

In Touch: Back from BWA World Congress

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Hello, Texas Baptists. It's great to be back in Texas! I enjoyed celebrating the risen Lord with Baptists from around the world at the [Baptist World Alliance](#) meeting in Durban, South Africa.



David Hardage Upon returning, I had a great day preaching at [First Baptist Church](#) in Wichita Falls. They are a fun and exciting body of believers, yet they never compromise the truth of God's word, the Bible.

I had the privilege of speaking to a group of folks participating in a disaster recovery mission trip for families in Galveston. [Texas Baptist Disaster Recovery](#) partnered with [First Baptist Church of Galveston](#) in this mission effort.

[Go Now Missions](#) has nine semester missionaries and 53 campus missionary interns serving this fall. Please join us in praying for these students this semester. [Baptist Student Ministry](#) will send 153 missionaries to Texas universities this year. They retreated at [Dallas Baptist University](#) recently. The harvest is plentiful!

[River Ministry](#) has a great opportunity of providing [Organic House Church Kits](#) for churches in need or churches just starting.

[Worship Summit West](#) and [Worship Summit South](#) are coming in September. Texas Baptist Worship Summits are offered several times a year and create a forum for worship pastors and other leaders to discover and discuss current trends in music and worship.



Congratulations to Hannah Mathes from [First Baptist Church](#) in Carrollton, this year's first-place winner at the National Speakers' Tournament. Read her story by [clicking here](#).

[Register your church messengers](#) online for the **2015 annual meeting** of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Nov. 8-10 in Frisco at the Dr Pepper Arena.

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