

Plug-in to...

**MATCHES SOUGHT  
Adopt-A-People/Unreached People Groups**

Four of the 17 Adopt-a-People/Unreached People Group Coordinators call Georgia home. Coordinators are volunteers who stay abreast of needs on the field and network with churches that have adopted the same people group. The four who live in Georgia are:

- Philip and Shantel Vestal, from Harlem Baptist, are AAP UPG Coordinators for the Madurese. Their e-mail address is ptvestal@mindspring.com.
- Laura DeBoard, from Dunwoody Baptist, is the AAP UPG Coordinator for the Sundanese. Her e-mail address is LJDeBoard@aol.com.
- Marsha Solomon, from First Baptist Carrollton, is the AAP UPG Coordinator for the Kurds. Her e-mail address is Marsha\_Solomon@compuserve.com.
- Jim Myers, from New Community Church in Buena Vista, is the AAP UPG Coordinator for the Rock People. His e-mail address is jimmed@sowega.net.

**GARY AND BARBARA BALDRIDGE  
Named Coordinators of Global Missions**

In a bold move by the Global Missions Coordinator Search Committee, Gary and Barbara Baldrige have been named co-coordinators of Global Missions.

Gary served as the interim missions coordinator and has been on the global missions administrative team since 1996. Barbara has been operations director for the Duluth Cooperative Ministry, serving 700 families a year with their needs, and a global missions volunteer. Most recently they served as associate area directors supervising 100 missionaries in World A.

Prior to moving to Atlanta, the Baldriges were missionaries in Zambia and the island of La Reunion with the Foreign Missions Board. Barbara is known as a missions strategist and dynamic speaker for missions, and Gary as the behind-the-scenes worker and networker. Missionaries know the Baldriges as friends, encouragers and counselors.

"This is kind of coloring outside the lines as far as management is concerned," admits Sanford Smith, chairman of the search committee. "But we think they have the skills that will make it work." In missionary life it's very common for couples to work together," Gary says.

Barbara will take the lead in missions promotion and personnel training. Gary will be involved with developing budgets and connecting churches and individuals with missions opportunities.

Gary & Barbara Baldrige

To learn the latest news in Global Missions, including relief efforts

- visit the CBF web site at www.cbfonline.org and go to "What's New"

To adopt an Unreached People Group

- contact Tom or Beth Ogburn at 800-782-2451
- e-mail adopt@mind-spring.com

To learn how to become a Prayer Associate

- call the CBF office at 800-352-8741
- visit www.cbfonline.org and go to "Missions Praying" in the Global Missions area of the site

To learn how to volunteer for short term missions, Global Service Corps, Envoys or Career Missions

- contact Marie Moore at 800-352-8741, e-mail mmoore@cbfnet.org
- visit www.cbfonline.org and go to "Missions Involvement"

To apply for a Youth Mission Exchange

- call 800-769-0210
- www.cbfonline.org/ymx
- e-mail ymx@aye.net

To become a Global Missions Advocate in your church

- contact Frank Broome at 912-301-5926

To order CBF Missions Education Curriculum and Global Missions Offering resources

- Call 888-801-4223

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**coming up!**

**2000**

**January 10-13**

The 2000 Princeton Forums on Youth Ministry Forum 1, Mt. Hermon CA

"Life Together: Practicing Faith with Adolescents"  
Develop strategies for taking ministry into the mission field of adolescence. Brochures available: e-mail iym@ptsem.edu.

**January 21-22**

"Seeing Double: Mingling Ministry and Marriage"  
Kavanaugh Life Enrichment Center, Crestwood KY  
Sponsored by Kentucky Baptist Fellowship, this retreat is targeted for dual-ministry couples, to help deal with the unique pressures they face, and help them grow in their marriage and ministry. Retreat leaders are John Reed, Joy Reed and John Lepper. Cost is \$70.00 per couple which includes lodging and three meals. Deadline for reservations is December 21. Phone 502-720-6060 or e-mail jlepper@megsinet.net.

**February 2**

CBF Missions Fair  
Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church  
2715 Peachtree Rd NE, Atlanta GA  
5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Phone 404-266-8111 for details.

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The CBF of Georgia staff and council wish each of you a blessed holiday season and a wonderful New Year!

**CBF Missions  
DISTINCTIVES**

- Emphasis on global missions, with no dichotomy between "home" and "foreign" missions.
- Focus on unreached people groups as our number one missions priority.
- Cooperation with other Great Commission Christians.
- Partnerships with local churches in developing effective missions strategies in their communities.
- Team approach to missionary assignments.
- Volunteer missions opportunities which recognize the gifts and callings of all Christians.
- Channel for an increasing number of Baptists who see the Fellowship as their best option for mission service.

