Vietnamese churches join Baptist World Alliance

July 29, 2010

Some of the globe's most persecuted Christians found an international home when the Baptist World Alliance admitted the Baptist Churches in Vietnam into the global organization.

Listen to the Spirit, receive the anointing, Coffey urges Baptists

July 29, 2010

Human effort and creative strategies lead to futility apart from an anointing by God's Holy Spirit, British Baptist leader David Coffey told the opening session of the Baptist World Congress, July 28 in Honolulu.

U.S. denies visas to about 1,000 hoping to attend BWA Congress

July 29, 2010

As many as 1,000 people who had registered for the Baptist World Alliance's Congress this year were unable to attend because they were denied visas by the U.S. government, leaders of the global Baptist organization said July 28.

South Africa to host continentâ□□s first Baptist World Congress in 2015

July 29, 2010

For the first time, the Baptist World Congress will be held in Africa in 2015, according to a July 27 announcement from Baptist World Alliance General Secretary Neville Callam.

Southern Baptistsâ□□ large military presence colors gay debate

July 29, 2010

Repeal of a military ban on openly gay members is expected by many. But Southern Baptists, who have many more active-duty military chaplains than any other denomination, are not giving up without a fight.

Catholics in Nagaland claim persecution by Baptists

July 29, 2010

Baptists in Nagaland defended themselves against charges of anti-Catholic bigotry after villagers tore down a Catholic church because the town allows churches only of the Baptist denomination. The controversy has generated widespread media attention pitting Catholics against the Nagaland Baptist Church Council.

Group demands apology for religious teaching that denigrates women

July 29, 2010

A group of women and men calling themselves the Freedom for Christian Women Coalition has demanded an apology for religious teaching they say

is harmful to women. Shirley Taylor, founder of Baptist Women for Equality, presented the *Demand for an Apology from the Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood* at a July 24 meeting in Orlando, Fla.

Jimmy Carter credits Baptist preacher for his election as president

July 29, 2010

Jimmy Carter said July 23 he doubts he would have been elected 39th president of the United States without the aid of Jimmy Allen, a Texas Baptist preacher who endorsed him at a time when his 1976 presidential campaign was floundering.

ABP celebrates 20th birthday marked by growing pains

July 29, 2010

July 17 marked the 20th birthday of Associated Baptist Press, an independent news service created by and for Baptists interested in a free press during a tumultuous time within the Southern Baptist Convention.

Baptist Briefs: Crumpler honored

July 29, 2010

Carolyn Weatherford Crumpler, former executive director of Woman's Missionary Union and a past moderator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, received the annual Courage Award from the William H. Whitsitt Baptist Heritage Society during the CBF general assembly in Charlotte, N.C.

CBF workshop explores churchâ□□s response to homosexuality

July 29, 2010

Fifteen years after the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship adopted an organizational value prohibiting the funding of organizations that affirm practicing homosexuals, a large crowd packed a workshop June 25 on what it means to be the "presence of Christ" among persons of same-sex orientation.

CBF to evaluate structure, funding in two-year study

July 29, 2010

Facing a chronic budget shortfall, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship moderator Hal Bass has appointed a 14-member task force to study the organization's missional and organizational future.