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Dallas and San Antonio Baptist associations are working together to help struggling pregnant women, one family at a time.

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Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Protestants could cease to be the majority religious group in the United States within the next year, and their numbers already may have dipped below 50 percent, a new study by the National Opinion Research Center says.

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WASHINGTON (RNS)—Strongly religious college students have conservative views on sex, abortion, gay rights and drugs, but more liberal views on gun control and the death penalty, a new study says.

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Carroll Institute starts classes. The B.H. Carroll Theological Institute started its first fall semester Aug. 2, offering 30 courses at churches in the Houston, San Antonio, Bryan-College Station, Dallas-Fort Worth areas. The schedule features two eight-week terms in the fall-Alpha running from Aug. 2 to Sept. 25, and Emmanuel from Sept. 27 to Nov. 20. Beginning Aug. 30, the institute also will offer seven on-line, on-demand courses. The curriculum is divided into four learning clusters: Scripture and witness, faith and heritage, ministry and formation, and worship and mission. For registration and enrollment information, visit www.bhcti.org; phone (817) 274-4284; e-mail admin@bhcti.org; or mail to 120 E. Abram St., Arlington 76010.

Baylor regents approve graduate programs. Baylor University regents have approved new graduate programs in exercise, nutrition and preventive health; theological studies; and engineering. The department of health, human performance and recreation in Baylor's School of Education will offer a doctor of philosophy program in exercise, nutrition and preventive health-one of the first such multidisciplinary doctoral programs in the United States. Regents also approved a master of theological studies degree at Truett Theological Seminary. The graduate program will provide a basic foundation in biblical and theological disciplines, while allowing

students to combine theological studies with other Baylor graduate degrees in social work, music, education, business administration and law. Baylor's engineering department will offer eight joint bachelor's/master's degree programs in electrical, computer, biomedical and mechanical engineering.

Incomplete annuals mailed. The Baptist General Convention of Texas began mailing copies of the 2003 BGCT Annual to churches last week before staff discovered 48 pages were missing from some of the books. The printer left out pages 186-234 in about 10 percent of the annuals, said Rand Jenkins, director of BGCT's creative services office. The missing pages include statistical information about BGCT institutions. Churches that receive an incomplete annual should contact Shirley Smith via e-mail at ssmith@bgct.org and a new one will be sent to them.

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We had breakfast in Seoul, South Korea, with a Baptist missionary from Nagaland who serves in Cambodia. His bright smile and winsome personality blessed us as we talked about mission strategy and rejoiced in

the work of our Baptist family around the world.

I learned 90 percent of the population in Nagaland—a province of India—is Christian, and almost all the Christians are Baptists. When American and Canadian Baptists first came to the area in the late 19th century, they reached the tribes by starting schools and caring for the people. The tribesmen were headhunters who counted severed heads as trophies of their dominance. But they no longer are warlike people. Their hearts have found their place in the love of God and gospel of Christ. Now these self-supporting Baptist churches send missionaries to people in other parts of the world. The Nagaland Baptist Church Council is one of 211 Baptist conventions that work in cooperation with the Baptist World Alliance.

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The Korea Baptist Convention is another. BWA President Billy Kim, the founding pastor of the 20,000-member Central Baptist Church of Suwon, is “Mr. Baptist” in Korea. He translated for Billy Graham in a great Korean crusade in the '70s, and he knows and encourages many of his nation's spiritual, business and political leaders.

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By Kevin Eckstrom

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—A coalition of Christian and Jewish groups urged Congress to stop keeping welfare alive with temporary extensions and instead move to a long-term overhaul of the program.

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WACO–Mission Arlington's outreach extends far beyond the city limits.

Women challenged to invest time in the lives of poor families_80904

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WACO–As a child participating in a mission group, Diana Lewis visited a family living in a chicken house.

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Frances
Barrera from
Jericho
Baptist
Church in
Plainview
and Vice
President
Esther
Molina of
Primera
Iglesia
Bautista in
Round Rock.

Missionaries bring light to 'heart of darkness'

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WACO-Texas Baptists do not have to go far to find “world-class lostness,” Missionaries William and Orpha Ortega told the Texas Leadership Conference.

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Joy Fenner
(center)
announces
Suzy Wall
(left) of
Hereford as
the first
recipient of
a missions
scholarship
named in
Fenner's
honor. Wall
will minister
during the
Olympics in
Athens this
August.
Fenner
credited
Jeane Talley
(right) with
getting the
fund started
through her
"stewardship
of time,
money and
personality."

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WACO-The parade of speakers at the Texas Leadership Conference spanned several generations. They included missionaries, the children of missionaries and just regular Texas Baptists. But all spoke of following Christ in missions.

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WACO-The key to getting families involved in missions is to “just make a start” and stick to the basics, a veteran missions volunteer told a Woman's Missionary Union training conference.

“You can use the basic things you already know and make them something

special,” Suzy Wall of Hereford said during a workshop titled “Hats Off to Families on Mission” during the Texas Leadership Conference in Waco.

Wall, who will serve as a mission volunteer at the Olympics in Athens, Greece, gave participants several ideas for getting families involved.

Suzy Wall of Hereford offers helpful hints for involving families in missions.

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God chooses people for special tasks, but only uses the available, Bible teacher says

By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

WACO—God chooses certain people as his instruments for particular times and purposes but can use them only when they make themselves available, a Bible study leader told the Texas Leadership Conference.