

Kelsi Kelso in Nigeria with HandsOn Missions

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Kelsi Kelso is serving with HandsOn Missions in Niger.

Baptist Immigration Services offers help to people “left hanging”

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BROWNWOOD—Baptist Immigration Services of Brownwood has opened its doors to meet the need for Christian immigration services in Central Texas.

According to its mission statement, the ministry exists to “show the love of Christ by offering affordable legal immigration services to Brown County.”

Howard Payne students learn

about Islam firsthand in North Africa

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Howard Payne
University students
visited a coliseum
while in North Africa.
(Grace Davis Photos)

Before Grace Davis traveled to North Africa, she expected to be immersed in the Muslim culture and to be tested and challenged in ways she had never experienced. The journey did not disappoint. Davis, a junior at [Howard Payne University](#) , traveled to North Africa with seven classmates as part of a cross-cultural studies program.

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

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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

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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.