

# **Baptist missionaries aid homeless Congo families**

November 26, 2008

International Mission Board missionaries and church partners have distributed nearly three tons of rice and beans to more than 300 homeless families in the Congo in recent days.

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# **Activity reported on anti-conversion bill in Sri Lanka**

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Religious freedom advocates worry that an anti-conversion bill making its way through Sri Lanka's Parliament could be used to justify discrimination against the small South Asian country's Christian minority.

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# **Azerbaijani pastor on trial released to house arrest**

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A jailed Baptist pastor in Azerbaijan was released Nov. 6 until Nov. 17,

when his trial on what supporters say are bogus charges was scheduled to resume.

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## **CBF provides \$10,000 in relief for escalating crisis in Congo**

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The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship has given \$10,000 to ease the growing humanitarian crisis in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where increased violence from rebel fighters is killing thousands of civilians and forcing even more to flee to refugee camps and neighboring African countries.

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## **Baptist leaders from Russia, Georgia seek reconciliation**

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Baptist leaders from Russia and Georgia met recently in Kiev to pursue improved relations between Baptists in the two countries, marred by war earlier this year.

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## **Baptist pastor's trial begins; Azerbaijanis claim intimidation**

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A Baptist pastor in Azerbaijan, arrested in June on what his defenders say was a trumped-up charge, was scheduled to stand trial beginning Oct. 31.

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## **Congo: New fighting creates latest humanitarian crisis**

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Escalating violence in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo is creating a "humanitarian crisis of catastrophic dimensions," the head of the United Nations said Oct. 29.

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## **Study: Religious people more**

# **generous, helpful—but only with two conditions**

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Religious people are more helpful and generous than others—but only on two conditions, according to a new study published in the prestigious journal *Science*.

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## **State Department blasts China for religious freedom violations**

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In its annual report on international religious freedom, the U.S. State Department admonished several Asian nations, including China, for severely repressing religion.

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**Wayland senior shares  
language, God's love in**

# **Thailand**

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Ryan Bleyenbergs had a call to missions confirmed during a mission trip to Thailand, where he served as an English instructor.

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## **Family from Houston ministers to children in Peru**

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Christopher and Jessie Rose and their son, Joshua, moved from Texas to Peru in February to serve at Operación San Andrés with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

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## **Bethany Ministries meets medical needs in Zimbabwe**

November 26, 2008

Zimbabwe is in turmoil, and the people who live there face daily uncertainty. Sherrie Bumstead feels called to minister there, and Texans are hearing God's call to help her answer the cries of Zimbabwe.