

Baptists claim harassment in Uzbekistan

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Leaders of the registered Baptist Union of Uzbekistan claim continuing harassment by the country's legal system and a media campaign intended to smear the group as a dangerous cult that targets children for proselytizing.

Freed Baptists hope attention will now focus on Haiti's needs

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Eight Southern Baptist mission volunteers freed after three weeks in a Haitian jail said they hope their release will allow attention to focus once again on tremendous need remaining from the Jan. 12 earthquake that prompted them to go to Haiti in the first place.

Relief groups walk delicate line

on spreading gospel, providing aid

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As faith-based relief agencies work to help Haitians manage an epic crisis after the Jan. 12 earthquake, most are taking pains to give aid according to need, not creed, and disavow proselytizing.

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."

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.

New evangelical group calls for cancellation of Haiti's debt

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A new organization of progressive evangelicals has formed calling for complete cancellation of Haiti's foreign debt in order to aid an already fragile economy devastated by a Jan.12 earthquake.

Baptist assessment team

reports difficult conditions in Haiti

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Members of Southern Baptists' disaster assessment team reported from Port-au-Prince Jan. 20, describing severe damage in Haiti's capital city and snarled traffic, but noted Baptists had been able to help "with a couple of deliveries" of aid.

Baptist World Alliance pledges solidarity with Baptists in Malaysia

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The head of the Baptist World Alliance has sent a letter of support for the "Baptist family in Malaysia" in light of a rash of attacks on churches since a controversial court ruling that Christians can use the word "Allah" when referring to God.

BUA student's father dies in Haiti earthquake; other family missing

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The father of a Baptist University of the Americas student died in last week's Haiti earthquake, and other family members remain missing.

Buckner to send four containers of aid to Haiti

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Buckner International is preparing four containers of humanitarian aid to send to Haiti, where a 7.0-magnitude earthquake killed thousands Tuesday evening.

Haitian Baptist college

president describes country 'in shock'

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A Christian college president in Haiti told Baptist World Alliance officials that the magnitude 7.0 earthquake that hit near the country's capital Jan. 12 "will affect everybody in Haiti."

Baptists respond to Haiti earthquake

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Baptist World Aid has pledged \$20,000 in emergency funds for earthquake-stricken Haiti, the head of the relief-and-development arm of the Baptist World Alliance said Jan. 13.