

Dispatches: Visiting a Masaai village

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The Buckner Vision group visits with Masaai villagers. (Photos by Ken Camp)

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Tuesday, Feb. 20, Masaai Mara wildlife preserve, Kenya

The past two days, our team members have grown to love the natural beauty of God's creation in Africa, and we have grown to love each other. Yesterday morning, we left Nairobi on a single-engine turboprop plane and flew west over the Rift Valley, landing on a dirt airstrip at the Masaai Mara

wildlife preserve.



Lioness with cub at the Masaai Mara wildlife preserve.

Dispatches: In Nairobi's Gehenna

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"Pastor
Eutychus"-Euticauls
Wambua Nzengu,
who has served 20
years ministering in
Nairobi's
Korogocho
slum-visits with Lee
and Susan Bush
from First Baptist
Church in Athens,
members of a
Buckner mission
vision team. In the
background is the
city's largest
garbage dump.
(Photos by Ken
Camp)

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Wednesday, Feb. 21, Nairobi, Korogocho slum

Today we saw the presence of Christ in the heart of hell.

Dispatches: Sent to live at New Life Home

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Linda and Ken Hall at the New Life Home for babies in Nairobi. (Photos by Ken Camp)

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Thursday, Feb. 22, Nairobi, New Life Home

When I heard we were going to visit a home for HIV/AIDS orphans, I expected to see a hospice. But children in the New Life Home are not sent there to die; they are sent there to live.

Dispatches: Laying a cornerstone in Ethiopia

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Friday, Feb. 23, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Contrasts. That's the only word to describe our experience in the last couple of days.

Dispatches: A bright hope for foster children

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Getahun
Tesema of
Bright Home
ministries
interpets for
Carol
McEntyre as
she brings a
word of
encouragement
to women in a
sewing class.
The vocational
training is
designed to
help women
learn a trade
and escape
poverty— and
in some cases,
a life of
prostitution.
(Photos by Ken
Camp)

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Saturday, Feb. 24, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

After seeing some of Getahun's ministries this morning and visiting with him, I've decided "Bright Hope" is aptly named.

Pastors, laymen challenged at Panhandle conference

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New officers for the
Panhandle-Plains
Pastors' and
Laymen's
Conference include
(from left)
President Richard
Lavery of First
Baptist in Perryton,
President-Elect
Steve Martin of
Parkview Baptist in
Plainview, First
Vice President Troy
Richardson of
Temple Baptist in
Amarillo, Second
Vice President
Gerald Bastin of
First Baptist in
Crowell and
Secretary/Treasurer
Charles Bassett of
First Baptist in
Weatherford.
(Photo by Teresa
Young)

Rx for church leaders:

Both rest and joy

By Teresa Young

Wayland Baptist University

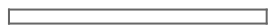
PLAINVIEW—Church leaders should find both rest and joy in Jesus Christ as they serve their congregations and communities, speakers told participants at the 86th annual Panhandle-Plains Pastors' and Laymen's Conference at Wayland Baptist University.

D. L. Lowrie, pastor emeritus of the First Baptist Church in Lubbock, brought words of encouragement to pastors and laity in a series of messages about encountering Jesus in everyday situations of service and ministry.

Baptist workers provide training to church leaders in China

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During a break at the Hua Mei Pastor's Retreat, the participants spontaneously began singing hymns at the base of Mount Gongga. (CBF photos courtesy of the Cayards)

Baptist workers provide training to church leaders in China

By Laurie Entrekin

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

SICHUAN PROVINCE, China (ABP) — What's the greatest spiritual need in China today?

Bill and Michelle Cayard, Houston-natives who have worked in China since 2003, believe the country desperately needs more churches and trained leadership.

Don't ignore date violence, youth ministers told

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Don't ignore date violence, youth ministers told

By George Henson

Staff Writer

DALLAS—Abuse and violence in dating relationships is too prevalent to ignore, a gathering of youth ministers learned at a workshop at Lakeside Baptist Church in Dallas.

Representatives from