

Around the State: DBU students go to Washington; TBM volunteers prepare 96,000 meals

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Brent Thomason, director of the master of arts in international studies program at Dallas Baptist University, and **Rob Sullivan**, dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at DBU, led a student group to Washington, D.C., to participate in the 21st Century Wilberforce Initiative's Emerging Leaders Conference. Students learned about advocacy on behalf of people persecuted for their religious beliefs and met several members of Congress.

In response to flooding in areas near Houston, Texas Baptist Men disaster relief volunteers wrapped up emergency food-service operations in support of the American Red Cross after preparing more than 96,000 meals. However, they continue to cook for other disaster relief workers from the kitchens of West Conroe Baptist Church and First Baptist Church in Rosenberg. Six mud-out crews working in Conroe, Rosenberg and Simonton have completed 61 jobs—removing damaged drywall and flooring, power-washing surfaces and disinfecting flood-damaged homes. TBM volunteers also have distributed about 4,000 boxes for residents to collect scattered belongings.

Jared Jagers, a second-year master of divinity degree student at Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University, will receive the Daniel and Earlene Vestal Scholarship at the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship general assembly. Jagers is a graduate of East Texas Baptist University, where he

earned his undergraduate degree and a master of arts in religion.

Retiring

Truman Turk as director of missions for Abilene-Callahan Baptist Association, effective June 30.