**CBF Missions  
DEFINITIONS**

**Unreached People Group**

A significantly large ethnic, linguistic and sociological group in which there is no indigenous Christian community with adequate numbers and resources to evangelize their own people without cross-cultural help. About 2,000 unreached people groups exist in the world, but only two of every ten missionaries in the world work among unreached people groups. Less than half of one percent of every mission dollar given by U.S. churches goes to reach unreached people groups. Many in these groups are the poorest of the poor; nearly 30 percent of the world's people live on less than \$1.40 a day.

**World A**

The nearly one-fourth of the world's population (1.3 billion people) who have little or no opportunity to hear the gospel.

**10/40 Window**

The region stretching from North Africa to China located from 10 degrees latitude north of the equator to 40 degrees latitude north of the equator. About 85 percent of unreached peoples live there.

**Adopt-A-People**

Adopt-A-People matches resources of churches and groups with unreached people groups around the world. Churches, groups or individuals commit through a formal process to pray for and become advocates of ministries with a specific unreached people group. Adopters often support the ministry financially and sometimes visit the people group. Adopters say that direct contact with missionaries and unreached people groups increases missions awareness in their churches and injects a new sense of direct involvement and excitement.

**World A Link Office**

The World A Link office will expand the Adopt-A-People role to focus and mobilize prayer and resources in North America on strategic involvement with the unreached.

Resources for promoting the 1999-2000 Offering for Global Missions available from CBF at 888-801-4223.



**Global Missions  
IN A WORLD WITHOUT BORDERS**

**CBF 1999-2000 Offering  
for Global Missions  
Goal \$5,250,000**

**2000 Visions Deadlines...**  
January 3 • March 6 • May 1  
July 3 • September 4 • November 6

CBF of Georgia...enabling the people of God who are committed to historic Baptist principles to carry out the Great Commission under the Lordship of Jesus Christ in a fellowship where every Christian has the freedom and the responsibility to exercise God's gift and calling.



# 4 GUYS and a granny

## with a Heart for Missions

ON A WEDNESDAY NIGHT in late February 1999, our pastor at Madison Baptist Church, Dr. Jim Ross, announced that he had been asked to be part of a mission trip to Thailand. Jim told us that his

schedule didn't permit him to go, but if anyone was interested, they could talk with him after prayer time.

Something quickened in my heart, and I talked with Jim to learn more. I knew I was hearing a call to Thailand, and after praying and talking with my husband Gerald, Jim, and Rusty Brock, who was getting the team together, the decision was made. I was going to Thailand to teach in an English Camp.

I met with Rusty and the rest of the team on March 23, at Mercer University in Macon, for our "get acquainted and planning session." This is when I found out there would be five team members, and I would be the only female! Rusty Brock and Gene Wilder are both pastors of churches in Fitzgerald, Myron Maxey is in the insurance business in Morrow, and Jonathan Lewis is an investment banker in Charlotte, North Carolina. I am a wife, mother, grandmother, and registered nurse, retired this year from the American Red Cross.

I have lovingly referred to our team as "Four Guys and a Granny." The diversity of our group drew attention as we traveled, and doors were opened for us to share the love of Jesus with many on the long trip to Thailand.

April 15, 1999 was our day of departure. After two delays our departing flight was canceled and the replacement flight caused us to miss our connecting flights in Los Angeles and Singapore. We had no time to meet with the missionaries prior to beginning English Camp on Monday morning. We were getting the message—God wanted us to depend totally on Him.

Thailand is very appropriately called the "Land of Smiles." The Thais are renowned for their friendliness and

hospitality to strangers. Although they are often depicted as fun-loving, happy-go-lucky people, they are also very strong-minded and have struggled for centuries to preserve their spirit of independence.

Monarchy and religion are the two sacred cows in Thailand. Thais are tolerant of most kinds of behavior, as long as it doesn't insult one of these. Buddhism is the dominant religion; 95% of the Thais hold to this religion, 4% are Muslim, and less than 1% are Christian. Religion has a strong influence on the different sights in Thailand. Spirit Houses are everywhere; orange-robed monks, and gold, marble and stone Buddhas are common sights. The dome of mosques can be seen in the Muslim villages.

Pastor Kamhaeng, pastor of the Songkhla Church, and his wife, Kahnaeow, were both Buddhist before coming to Christ almost 20 years ago.

Yes, Thailand is a land where people smile, but they have no real joy outside of Christ. As Kahnaeow related to me, "I did all the things I knew to do to be a good Buddhist, but I never knew if I had done enough; you find that out when you die."

The cost of following Christ is truly great for Thai people. They risk losing all that has been important to them—family, friends, position in life, their very life.

