

Church finds renewal in opening doors to ethnic congregations

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An aging Dallas congregation is experiencing renewal through outreach to ethnic churches in its area.

After quake, Haiti missionaries ask: “Why not me?”

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As the dust settles from Haiti’s devastating quake, mission workers of all types are wondering why they survived, why others didn’t.

Obama, Clinton at prayer breakfast denounce Ugandan

anti-gay proposal

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President Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton used the occasion of the National Prayer Breakfast Feb. 4 to denounce a draconian proposed anti-homosexuality law in Uganda — even though the event's organizers have been closely associated with the Ugandan leaders pushing the bill.

Church fire forces closing of day care

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First Baptist Church in Temple has suspended operation of its 40-year-old Child Development Center indefinitely due to smoke and water damage from a Jan. 19 fire that authorities ruled arson.

SBC official says he believes detained missionaries acted in

good faith

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A top official of the Southern Baptist Convention said he is confident that a church mission team being detained in Haiti on suspicion of child trafficking acted in good faith but that Haiti's government interpreted their actions "in the worst light possible."

Study finds abstinence-only programs effective in delaying sex

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A new study by University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine says that abstinence-only sex-education programs are effective in getting pre-teens to put off having sex.

McAllen medical volunteers

serve around-the-clock needs in Haiti

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Servando Silva and Matt Johnson packed for a mission to Haiti before a mission even was planned. The nurse and doctor from Baptist Temple in McAllen had prayed for an opportunity to help meet medical needs in the wake of the Jan. 12 killer earthquake.

Relief slow in Haiti, but hope is emerging

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Nearly three weeks after an earthquake left an estimated 200,000 people dead, Texas Baptist disaster relief volunteers find life in Haiti remains in as many pieces as the buildings toppled throughout Port-au-Prince.

Baptist prof fears Haiti arrests

will set back adoption movement

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A Southern Baptist seminary professor says the arrests of a group of U.S. Baptists accused of trying to remove children from earthquake-stricken Haiti without proper documentation could give a black eye to a budding movement of evangelicals who view adoption as a means of spreading the gospel.

One American in eight needs food assistance, study shows

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Food-assistance agencies nationwide serve 1 million more people each week than they did four years ago, according to a national study released Feb. 2. Statewide, the study showed 3 million Texans—including 1.2 million children—received help from a food pantry or soup kitchen.

BUA accepts role as lead partner on ISAAC Project

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Baptist University of the Americas has stepped forward to become the lead partner with the Baptist General Convention of Texas on the Immigration Service and Aid Center Project, which seeks to equip churches to work within the law to help people with their citizenship issues.

Baptist group arrested in Haiti denies trafficking charge

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A mission team from two Southern Baptist churches in Idaho arrested for attempting to take 33 children from Haiti to a temporary orphanage in the neighboring Dominican Republic was only trying to help children suffering in the aftermath of the Jan. 12 earthquake in Port-au-Prince, according to the pastor of one of the churches.