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By Adelle Banks

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Seventeen U.S. senators have joined more than 100 members of the House of Representatives to protest Treasury Department rules that have blocked some religious organizations from traveling to Cuba.

DOWN HOME: He wishes she wouldn't speculate

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The other day, Joanna started a conversation: "Babe, if you out-live me"

I just hate it when my wife talks like that.

When this happens, she's either telling me something I don't like to think about (like insurance or taxes), something she thinks I'll forget (like where she keeps the key to the safe-deposit box), or something she wants me to do (like remember to give such-and-such to so-and-so).

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Thank God, our Christian brother Abdul Rahman will not be executed for his faith. His close call with death illustrates a vital—and, unfortunately, often-misunderstood—distinction between democracy and religious liberty.

Rahman became a Christian 16 years ago. This winter, Afghanistan government officials arrested him. Prosecutors wanted to put him to death for forsaking Islam in favor of Christianity. They could bring such charges because the Afghan Constitution is based on Islamic Sharia law. Many Muslims believe the law demands death for apostates who leave the Islamic faith.

Rahman's case attracted worldwide attention. The Vatican, the United States and numerous nations put pressure on Afghan leaders, urging them to free Rahman.



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Dan Reynolds serves Kress as pastor of First Baptist Church and as captain of the community's volunteer fire department.

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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

KRESS—When Dan Reynolds isn't saving souls, he's out saving lives.

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DALLAS—The Baptist General Convention of Texas has named Ferrell Foster to lead its communications efforts.

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By Hannah Elliott

Associated Baptist Press

DALLAS (ABP)—As the heads of two Christian organizations, Jake Walters and Larry James both want to do good. But the ways they've decided to follow Jesus' command to love others are mutually exclusive—at least for now.

May men want to see a house

that faith builtâ€” completed

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May men want to see 'house that faith built' completed

By George Henson

Staff Writer

MAY—To the men of First Baptist Church in May, a certain house in Cross Plains always will be the house that faith built.

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By Julie Walters

Woman's Missionary Union

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)—Marjorie Jones McCullough, president of national Woman's Missionary Union from 1986 to 1991, died March 18 in Corpus Christi following a long illness. She was 81.

On the Move

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- **Todd Barham** to Shining Star Fellowship in Abilene as minister of youth.
 - **Ginger Baumgardner** to Pioneer Drive Church in Abilene as minister of children.
 - **Donnie Bedore** to Greenbrier Church in Alvarado as minister of youth.
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By Robert Marus

Associated Baptist Press

BAGHDAD (ABP)—Three Christian peace activists held hostage in Iraq since November were freed from captivity.

Church sees school as avenue to community ministry

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Staff Writer

AMARILLO—Pleasant Valley Baptist Church is making a difference at a neighboring elementary school—inside and out.