Prayer must undergird compassion, missionary doctor insists

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Whether in the streets of Bangalore, India, or northeastern Dallas County, the sight of people in need compels Christians to respond in compassion, veteran medical missionary Rebekah Naylor said.

Baylor nursing students meet life-and-death needs in Africa

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Graduate students in Baylor University's Louise Herrington School of Nursing saved lives on a month-long medical mission trip to Ethiopia and Uganda.

Ethics and evangelism focus of

Howard Payne lecture

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BROWNWOOD—Evangelism and ethics both grow out of a vibrant relationship with the God who is love, speakers told participants at the inaugural Currie-Strickland Distinguished Lectures in Christian Ethics at Howard Payne University.

Cancer survivor, age 4, throws out first pitch

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Payton Chumbley, age 4, threw out the ceremonial first pitch at a recent Howard Payne University and University of Mary Hardin-Baylor baseball game.

Texas WMU celebrates Jesus

during annual meeting

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Cheryl Segura Gochis, former national and state Acteens panelist, uses a cell phone as a teaching tool during the Texas WMU annual meeting.

WACO—Woman's Missionary Union of Texas gathered to "Celebrate Jesus" during its annual meeting April 18-19.

In a meeting that featured seminars encouraging people to share their faith and be involved in mission work, testimonies from missionaries and sessions on prayer, leaders encouraged Texas Baptist women to celebrate Christ's work around the globe.

Evangelical leaders endorse racial reconciliation

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WASHINGTON (RNS)—Several prominent evangelical leaders have endorsed a "Reconciliation Referendum" that says Sen. Barack Obama's recent address on race did not go far enough and pushes church leaders to speak up more about the need to address racism.

On the Move

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Reports of changes in staff positions from Texas churches:

• **Martin Akins** to First Church in Bedford as pastor from First Church in Hobbs, N.M.

Missouri Baptist groups agree to peace committee

May 1, 2008
JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (ABP)—Seven members of rival groups in the Missouri Baptist Convention will go to mediation in an effort to bring about peace within the battle-torn statewide group.

The Missouri Baptist Convention Executive Board voted to create a peace committee that will submit to Christian mediation.

Mission Lubbock fights hunger, delivers hope

May 1, 2008

LUBBOCK—When people think of Lubbock, they think of unending cotton fields, hearty dust storms, flat plains and Texas Tech football. Few think of people like Cheryl Tannery.

Tannery, who raised three boys as a single mom, is just one of thousands of people in the Lubbock area who have been stricken by poverty and experienced hunger firsthand. But Mission Lubbock has stepped in to help rebuild the lives of people in need by providing food, clothing and furniture and showing hope that only can come from Christ.

Court dismisses Baptist church-state case

May 1, 2008

WASHINGTON (RNS)—A federal court has dismissed a 10-year-old legal challenge brought by Kentucky taxpayers who questioned government funding of a Baptist social service agency.

The case involving Sunrise Children's Services, formerly known as Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, initially centered on the dismissal of Alicia Pedreira, who the agency learned was a lesbian. In 2001, a federal judge in Louisville, Ky., dismissed her claims of religious discrimination.

Faith Digest: Bible tops Americaâ□□s bookshelf

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The Bible is the favorite book of all time for American adults…along with *Lord of the Rings* and, um… *The Da Vinco Code*.

Calvinism: Tiptoe through the TULIP

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Can Calvinist and non-Calvinist Baptists work together?

It depends, some advocates of Reformed theology say, on whether Christians on both sides are willing to tiptoe through the TULIP–the acrostic for five doctrinal points that set apart Calvinists.