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Volunteers: The future of border missions

By Craig Bird

Texas Baptist Communications

MISSION-Volunteers "are pretty much the future" of Texas Baptist efforts to share the gospel in the Borderlands, insists Loren Fast.

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Nominees sought for Texas Baptist ministry awards

LUBBOCK-The Baptist Standard and Baylor University will honor three of the state's most outstanding vocational and lay ministers during the Baptist General Convention of Texas annual session this fall.

Nominations are being accepted for the Texas Baptist Ministry Awards, to be presented at the Truett Theological Seminary dinner at the BGCT meeting in Lubbock.

The awards program encompass three recognitions, each named for a prominent Texas Baptist.

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Church's vision for a clinic grows with aid from other churches

By Heather Price

Texas Baptist Communications

DALLAS—Many poor families enter the Mission East Dallas County Health Services Clinic, each with their own story of heartache. They leave with free medicine, stuffed bears, children's books and the gospel of Jesus.

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Missions network edges forward

By Ken Camp

Texas Baptist Communications

DALLAS-Texas Baptists' currently unnamed missions network moved a step closer to being named at its Aug. 7 meeting, and it took strides toward becoming a formally constituted non-profit corporation.

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On the move

Leobardo Flores to Second Church in Harlingen as pastor.

♦ **Casey DuBose** to Coastal Plains Area as church development director, from Alamo Heights Church in Port Lavaca, where he was pastor.

♦ **Adam Espurvoa** to Iglesia Emanuel in Bastrop as pastor from Primera

Iglesia in Elgin.

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Owner of James ossuary suspected in far-reaching antiquities fraud

By Elaine Ruth Fletcher

Religion News Service

JERUSALEM (RNS)-Israeli investigators are exploring the possibility antiquities dealer Oded Golan, now in police custody, was the leader of the alleged forgery of the purported first century A.D. inscription on the famous James ossuary, which included a reference to Jesus.

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PAISANO: Family camping

By George Henson

Staff Writer

ALPINE—About 1,400 people recently returned to Paisano Baptist Encampment near Alpine for a once-in-a-lifetime experience that comes around once a year.

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Majority approve of reciting 'under God'

WASHINGTON (RNS)—More than 60 percent of Americans think government officials should be able to post the Ten Commandments in government buildings and believe it is constitutional for teachers to lead the recitation of “one nation under God” in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The “State of the First Amendment 2003” survey, released Aug. 1, was jointly commissioned by the First Amendment Center and the American Journalism Review.

Sixty-eight percent of respondents said teachers leading the pledge with

the words “one nation under God” were not violating the principle of separation of church and state, while 26 percent said they were.

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Evening sports camps offered KidsHeart volunteers the opportunity to teach sports to local children, but the camps also provided the chance for the visitors to bond with children. (Scott Collins/Buckner Photo)

24 churches join in Progreso mission

By Scott Collins & Lance Wallace

Buckner Benevolences & Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

PROGRESO-Julian Vigil raised the hammer over his head, and with a violent swing, struck the ceiling of Jorge and Ramona Lopez's bedroom.

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Religious affiliation adds a jolt to appointment debate

By Sean Reilly

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)-When Bill Pryor won a full four-year term as Alabama attorney general in 1998, advocates of religious tolerance also chalked up a victory: In a state with a long history of antagonism toward Roman Catholicism, Pryor's staunch allegiance to that faith publicly never stirred a murmur.

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student at J.L.

Everhart

Primary School

in Longview,

receives a free
eye exam from

a Heaton Eye

Associate

volunteer at

the Back-To-

School

Carnival Aug.

3. At right:

Nine-year-old

Kabreuntray

Jackson was

one of three

children in the

Jackson family

to receive

School supplies

from the

By Amy Seale

Train.

Buckner News Service

LONGVIEW-In the corner of a dimly lit hallway, separated from the crowd, two girls sat beneath the light of an open window. Before them, a colorfully illustrated book lay open, detailing the life of Christ and his gift of salvation. For one of the teens, it was the perfect opportunity to talk about Christ with her young friend-an opportunity that began with a truckload of school supplies and a gym full of backpacks.

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Mitsura Watanabe, one of the first four music majors at the Brazilian seminary, is shown with Ed Spann 30 years ago and at the reunion.

Memories Spann the ages as professor visits school he started

By George Henson

Staff Writer

DALLAS—Ed Spann recently returned to the scene of the sublime as he traveled to São Paulo, Brazil to celebrate the anniversary of a school of sacred music he started 30 years ago.