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SARS detour opens student's eyes to a new world vision in Germany

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

A Baptist General Convention of Texas student summer missionary learned to live intentionally for Christ by traveling the long way to serve him.

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Children find faith through Bible stories

HOUSTON June 26 and July 24 will live forever in the minds of Brandy Jacobson and the 15 children she led to Christ those days.

Jacobson, a senior elementary education major at West Texas A&M, served

as a Baptist General Convention of Texas student summer missionary at the Houston Mission Center. She helped primarily with the Kid's Club program and the food pantry.

She vividly recalls going through a Bible lesson June 26 and looking up to see all the children staring at her. Jacobson felt God tell her to close the lesson and extend an invitation to the kids.

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Missionary gets warm welcome

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Eastern Europeans love Americans, according to a student summer missionary. But they had no idea what this American stands for until they met him.

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Dallas Baptist University student Micah Blalock (with guitar) leads Russian orphans and American volunteers in worship during a summer camp session for orphans. At right, DBU student Andrew Briscoe poses with a new friend, Vova, a Russian orphan boy.	

Texas students travel to Russia with love

DALLAS—Andrew Briscoe, a graduate student at Dallas Baptist University, has devoted much of his life to learning in the classroom. But after a month-long summer missionary internship working in the orphanages of St. Petersburg, Russia, he is quick to tell listeners that education also takes place on the hard surface of the mission field.



DBU
students
Leslie
Whitlock
and Danny
Krumbholz
provide
recreational
fun for an
orphan

Briscoe and eight other DBU students joined students from six other colleges, including Baylor University, to work as summer missionaries, or interns, through Buckner Orphan Care International. The team provided a Christian witness-and love -to children living in Russian orphanages and orphanage hospitals through summer camp programming, Vacation Bible Schools, personal attention and support of shorter-term volunteers.

For Briscoe, the internship was a learning experience in missions involvement. "I wanted to be a part of this trip so I would have a greater understanding of missions. The entire month was an incredible learning period and the spiritual growth we experienced was amazing," he said.

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2003 Summer Missions Snapshots

BGCT student summer missionary Angie Cornett poses with children she met prayerwalking in Northern Africa.	
	
Jason Ellis of Texas A&M-Commerce plays with a child in Sabine-Neches Baptist Association.	

News of religion, faith, missions, Bible study and Christian ministry among Texas Baptist churches, in the BGCT, the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) and around the world.

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Texas team bikes among villages

Four college students from Texas spent a month in Zambia doing mountain bike evangelism.

Justin Childress, Richie Conry, Randy Kelley and Mickey Matlock served through the Baptist General Convention of Texas Baptist Student Ministry and the Southern Baptist Convention International Mission Board.

Childress is from Texas A&M; Conry from the University of North Texas; Kelley from the University of Houston; and Matlock from Midwestern State University.

Student missionary Mickey Matlock rides into a village on his mountain bike, greeted by local children.
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Texas Tidbits

Amarillo hospital ranked highly. Baptist-St. Anthony Hospital in Amarillo was ranked among the best hospitals in the United States this year by U.S. News & World Report. In the magazine's annual evaluation of hospitals by specialization, Baptist-St. Anthony ranked among the top 50

hospitals in neurology and neurosurgery as well as for treating kidney disease.

✖ **Flamming to speak at HSU.** James Flamming, pastor of First Baptist Church of Richmond, Va., since 1983 and former pastor of First Baptist Church of Abilene, will speak at Hardin-Simmons University's Sept. 4 convocation program in Behrens Chapel. Dedication services also will be held for the new Elwin Skiles Social Sciences Building and the Linebery Boulevard and Linebery Clock Tower. That evening, dedication services will be held for the renovated Caldwell Music Building.

✖ **Another Flowers blooms.** Leighton Flowers has accepted a part-time position as consultant in youth evangelism with the Baptist General Convention of Texas Center for Strategic Evangelism. Effective Aug. 1, he assumed many of the responsibilities previously carried by his father, Chuck Flowers, who is on medical leave from the BGCT. Flowers, 29, is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. He has served nearly two years as staff evangelist at Cornerstone Baptist Church of Wylie. Previously, he was youth minister at Colonial Hills Baptist Church in Cedar Hill. While attending seminary, he was pastor of First Baptist Church in Era.

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TOGETHER:

Baptists affirm priesthood of believer

As I have participated in the ordination of Baptist deacons through the years, one doctrinal conviction most often mentioned in their testimonies has been the priesthood of the believer. Baptists have cherished this biblical doctrine and have believed it to be a bulwark against any authoritarian religion that is pressed down on others by some formal or informal religious hierarchy.

The Old Testament role of priest was to serve the people, intercede with God on their behalf and lead in the worship rituals, including offering sacrifices. When Jesus offered himself as the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the world, he brought an end to the sacrificial system. He became the Great High Priest and made those who believe in him priests who serve under him.

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It is not that Baptists do not believe in the importance of priests. Rather, we believe the role is so important that God has called all Jesus' followers to be priests. We have the privilege of standing beside one another, for we all need priests who can intercede in prayer for us, listen to us with spiritual ears, help us see the sin in our life, and love and serve as Jesus commanded us to do.

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UMHB student gains new view from Palo Duro musical

By Mark Wingfield

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CANYON-Texas Baptists who ventured to Pioneer Amphitheater at Palo Duro Canyon this summer saw a product of their own mission work on stage.

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Wayland
Baptist
University
students
perform a
concert in
Spain,
where they
debuted the
original
composition
of Wayland
professor
Gary
Belshaw.

SPANISH SERENADE: Wayland musicians on mission

By Jonathan Petty

Wayland Baptist University

PLAINVIEW-After being tucked away for more than 20 years, “A Espana” finally made its successful debut before a captivated Spanish crowd.

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Land 'troubled' by Ten Commandments judge's defiance of federal court ruling

By Mark Wingfield

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In his first public comments on the plight of Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore, Richard Land said Aug. 18 he is troubled by the Southern Baptist judge's open defiance of a federal court ruling.

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True Love Waits program in East Africa

encouraged by Bush commitment

By Clinton Wolf

International Mission Board

ENTEBBE, Uganda (BP)—Baptists working with the True Love Waits program in East Africa are encouraged following President Bush's commitment to U.S. support of abstinence-based programs in the war on AIDS.