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International Briefs



Converts in southeastern India 'caste' off former lives

Three women wait patiently for their turn to be baptized in in Miriyalaguda, India. A five-day visit to the city in late January yielded 10 baptisms and a new church, said Gershon Kumar Kedariseti. The minister also teaches at a preacher training school in Kakinada, and one of the school's graduates assisted in the work.

Most of the new church members are former Hindus, members of the shepherd caste, Kedariseti said. During the trip he conducted Bible classes at area churches and baptized about 10 additional people in local water storage wells.

The Bible school hosted its ninth annual youth classes Jan. 10-11. About 530 students attended, Kedariseti said.

The Northeast church, Kingsport, Tenn., coordinates support for the work.

Around the World

News from missionaries and churches of Christ outside the United States.



Georgia's on his mind

Orphaned children in this former Soviet republic will soon be sleeping in beds once used by Harding University students.

John Kachelman, minister for the Judsonia, Ark., church, coordinated a nationwide shipment of aid for hospitals and orphanages in the Republic of Georgia.

Harding, in Searcy, Ark., contributed the beds and other groups donated bedding. Kachelman and fellow church members loaded two containers - about the size of semi-trailers - Feb. 4 and 5 and an additional two containers Feb 18 and 19.

Kachelman has coordinated relief shipments to Eastern Europe for several years. (The U.S. State Department has asked him to help coordinate aid for tsunami victims.)

People



Kachuk finds

recipe for ministry in Ukraine

After graduation, Valeri Kachuk enrolled in a local culinary program and got a professional degree in cooking and confectionary. His mother reasoned that if he had to serve the Soviet army, he'd serve them borscht. ▶

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Churches of Christ in Georgia are rare, Kachelman said, adding that he was glad to have the opportunity to show Christian compassion to those suffering in the emerging republic.

New Bible school serves Congo, recovering from war

Today, as the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo face the monumental task of rebuilding their lives, a small school in the capital, Kinshasa, is training ministers to reach their souls ▶

Euro's rise makes tough mission field even tougher

Weak dollar against European currencies means missionaries have less buying power.

Missionaries contacted by the *Chronicle* said they are thankful for the contributions they receive from churches in the United States — and they're hesitant to ask for more. "It would be helpful if churches and individuals adjusted our support according to the exchange rate," Ray Wheeler said. "But nobody in the States gets a raise because the dollar is low, either." ▶

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