Thai society is very hierarchical and everyone has a different place on the social ladder. Respect is paid and received according to your position on this ladder. Parents are higher than children and older people are higher than younger—I received a lot of respect in Thailand!

There is hierarchy associated with the type work one does and Thais are conscious of their position in the hierarchy—in every situation. Those who speak English are able to get the better jobs. Parents are willing for their children

to attend English Camp at a Christian church, because they want their children to have a higher position in society.

English Camp was held Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. There were 45-50 students attending this week of camp. I worked with 17 middle school age children. They came eager to learn and showed great respect for their teachers.

Several of the children in my group were from Buddhist homes, several were Christians from the church orphanage, and two of the girls were members of a cult in Bangkok. Our opening and closing gatherings each day were lead mostly by the pastor's children, Paul and Pearl, who are in their early 20s. They are both wonderful musicians and strong Christians. The singing was in both Thai and English; this gave everyone a chance to "practice" together. This was a great time of bonding and a subtle way of presenting the Gospel with great joy.

Thailand is an easy country to travel in, with efficient transportation, cheap accommodations, and delicious national cuisine. Most of our afternoons and evenings were spent with the CBF Pattani-Malay Team. They exposed us to the "real life" of the people of Hat Yai, Songkhla, and nearby villages. It was outside one of these Muslim Villages that we stopped our van and prayed for the people of Thailand and especially the Pattani-Malay people of Southern Thailand. The CBF team enabled us to experience the Thai culture in a way we could never have done on our own.

Thailand is a wonderful place with wonderful people, and I am most grateful for the opportunity to show Christ's love through the Songkhla Church English Camp. Would I ever go back? IN A HEART BEAT!

Among her ever-growing list of causes and missions, Jean Wood recently completed Avon's Breast Cancer 3-Day walk of sixty miles from Lake Lanier Island to Atlanta.

## GLOBAL MISSIONS ...in a state without borders

### CBF Endorses Chaplains/ Pastoral Counselors

The 1997 CBF General Assembly passed a resolution authorizing the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship to take the necessary steps to become an officially recognized endorsing agency. Such an agency provides the functions of screening and endorsing chaplains and pastoral counselors to serve as officially recognized clergy who are in good standing with their respective faith group. The Task Force became identified as the CBF Council on Endorsement. As of October 1999 there have been 69 persons endorsed by this council.

Two persons from Georgia have completed the application process and have been endorsed by CBF: Rev. Dr. Amy Mears, Staff Chaplain at University Hospital in Augusta GA, and Rev. Dr. Milton Snyder, currently serving part time as a Certified Supervisor in Clinical Pastoral Education with the Georgia Baptist Health Care System in Atlanta.

For further information contact the National CBF office in Atlanta at 770-220-1628 and ask for Carl Hart or Judy Gooch.

### The World Is at Chamblee-Doraville Ministry Center

CBF missionaries Sam and Latha Bandela:

I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and deepest appreciation for your partnership in Chamblee-Doraville Ministry Center.

We have grown to ten programs, 24 churches, and 14 funding churches. Fifteen hundred families are served every year, with 200 children receiving help every day in four apartment complexes, and 150 people receiving food every month. One hundred people attend English as a Second Language programs.

The summer of 1999 has been history making time at the CDMC. Two-thousand volunteers helped us at the center with various programs. These volunteers included twenty groups from all over USA. Twenty-four church groups participated in Backyard Bible Clubs, VBS and block parties, with 51 new professions of faith and seven baptisms.

Doraville First Baptist Church has graciously leased to us facilities for community ministries and programs. Each Sunday five different ethnic groups worship at three hour intervals. The last Sunday of every month seven ethnic church groups have a combined worship service. This, to me, is a foretaste of heaven.

The world is right here in Atlanta! Atlanta is the mission field right now!! We cannot send missionaries to some of these countries, but people from those countries are right here in Atlanta. Would you please join us through your prayer and support as we try to reach them with God's love?

The Chamblee-Doraville Ministry Center celebrated open house and dedication of their new facilities October 11, 1999.

### Children Learn Missions at New Horizons Camp

CBF of Georgia sponsors New Horizons Camp, held each summer for children who have completed grades 3-5. Eleven churches, ten staff members and 102 campers participated in the 1999 camp. The theme, "Tell Me a Story," resulted in global missions awareness. The campers packed 200 care packages containing school supplies and toiletries for the Union Mission in Savannah.

New Horizons Camp 2000 is set for July 25-28. An additional week of camp may be held August 1-4. Camp is held at the New Ebenezer Retreat and Conference Center in Rincon, just outside Savannah. The cost is \$125 with a deposit of \$25 due by March 31.

Call Connie Campbell at 770-938-1688 or e-mail at [ccampbell@thetucker.org](mailto:ccampbell@thetucker.org) for more information.

