

# **Baptists, other Christians already in China beat limits on foreign help**

May 19, 2008

While China has accepted a very limited number of foreign-aid workers in the wake of the disastrous earthquake that devastated much of Sichuan province, Baptists and other Christians from the United States already were situated to help.

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# **Gay marriage moves ahead after California Supreme Court ruling**

May 19, 2008

California Supreme Court justices overturned a statewide ban on same-sex marriages.

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# **Larsen to be recommended for BGCT treasurer**

May 19, 2008

A search committee will recommend to the BGCT Executive Board that Jill Larsen, a member of The Heights Baptist Church in Richardson, be elected to succeed David Nabors as treasurer/chief financial officer.

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# **Tornado rips through warehouse, provides 180,000 shoes for orphans**

May 19, 2008

When a tornado wrecked a distribution center in San Angelo, it was a windfall for Buckner's Shoes for Orphan Souls program.

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# **IMB leader resigns over**

# **baptism and tongues policies**

May 19, 2008

Rodney Hammer, the Southern Baptist International Mission Board's regional leader for Central and Eastern Europe the past eight years, resigned after challenging policies of the board of trustees with which he is in disagreement.

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## **Speakers tell British Baptists: fight global warming, poverty**

May 19, 2008

British Baptists heard warnings against over-consumption and further degradation of the environment during their annual meeting in Blackpool, Lancashire.

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## **Iraq status reportedly divides panel on religious freedom**

May 19, 2008

An independent, nonpartisan federal panel's failure to issue a recommendation to the State Department about Iraq reportedly is due to

political division.

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## **BGCT offers training sessions online**

May 19, 2008

The Baptist General Convention of Texas has partnered with the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists to offer leadership, evangelism, Bible study and church-starting training sessions online at [texas.e-quip.net](http://texas.e-quip.net).

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## **Half of SBC churches could die before 2030, president predicts**

May 19, 2008

The Southern Baptist Convention is dying rapidly, and resistance to change could kill more than half the denomination's churches by 2030, SBC President Frank Page said.

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# **Truth sung in church touches hearts, shapes lives**

May 19, 2008

Congregational singing penetrates the hearts of worshippers in ways sermons or private devotional exercises cannot, Bible scholars told participants at a Baylor University conference May 8.

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## **TBM team to train Burmese in Thailand**

May 19, 2008

The team of Texas Baptist Men attempting to deliver aid to victims of the cyclone that hit Myanmar May 2 will stay in Bangkok, Thailand, to train Burmese Christians to meet the needs of their countrymen. The seven-person rapid-response team left the United States May 11 hoping to enter Myanmar—also known as Burma—to assess needs and provide direct relief. The cyclone killed at least 8,000 and left another 50,000 missing.

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# **Texas WMU committee terminates interim executive director**

May 19, 2008

The executive committee of the [Woman's Missionary Union of Texas](#) board dismissed Nina Pinkston of Fort Worth as interim executive director May 8 and named newly elected President Paula Jeser of El Paso to fill the interim post on a volunteer basis.