with the Texarkana church.



Gerald Stagg, a pediatrician from Mount Pleasant, helped care for many adults during a volunteer medical mission to Guatemala.

Cowboy church moves from horse trough to lake for baptism

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Pastor Gary
Morgan
from the
Cowboy
Church of
Ellis County
baptizes a
new
convert. In
the
background
are some of
the several
hundred
people from
the church
who came to
the
baptismal
service at
Lake
Waxahachie.
(Photo by
Toby Druin)

Cowboy church moves from horse trough to lake for baptism

By Toby Druin

Editor Emeritus

WAXAHACHIE—[The Cowboy Church of Ellis County](#) baptized 64 new converts at Lake Waxahachie July 29.

Pastor Gary Morgan performed the baptisms, assisted by several lay pastors and elders from the church.

Summit at DBU offers help for children's ministers

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Tommy Sanders, director of the master's-level program in childhood ministry at Dallas Baptist University, leads a conference during the recent Childhood Ministry Summit at DBU. (Photo by Whitney Farr)

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Communications Intern

DALLAS—It's what all Baptist churches should have—potluck dinners, ice cream socials, Sunday school parties...and Bar Mitzvahs?

Veteran children's minister Tommy Sanders, now director of the graduate

program in childhood ministry at Dallas Baptist University, believes Baptist Bar Mitzvahs are just what pre-teens need to help provide special attention during the transition from adolescence to young-adulthood.