### Youth Join March Missions Madness

Twenty-five youth groups from Georgia churches descended upon Decatur, Georgia in March of 1999 for personal involvement in making a difference in the world. The morning after a night of food, games and worship, they headed out to complete mission projects in the neighborhood. The dates for 2000 are March

17-18, and the place is Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta GA.

Questions? Call Carmen or Ben Homola at 404-373-2442.

### PASSPORT Campers Aid Albanian Refugee Relief

PASSPORT campers across the country recognized the need to give of themselves this summer. As a result 3,277 teenagers gave \$24,315.65 to help Albanians now resettling after being driven from their homes in Kosovo.

That's not all these PASSPORT campers did! Putting feet to the Gospel, they volunteered 39,416 hours ministering to the communities surrounding them. After a morning Bible study, the middle portion of every day was spent painting houses for low income families and seniors, sharing the love of Christ with inner-city children and clearing land for Habitat for Humanity.

Georgia sent 407 campers representing 23 churches to the various PASSPORT camps this summer in Alabama, Florida, North Carolina, Missouri, and Colorado.

YMX (Youth Missions Exchange) is a joint venture of CBF and PASSPORT to effectively assign youth groups to a Christian volunteer mission experience.

For more information about YMX and PASSPORT call 800-769-0210.

### Morningstar Baptist Treatment Services

A partner with CBF of Georgia, Morningstar provides preventive and therapeutic services for families and children. Over 500 individuals per month are provided residential care, foster care services, family treatment, parenting education, outpatient counseling, and elder care services in the Family Resource Centers located in Brunswick, LaGrange, Cartersville, Gainesville and Rincon, and the Youth Estate Center and Family Reconstruction Center in Brunswick.

For additional information call Barry Kerr at 706-645-0398 or Hugh Peacock at 706-232-1116.

### Financial picture

#### Monthly Budget

Requirement	\$20,580.16
1999 Budget Receipts	
September	\$22,911.42
October	\$19,324.64

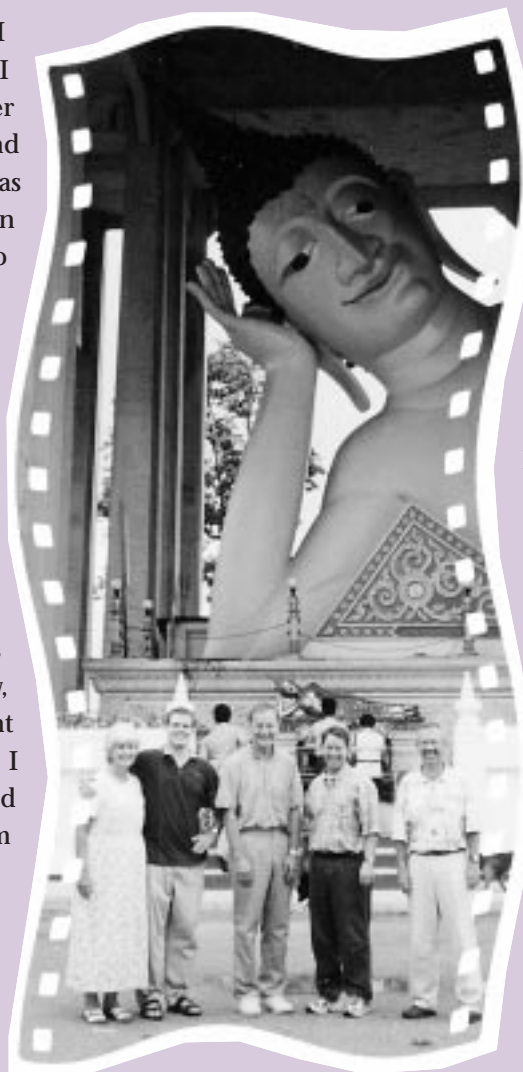
### Dear Frank...

Congratulations to you and to the CBF of Georgia. Every three years the National Coordinating Council of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship does an analysis of its representation. Representation to the National Council is based upon the number of churches and the amount of money given from each state. After careful study it was determined that Georgia CBF has qualified for an additional representative on the council. Thank you for your leadership. Give my congratulations to Gary Abbott and the rest of your Coordinating Council. We appreciate all you do individually and collectively.

—Bill Bruster,  
CBF Networking Coordinator

### Memorial

A special gift has been received in memory of Julia Bowden, Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta GA.



"Four Guys and a Granny": Jean Wood, Jonathan Lewis, Myron Maxey, Rusty Brock, and Gene Wilder.



With paintbrushes in hand, PASSPORT campers pause from their busy work for a group photo. 407 Georgia youth attended PASSPORT camps in summer 1999.

The world is right here...our mission is right now...