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WACO—A growing number of Texas Baptists in recent years have started looking for ways to minister to undocumented immigrants, particularly after both the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the Hispanic Baptist Convention of Texas passed resolutions about immigration in 2003.

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By Robert Marus & Greg Warner

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WASHINGTON (ABP)—Southern Baptist Convention leaders will meet with international Baptists leaders in July to create an alternative to the Baptist World Alliance, a Southern Baptist agency head announced.

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WASHINGTON (ABP)—President Bush said recently he doesn't understand "how you can be president without a relationship with the Lord." But that testament brought a protest from one of the country's top Jewish leaders.

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Ultimate disaster: Life without Christ

By Ebbie Smith

News of Asia's tragic tsunami impacts us emotionally with a force not unlike the horrendous strength of the waves that crushed the shorelines. Christians are gripped as they view the destruction of life and property. The waves brought death to more than 150,000 people, left millions homeless and placed multitudes in danger from disease and further suffering. Christians must respond to the physical needs.

Christians perceive an even more heart-wrenching and desperate tragedy. Some of the areas hardest hit by the consuming waters are among the neediest from the standpoint of Christian evangelism. Many in these areas have never known the joy of living in Christ, the peace of facing reality through Christ or the assurance of entering eternity with Christ.



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So, how could a good God allow ... ?

The question crept across sensitive minds, much like the tsunami body-count "crawl" scrolled across our TV screens: How could a good God allow such a tragedy to happen?

The first-and most honest-answer also is uncomfortable. We don't know. We understand the physics of the tsunami of '04. Tectonic plates, the foundations on which continents rest, shifted. Miles beneath the Indian Ocean's surface, the most powerful earthquake in a half-century shoved waves outward as fast as a jumbo jet can fly. When the waves met the resistance of continental shelves, they rose up, high as hotels, slammed the earth and destroyed everything for miles.

That's the easy part. Simple mechanics. But human beings want to know something more important and infinitely more complicated: Where was God in all this?

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The Baptist General Convention of Texas has convened a “tsunami summit” in conjunction with its Epicenter missions and evangelism conference, Jan. 28-29 at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in Irving, to help churches and their members discover ways to respond to the disaster in South Asia.

Representatives from Texas Baptist Men, the WorldconneX missions network and the BGCT church missions and evangelism staff will lead breakout conferences and general sessions to present opportunities for involvement in recovery and long-range rebuilding efforts in the region.

Participants also will learn about Texas Baptists' role in initial and ongoing disaster relief in countries impacted by the tidal wave.

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By George Henson

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MONT BELVIEU—Like many college students, Jake Porter returned to his hometown following graduation from college. Unlike most recent college graduates, however, Porter came home to become pastor of a church his family has attended for five generations.

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National Woman's Missionary Union is sending more than \$37,000 in water purification equipment to Indonesia through an effort called "Pure Water, Pure Love."

In 2004, Texas Baptists donated about \$44,000 to Pure Water, Pure Love through 118 gifts.

The shipment of personal water cleaning equipment, which will be delivered by volunteers and disaster relief teams, depletes WMU's supply of water filters.