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One Lubbock couple's consistent monthly donation added up for a ministry to children and families.

In 1973, Dennis and Ramonda Bingham sent their first \$5 check to Buckner Children's Home and established a giving legacy that lasted 35 years, or 420 months. It's the longest continuous string of giving ever recorded in the organization's 129-year history.

Dennis and Ramonda Bingham

Buckner International honored the Bingham, members of Southcrest Baptist Church in Lubbock, as the R.C. Buckner Philanthropists of the Year during the agency's annual Founder's Day dinner in Dallas.

"Ramonda and Dennis Bingham represent the essence of faithfulness," Buckner President Ken Hall said. "Their consistency is a testimony for all of us and it is an encouragement to the ministry of Buckner."

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Buckner
International
mission trip
coordinator
Jeremy Copeland
talks with Dallas
Baptist University
student Chris
Holloway about
upcoming mission
trips during the
“Go. Be. Do.”
Global Missions
Conference at
Park Cities Baptist
Church in Dallas.
(Photos by Analiz
Gonzalez/Buckner)

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By **Analiz González**

Buckner International

DALLAS—More than 300 people attended Buckner International's first-ever "Go. Be. Do." Global Missions Conference at Park Cities Baptist Church in Dallas.



Dickson Masindano, director of Buckner in Kenya, talks about needs in Africa.

People from around the country gathered to hear Buckner directors from Latvia, Ethiopia, Mexico, Kenya, Russia, Romania, the U.S./Mexico border, Peru and Guatemala. The directors shared personal testimonies, described needs and told conference participants how they can get involved in missions.

Richmond seminary budget shortfall leads to faculty layoffs

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By Robert Dilday

Religious Herald

RICHMOND, Va. (ABP)—Faced with “worrisome” financial challenges, Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond will downsize its faculty and staff, the school’s president announced.

Four full-time professors and at least three administrative staff members will be let go in an effort to reduce costs, said seminary President Ron Crawford, who was elected to his position about a year ago. Though he did not release the names of the professors to be dismissed, Crawford said he has communicated with each one, and the school is offering severance packages that exceed a full year’s salary and full personnel benefits.

BaptistWay Bible Series for April 27: Drifting toward disaster

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Drifting toward disaster

• 2 Kings 14:23-29; 15:8-10, 13-14, 17-30

[By Kenneth Jordan](#)

BaptistWay Bible Series for April 20: Extending God's Help to a "Foreigner"

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When presented with challenging tasks

- Genesis 41:1, 12-13, 15-16, 28-40

[By Donald Raney](#)

First Baptist Church, Petersburg

Life is full of challenges. Sometimes they come as we seek to challenge ourselves in some area of our lives. At other times, challenging tasks can be thrust upon us by other people or circumstances. While these are not usually negative in nature, they can create a moment of crisis for us as we gauge our ability of overcome the challenge.

Cost cutting continues at Baptist Building

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By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

DALLAS—To cut costs, five additional Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Board staff positions are being cut, the research and development team is disbanding, counseling will be outsourced and the WorldconneX missions network will move its offices to the Baptist Building.

BGCT Executive Director Randel Everett announced April 15 the elimination of five staff positions, adding he expects these to be “the final staff cuts.” Earlier, six positions were cut from the BGCT Service Center.

The BGCT faces a projected \$5.3 million shortfall from the approved 2008 budget.

- [Read the complete text of Randel Everett's statement](#)

Randel Everett's Statement Regarding 2008 BGCT Budget

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Statement Regarding 2008 BGCT Budget

By Randel Everett

In these tough economic times the Baptist General Convention of Texas is committed to living within its resources. The BGCT also is committed to using Cooperative Program dollars in the most effective ways to have a direct impact on our churches and our world. These are driving principles for us.

As a result of income challenges this year, the Leadership Council and I are making budget cuts to match spending to income, and we are making budget decisions that place our resources in the most critical ministries to impact churches directly. In announcing our revised budget approach for 2008, let me share with you the following:

Texas Baptists minister in wake of raid on polygamist compound

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Women and children taken from the polygamist ranch in Eldorado, Texas, stand outside their shelter in nearby San Angelo, looking toward other shelters. Texas Baptist Child & Family Services is helping coordinate their care at the request of state officials. (Craig Bird/BCFS)

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By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

ELDORADO—When state investigators and law officers removed 416 children and 139 women from the rural West Texas compound of a polygamist sect, Texas Baptist churches, agencies and missions organizations responded by offering ministry to the relocated—and sometimes traumatized—former residents of the YFZ Ranch.

Texas Child Protective Services and the law enforcement officials entered the compound April 3-4 with search warrants, investigating allegations of child abuse by followers of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.



The main temple in the YFZ Ranch outside Eldorado. Texas Child Protective Services and the law enforcement officials removed 416 children and 139 women from the rural West Texas compound of a polygamist sect.

RIGHT or WRONG? Buying lottery tickets

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RIGHT or WRONG? Buying lottery tickets

I buy one or two lottery tickets a week, just for fun. I don't expect to win; I just do it for the entertainment value, like playing a video game or something. Is this really gambling? Since it is just a small amount of leisure income, is it wrong?

Buckner programs make history in Peru

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Nine-year-old Elvis greets his new foster parents Vilma and Adolfo Gomez for the first time.

(Photo/ANDINA/Carlos Lezama)

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- [Foster families eager to share lives with children](#)

Buckner programs make history in Peru

By Jenny Pope

Buckner International

Buckner International made history in Peru when officials from the Ministry of Women and Social Work and the Texas-based agency placed eight Peruvian children into the country's first foster families.

It was the first step of many in an ongoing pilot foster care program. Organizers hope to place 60 orphans and at-risk children into families by the end of the year.