

Sudan in crisis, commission reports

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By Piet Levy

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—The United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, created by Congress, issued a report March 29 painting Sudan as a nation in crisis that needs U.S. intervention.

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BUA launches cross-cultural program for laity. Baptist University of

the Americas has launched an associate's degree program in cross-cultural studies designed for Christian laity. The two-year, 61-hour program will enable motivated lay people to enhance their theological foundations as well as their cross-cultural competencies at the earliest levels of their general education, said BUA President Albert Reyes. The degree especially is suited for future careers such as social work, education or human services, he noted.

Dawson Institute director resigns. Derek Davis has resigned as director of the J.M. Dawson Institute for Church-State Studies at Baylor University and editor of the Journal of Church & State. Chris Marsh, director of the Asian studies program and associate professor of political science and church-state studies, has been named interim director of the institute. Wallace Daniel, history professor and former dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, has been named interim editor of the journal.

Huesing named VP at ETBU. East Texas Baptist University has named Alan Huesing vice president for spiritual development. Huesing, who has been director of international education and will continue to fulfill that responsibility, succeeds Wallace Watkins. Huesing served seven years as a youth mission education strategist with the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board. He is a former math teacher and soccer coach with the Marshall Independent School District, and he held teaching positions in Southeast Asia. Huesing earned his bachelor's degree from ETBU and master's degree from the University of Texas at Tyler. He and his wife, Sheryl, have three children—Andrew, Jenna and Kyle. They are members of First Baptist Church in Hallsville.

TOGETHER: Balance church & government duties

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Why do you suppose people say they admire Jesus and believe he is a great model for their life and then have so much trouble following him? Why is it that about the time you think you have him all figured out, you turn a corner in Scripture and your assumptions are turned on their head?

Matthew 25 is a good example of how this happens. It illustrates several themes: The responsibility of being ready when great moments arrive, the responsibility of using what is trusted to you courageously, the responsibility of caring for the poorest among us, and the frightening consequences, in each case, when we fail to be responsible.



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This theme makes some of us pleased that Jesus is so strong on holding every person accountable. But if you take it seriously, then the people who ought to work the hardest to serve the “least of these” should be those who believe everyone is responsible for their behavior and there is hell to pay if we neglect to serve society’s most vulnerable citizens.

UT-Austin student ministry loses associational funding

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By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

AUSTIN—Austin Baptist Association voted at its semi-annual meeting to cut off funding to the Baptist Student Ministry at the state’s largest university.

RIGHT OR WRONG? Seniors sealed relationship with a document

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An elderly couple, each widowed, prepared a document, which established that they would care for one another as long as they both were living. They are recognized as a couple in the community but do not live together. Is this relationship a marriage in God's sight?

Afghan man's plight draws

widespread support

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Afghan man's plight draws widespread support

By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—The plight of an Afghan man who could face the death penalty for converting from Islam to Christianity has united a broad array of religious, human-rights and advocacy groups that often find themselves ideologically opposed to each other.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice reportedly telephoned Afghan President Hamid Karzai March 23 to press for the rights of Abdul Rahman, 41. Rahman has been jailed, an Afghan judge announced March 19, for violating Islamic law by rejecting that faith.

BaptistWay Bible Series for April 9: Seek God's will, not

his permission or forgiveness

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BaptistWay Bible Series for April 9

Seek God's will, not his permission or forgiveness

• 1 Samuel 15:10-31

By Joseph Matos

Family Bible Series for April 9: Praise God for his grace and forgiveness

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Family Bible Series for April 9

Praise God for his grace and forgiveness

• Luke 23:32-47

By Greg Ammons

Despite disabilities, Dyer feels called to pro fishing circuit

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Professional
fisherman
Clay Dyer
learned
determination
at an early
age—a lesson
he often
shares when
he speaks to
church
groups.
(Photos by
George
Henson)

Despite disabilities, Dyer feels called to pro fishing circuit

By George Henson

Staff Writer

ROCKWALL—Clay Dyer believes without a doubt God called him to become a professional fisherman—and not just the “fisher of men” variety.

Family Bible Series for April 2: Honor Christ's suffering with persistent service

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Family Bible Series for April 2

Honor Christ's suffering with persistent service

- Luke 22:14-20, 24-27, 31-34

By Greg Ammons

Passage to India: Faith of native missionaries impresses Texas pastors

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Slum residents in North India gather to hear a gospel message from visiting ministers from Texas and Oklahoma. The group toured India observing the ministry of Gospel for Asia, a Carrollton-based missions support group. (Photos by John Rutledge and John Fornof)

Passage to India: Faith of native missionaries impresses Texas pastors

By John Rutledge

Webmaster, baptiststandard.com

A group of Baptist ministers from Texas travelled to India last month at the invitation of Carrollton-based Gospel for Asia, and what they found could be summed up in the face of a girl named Biva.

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Passage to India: Special Report

Webmaster John Rutledge accompanied a group of Baptist ministers from Texas and Oklahoma to India last month to observe the ministry of Gospel for Asia, a Carrollton-based church-planting group. They saw a face of India that President Bush missed when he visited the subcontinent last week.

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