

North Texas church discovers its mission through Indian student

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A chance encounter on a seminary campus led Bethel Baptist Church in Celina to focus its mission efforts on India.

DBU students test soil, prepare ground for the gospel in Bangladesh

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Dallas Baptist University students tested the soil of rural rice fields outside of Dhaka, Bangladesh, and in the process helped a ministry to Muslims figuratively prepare the ground for planting the gospel.

G5 conference focuses on sharing the hope of Christ

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The fifth generation of Texas Baptist church leaders is called to continue sharing the hope of Christ throughout the state, and they'll do it in an environment unlike any in Texas history, Baptist General Convention of Texas leaders observed.

At 60, CLC continues challenging, shaping Texas

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Born with "a dream and an ache in the heart" 60 years ago, the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission has challenged and helped shape the state ever since.

CERI helps AIDS orphans cope

with loss

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Children's Emergency Relief International Executive Director Dearing Garner recently took part in a three-day meeting in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, where the focus was all about building resiliency and healing the emotional wounds of children orphaned by the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Breckenridge Village, CERI team up to help orphans

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Two Baptist Child & Family Services programs have joined forces again in a special tradition. In anticipation of Children's Emergency Relief International's annual winter mission to Eastern Europe, residents from Breckenridge Village of Tyler knitted more than 375 warm wool hats to protect orphaned and impoverished children from frostbite.

Labor of love by Christian

volunteers changes lives in colonias

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The Rosales and Beltran families are just two of hundreds living in primitive conditions in colonias along the Texas/Mexico border who have seen their lives transformed through the efforts of Christian volunteers with Buckner International who build homes and spread hope.

Christian band Bluetree on a mission to stand out

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Just as the band's name reflects its one-of-a-kind identity, the Irish modern worship band Bluetree desires to stand out and make a difference by leading worship in places seldom reached with the gospel because of political oppression.

How many versions of the Bible do we really need?

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Experts say it's nearly impossible to calculate exactly how many Bibles are sold each year. But one thing is clear: The Good Book is great for business.

“Unchurched” studies seek to understand why people leave

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Seeking to develop strategies to prevent formerly active members from leaving through the so-called “back door,” LifeWay Research has conducted surveys to better understand why people leave.

Study finds large churches can do better at retaining members

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Large congregations are more likely than small churches to emphasize evangelism and recruitment of new members but significantly less likely to

contact members who stop attending, according to a recent study.

Texas Tidbits

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The Baptist University of the Americas' alumni and friends reception at the Baptist General Convention of Texas annual meeting in McAllen, Fiesta Con BUA, will be Nov. 9, 9-10:30 p.m. in Ballroom A-D of the McAllen Convention Center.