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By Bob Smietana

Religion News Service

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (RNS) -First there was "What Would Jesus Do?" Then there was "What Would Jesus Drive?"

Armenian convert feeds faith in Texas_72803

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By **Jenny Hartgraves**

Staff Writer

When Artyom Tonoyan graduated from Dallas Baptist University in May, it was more than a great accomplishment. It was a dream come true.

Around the State_72803

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Vivian Dyer	Beth Larner	Tommy Larner

Around the State

Appointments

- ◆ Five people with Texas were among the 70 missionaries recently appointed by the International Mission Board:

♦ **Vivian Dyer** will serve in Central and Eastern Europe in community outreach and ministry. She previously served as a church planter with the North American Mission Board in Orlando, Fla., and as a program coordinator at Southwestern Seminary. She also worked in the inner-city youth program of Glenview Church in Fort Worth. She has been working in Europe as an International Service Corps volunteer with the IMB the last two years.

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DALLAS—Twenty positions have been eliminated from the 220-member workforce of the Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Board.

The 10 percent reduction in full-time workers is the first step in a plan to bring expenditures in line with anticipated receipts. The convention has been operating at about 90 percent of budget this year, on the heels of an unmet budget the previous year.

The second phase of cutbacks, a reorganization of ministry priorities and cuts in ministry budgets, will be considered by the BGCT Administrative

Committee when it meets Sept. 4-5.

Bible readings reach out_72803

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By George Henson

Staff Writer

VICTORIA-Northside Baptist Church has found a high-tech means of encouraging the timeless discipline of Bible reading.

Bikers feel the Spirit at unique Church in the Wind_72803

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Texas Baptist Communications

WHITE OAK—An East Texas congregation loves motorcycles and Jesus. Both loves drive members to spread their faith.

Black caucus dunks 'faith-based' plan_72803

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By Hannah Lodwick & Robert Marus

Associated Baptist Press

WASHINGTON (ABP)—As President Bush touted his “faith-based initiatives” to a group of mostly African-American urban leaders, a group of Congressional Democrats and leaders in the Congressional Black Caucus denounced part of his plan as discriminatory.

Pastor shows school spirit as 'Bleacher Preacher'_72803

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Texas Baptist Communications

VAN VLECK-A "bleacher preacher" is leading high school teams to victory and youth to Christ through his unusual outreach.

Baptist Briefs_72803

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Baptist Briefs

BWAid appeals for Liberia aid. Baptist World Aid has renewed its appeal for urgent humanitarian aid to be sent to Liberia. The deteriorating political situation unfolding in Liberia over the last three months has made life even more precarious for many Liberians. Liberian Baptists in exile want to work to ensure that much-needed food is provided to help alleviate the acute food shortage in the country. Liberian Baptists have asked that funds be collected to purchase rice at \$25 per 100-pound bag. A goal has been set to raise \$30,000 and provide 120,000 pounds of rice. Designated contributions for "Liberia Relief" may be sent through the Baptist General Convention of Texas or sent directly to Baptist World Aid at 6733 Curran Street, McLean, Va., 22101.

♦ **NAC this week.** Girls from six continents will join thousands of teenage girls from across the nation for the National Acteens Convention in Nashville, Tenn., July 29-Aug 1. The theme is "SyncroNations." The meeting will feature general sessions, an interactive global village and community service projects at 70 schools.

♦ **ABC creates place for gays.** The American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A. has voted to create a regional association designed for gay-friendly churches. The denomination's General Board established Evergreen Baptist Association, which was formed by churches that felt ostracized by the more conservative-and much larger-American Baptist Churches of the Northwest. Many of the congregations opposed the larger group's stance on sexuality issues.

Bible Study for Texas for 8_10_72803

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Lesson for Aug. 10

Micah 1:1-7; 2:1-9

Where coveting leads

By Stephen Hatfield

She is 81 years old. She lives alone, having lost her husband some years ago. She has adjusted well to life in the golden years. She has many friends and a wonderful church, and her family, though several hundred miles away, keeps in close touch.

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Lesson for Aug. 17

Micah 3

When leaders sell out

By Stephen Hatfield

Parents, teachers, coaches, managers and ministers all seek to motivate people to action. Bookstore shelves are filled with titles that define and describe techniques to get the most out of people. A leader desires to do the right things and say the right things in order to reach a goal.

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Lesson for Aug. 24

Micah 4:1-8; 5:2-5

Peace can come from the pieces

By Stephen Hatfield

In the midst of turmoil and destruction, peace is always a possibility. Micah chapters 4-5 describe the potential for peace and restoration of the nations of Israel and Judah.