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CYBER COLUMN: Thinking of Carolina

By John Duncan

I'm sitting here under the old oak tree, thinking of the mountains of North Carolina. My family roots are there from way back, and I just went to visit two aunts in their eighties. I love the mountains and North Carolina, and on some days I may suddenly break out in song, James Taylor's *Carolina in My Mind*.

Today I have Carolina in my mind. My grandfather served as a foreman in the mining industry. I imagine the business is much today like it was, with dump trucks and tractors with huge front end loaders and conveyor belts and blasting techniques, with dynamite and guys wearing hard hats and taking lunches to work in steel pales, and dust, grit and grime. My grandfather, best I can tell, was a man of the earth. He also lived as a man of heaven: Sunday school superintendent at Pine Branch Baptist Church in Spruce Pine, N.C.

John Duncan

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BGCT says controls in place to guard mission offering fund use

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BGCT says controls in place to guard mission offering fund use

By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

DALLAS—Contrary to allegations, there is no indication any [Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas Missions](#) funds have been mismanaged, Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Director [Charles Wade](#) said.

Financial controls are in place to ensure the Baptist Building staff administers funds from the Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas Missions according to plans approved by the Woman's Missionary Union of Texas Executive Board, [Chief Financial Officer David Nabors](#) added.

BaptistWay Bible Series for September 24: Longing to be in the presence of God

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Longing to be in the presence of God

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By David Wilkinson

Bible Studies for Life Series for September 24: Passing on the baton of leadership

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Passing on the baton of leadership

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By Kenneth Lyle

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- Hebrews 3:16-4:7, 9-13

By Howard Anderson

Diversified Spiritual Associates, San Antonio

God offers to humankind the blessings of a life far beyond what we can live without him. We must be willing to stake our lives on his promises.

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Student found niche helping renovate Philippine Baptist camp

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Luke Loetscher (third from left) is pictured with other members of his summer missions team in the Philippines along with Filipino workers who helped them in various projects. One named Kuya Tata (pictured second from left) was baptized by the group during the summer after receiving Jesus as his savior.

Student found niche helping renovate Philippine Baptist camp

By **Teresa Young**

Wayland Baptist University

PLAINVIEW—There's something to be said for finding your sweet spot—locating the place you're meant to be.

For Luke Loetscher, that happened this past summer while he served as a summer missionary in the Philippines. A [Wayland Baptist University](#) junior from Cheyenne, Wyo., Loetscher has long had an interest in agriculture and especially in improving processes in farming, using his interest in science. He is also handy with tools, having participated in several construction-related service projects while at Wayland.

Volunteers at HPU Impact Weekend help rebuild fire-damaged homes

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Kyle Kinser, a senior at Howard Payne University, measures before hanging drywall in a recently built home in Cross Plains.

Volunteers at HPU Impact Weekend help rebuild fire-damaged homes

Ninety-five Howard Payne University students spent a recent Saturday in Cross Plains, where they helped homes that had been damaged by wildfires.

The fires torched 7,600 acres across Central Texas on Dec. 27, 2005.

The student volunteers were participating in Impact weekend, through the Baptist Student Ministries at Howard Payne, working in conjunction with the city of Cross Plains and First Baptist Church of Cross Plains.

The group worked on five different homes throughout the day, doing various projects including painting, hanging drywall, clearing land and digging for a foundation.



Bethany Elmore, a freshman at HPU, paints the trim on a home in Cross Plains that was damaged by the wildfires that hit in December 2005.	Josh Rhodes, a transfer student at HPU, helps with the dry walling in a home that was recently built in Cross Plains.
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Stephanie Skiles, a sophomore science major at Wayland Baptist University, pauses with the Manhattan skyline at her back. Skiles worked at the New York Divinity School, located in Manhattan's Times Squares, during the summer.

Skiles confronted world needs on NYC internship

By Teresa Young

Wayland Baptist University

Many summer missions volunteers return home eager to tell other people what they learned to do. For Stephanie Skiles, her summer taught her all the things not to do in New York.

“People kept laughing at me because I was always getting stopped by the police,” Skiles said with a chuckle.

‘Auntie Joy’ humbled by summer in Malawi

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Joy Miller pals
around in a
pickup bed
with children
at the Rafiki
Village in
Mzuzu,
Malawi,
during a
school lesson
on ground
transportation.

'Auntie Joy' humbled by summer in Malawi

By Teresa Young

Wayland Baptist University

PLAINVIEW—Joy Miller has spent the last few years at [Wayland Baptist University](#) taking classes and getting involved in experiences that will prepare her for her future career ministering to young girls.

So it came as some surprise to her that a summer missions endeavor on the other side of the world served not so much as a practice session but as additional training.

Jalissa King traded basketball for shopping on Asia missions tour

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Jalissa King, summer missionary to East Asia, pauses during a trip to the local zoo, with her friends, Anna (left), Ivy and Evans, fellow students at the university.

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By Teresa Young

Wayland Baptist University

PLAINVIEW - Here's the assignment: Travel halfway around the world, attend classes at a university in another country and make friends with the nationals. It may sound like just a vacation, but the trip was much more

detailed for the students involved.

The assignment belonged to Jalissa King, a [Wayland Baptist University](#) senior from Portales, N.M., for the past summer, her second summer missions adventure to Asia.