

# KidsHeart volunteers say God worked miracles with Kool-Aid and crafts

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Team members from  
First Baptist  
in Memphis conducted  
Vacation Bible  
School at Sparks  
Colonia as part of  
KidsHeart El Paso.  
(Photos by Jenny  
Pope/Buckner)

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**By Whitney Farr**

*Communications Intern*

EL PASO—As Hubert Jones and his missions team entered the impoverished Sparks Colonia on the outskirts of El Paso, he questioned whether the church group could make an impact.

But as he mentally began to list all his inadequacies, a group of small

children behind him started to sing, “My God is so big, so strong and so mighty, there’s nothing my God cannot do.”



The kids in colonias near Fort Hancock were all smiles as they recieved their new shoes, donated by Buckner International's Shoes for Orphan Souls, and ate hotdogs with the volunteers.

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## **Religion, social issues prominent in GOP debate**

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# Religion, social issues prominent in GOP debate

By **Robert Marus**

*ABP Washington Bureau*

WASHINGTON (ABP)—Evolution, abortion rights and other issues important to religious conservatives reared their heads once again in the third debate between Republican presidential candidates.

Following a question that made headlines at the first GOP debate a month earlier, one of the debate moderators asked specific candidates about their views on evolution. At the previous debate, three had raised their hands when asked if they did not believe in evolution.

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WASHINGTON (ABP)—If conservative Christian voters want to know why a Baptist preacher is being bested in the GOP primary polls by three candidates who have had rocky relationships with the Religious Right, they need to look at the bottom line, Mike Huckabee said.

“Pure and simple, it’s money,” the former Arkansas governor and presidential hopeful said. “But the sad thing is that money is driving the media’s perception of it.”

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WASHINGTON (ABP)—On national television, John Edwards admitted that he sins every day, Barack Obama said there’s “a biblical injunction” to give prisoners the tools they need to rehabilitate themselves, and Hillary Clinton said the support of “prayer warriors” had helped her get through the most difficult times of her marriage and life.

It wasn’t a church service. It was a first-of-its-kind forum on faith, values and poverty for the top three contenders for the Democrats’ 2008 presidential nomination. It was also, some observers said, further evidence that the Democratic Party is trying to regain ground it has ceded to the Republicans among voters who are active Christians.

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*ABP Washington Bureau*

WASHINGTON (ABP)—Complaints of anti-Muslim bias in the United States shot up by 25 percent in 2006 as compared to the previous year, according

to an annual report by an Islamic group.

The annual report of the [Council on American-Islamic Relations](#), titled “Presumption of Guilt: the Status of Muslim Civil Rights in the United States,” said government acts accounted for much of the increase in reports of discrimination and bias.

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# **Arlington pastor resigns from Southwestern Seminary board**

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**By Hannah Elliott**

*Associated Baptist Press*

ARLINGTON (ABP)—Dwight McKissic, the Southern Baptist pastor frequently at odds with fellow trustees at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, has resigned from the board of the Fort Worth school.

McKissic, pastor of the predominantly African-American Cornerstone Baptist Church in Arlington, said he chose to step down in order to “return to the place I was prior to being a trustee.”

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# Nation's largest African-American religious group tackles AIDS

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*Associated Baptist Press*

ST. LOUIS (ABP)—For the first time, the nation's largest African-American religious body corporately addressed the HIV/AIDS crisis.

AIDS awareness and prevention figured prominently on the agenda for the annual meeting of the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. in St. Louis. Leaders of the 7.5 million-member group said 45,000 National Baptists participated in the gathering.

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# RIGHT or WRONG: What is Caesar's?

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## RIGHT or WRONG: What belongs to Caesar?

**Our pastor recently called for us to be model citizens. Then, the pastor said, "Be sure, though, you sacrifice your political party's platform on the altar of the gospel, and not vice-versa." I'm left with the question, "What can I do?"**

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**CYBERCOLUMN      by      John**

# Duncan: Hope radiates

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## CYBER COLUMN: Hope radiates

**By John Duncan**

I'm sitting here under the old oak tree in July, pondering past events and thinking of our nation at grief in America—grieving families in the loss of soldiers, grieving church members who have lost loved one, and still feeling the grief of long-forgotten, at least by most, of the Virginia tech tragedy of last spring. How soon we forget, but grief never forgets.

Really, though, I find myself thinking about the power of the teacher-student relationship. My mind cannot even fathom the events of Virginia Tech—the horror, the funerals with sad songs, or the grief that like an ocean wave will not, for some, go away. It will roll in waves, ceaselessly. Walt Whitman wrote two magnificent lines in his poem, *Memories of President Lincoln*: “With the countless torches lit, with the silent sea of faces and unbared heads.”

John Duncan
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# **REBUILDING LIVES: Abilene church renovates home, touches family**

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Volunteers  
from  
Pioneer  
Drive  
Baptist  
Church in  
Abilene  
renovate  
the family  
home of a  
boy who  
was  
disabled  
after a  
fight in  
the  
church's  
parking  
lot one  
year ago.  
(Photos  
courtesy  
of Pioneer  
Drive  
Baptist  
Church)

## **REBUILDING LIVES:**

# Abilene church renovates home, touches family

**By George Henson**

*Staff Writer*

ABILENE—A home renovation cannot come close to repairing the damage done in a young boy's life, but it has allowed his family to see the love of Christ through the kindness of members of Pioneer Drive Baptist Church in Abilene.

Last summer, a 12-year-old boy—small for his age—was challenged to fight by a much bigger boy late at night in the church's parking lot. Other children who were present report the younger boy refused and turned away to leave. Reports say the larger boy spun him around and hit him one time in the chest.

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## Honduran boy âcomes homeâ to San Antonio family

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After  
Noelia and  
Allix  
Aguilar  
stood with  
11-year-old  
Gabriel  
between  
them to  
make the  
“final  
vows” for  
adoption,  
Allix  
Aguilar  
leaned  
over and  
kissed the  
boy on the  
cheek as  
his wife  
wiped  
away  
tears.

## **Honduran boy ‘comes home’ to San Antonio family**

**By Craig Bird**

*Baptist Child & Family Services*

AN ANTONIO—The judges dressed in neon-hued robes, mothers and children carried roses, and everybody wore smiles for the “mass adoption” at the Bexar County courthouse.

“Usually these are held in a courtroom, but we have so many adoptions to approve today that we had to borrow the jury selection room to get all of us in,” explained Judge Richard Garcia as he greeting several hundred people crowded into the basement room.