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DETROIT-Shirley Wright draws dreams.

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CEDAR HILL-Karen Biggs vividly remembers the moment she and her husband, Ray, told their 13-year-old daughter she had cancer.

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SAN ANTONIO-The Christian's view of sickness and death should be understood in the light of resurrection, and that understanding should lead

toward a “watchful medicine” in caring for the dying, ethicist Allen Verhey said.

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SAN ANTONIO—God made peace with mankind through Jesus' “nonviolent self-sacrifice rather than violent retribution,” and that is how Christians should make peace with others, said Dallas pastor George Mason in stating his opposition to capital punishment.

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ANOTHER VIEW: A new network for doing missions

By Bill Tinsley

God's vision always has been the spark that ignited missions. But the world in which we carry out God's vision has changed.

To create an effective missions entity for the 21st century, we must understand the world in which we live. Here are seven significant changes that are re-shaping the context of missions.

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He got far more than he deserved

They call this “silver,” but I'd say that's undervaluing the event by cosmic proportions.

Next week, the former Joanna Jarchow and I will celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary.

I know what you're saying: “But, Marv, you're impossibly young. You must've only been 5 when you got married.”

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EDITORIAL:

Abu Ghraib pornography presents

warning about power

Right now, we all remember why we teach our children to avoid pornography. Pornography debases human beings for whom Christ died. It

treats people created in the divine image as objects, and thus it blasphemes God. But the most crippling aspect of pornography—at least to the voyeur—is its ability to crowd out all other images. It replaces beauty with revulsion and nobility with scandal.

So, we should not be surprised that the porn we have seen from Abu Ghraib prison in Baghdad reflects the genre. Naked prisoners stacked in a pyramid. A naked Iraqi, grimacing in fear, taunted by dogs. Another, also naked and on a leash, mocked by a young female soldier. Vile and degrading, the images sear themselves into our minds' eyes, shoving aside the beautiful and noble images we cherish when we think of our nation.

The “heart of darkness” is a void and desolate place, a place where even “good” people can descend.

Those pictures from Baghdad should not reflect negatively on the tens of thousands of heroic U.S. troops who are serving courageously and sacrificially in Iraq. They are risking their lives to ensure democracy for people who live half a globe away. By all accounts, the deplorable behavior at Abu Ghraib does not represent the vast majority of military personnel.

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Genesis 27:41; 32:3-5, 9-11; 33:1-5, 10-11

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Proverbs 17:17; 18:24; 27:5-6, 9-10, 17; Philippians 4:1-3, 10, 14-16

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AUSTIN-Texas could lose more than \$520 million from its economy each year if the state's lawmakers approve 40,000 video slot machines, a Las Vegas professor has estimated.