

Church-starting opportunities great along the Rio Grande

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When Mario Garciaa surveys Laredo, he sees opportunities to help people living in destitute conditions, to provide a word of encouragement and most importantly to share the gospel.

Border mission trips decline significantly in some areas

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Violence between drug cartels in Mexican border towns has drastically cut into the number of mission trips in the area. And in some cases, it has led church groups—even those who have served in the area for years—to cancel trips to sites on the Texas side of the border as well.

Church arsonists receive

additional life sentences

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Two men already sentenced to life in prison for setting five East Texas churches on fire in 2010 pleaded guilty to more arsons Feb. 8.

Buckner Romania to be self-sustaining organization

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Twelve years after it established a nongovernmental organization in Romania to help that country's overburdened orphanage system, Buckner International announced it is withdrawing financial support from Fundatia Buckner Romania and setting it on a course of self-sustainability.

Initial picks for faith-based panel light on Baptists

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President Obama's first dozen appointees to the next President's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships were heavy on

mainline Protestants but light on Baptists.

Court rejects ‘birther’ challenge by former SBC officer

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The California Supreme Court declined to hear a challenge to Barack Obama's election as president filed by plaintiffs including a former officer of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Wayland students promote economic development in Kenya

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A year ago, sophomore Leigh Castillo didn't know much about business—and certainly not about starting up a new business from scratch. Today, she's president of Wayland Baptist University's Students in Free Enterprise team that recently returned from Kenya, where they helped train small-business owners.

At prayer breakfast, Obama discusses personal faith

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President Obama spoke at length Feb. 3 about the daily contours of his Christian faith, brushing off the skeptics who question the authenticity of his beliefs.

Researcher finds civil rights songs on flip side of gospel records

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A surprisingly large number of lesser known “B” sides on vintage records of gospel songs championed civil rights, according to a Baylor University researcher.

Baptist author produces novel in American Sign Language

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Baptist author George Joslin of Springfield, Mo., has produced what may be the first American Sign Language-only novel. Titled *A Deaf Man's Gospel*, the novel is only available in American Sign Language (ASL) on DVD, rather than in print format.

Executive director search committee begins work

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The Baptist General Convention of Texas executive director search committee met for the first time. Members prayed for God to guide them to the person he is calling to lead the convention's executive board staff, began outlining the values that will guide the search and brainstormed ways to seek input from the diverse Texas Baptist family.

Former drug smuggler discovers hope and new life in Christ

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Julio Gonzales' baptism represented a break from an old life- 16 years as a drug smuggler- to the new life he feels God calling him to live.