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Frank meets his Georgian counterpart, Malkhaz Songulashvili. Frank and Malkhaz have been corresponding and exchanging emails for some time. This is the first opportunity they have had to meet. Both hope that a partnership between the Baptists of the Republic of Georgia and the CBFGA will be developed.

CBF of Georgia Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, October 1, 10 - 2 pm
Briarcliff Baptist Church, Atlanta

For more information email [Carey Huddlestun](mailto:Carey.Huddlestun@cbfga.org) or call 404-633-6103.

Join the statewide choir to sing during the CBF of Georgia Fall Convocation! For any interested clergy or lay person.

Mission Opportunities

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- **Partnering With Persian World Outreach**
“Can’t you find me just one American friend?” This is the cry of many Persian speakers as they attempt to adjust to their new life in the United States. Too often, though, these immigrants from the countries of Iran and Afghanistan find only misunderstanding and prejudice. Persian World Outreach (PWO) is working hard to change that.

CBF field personnel Mich and Pat Tosan are reaching out to these immigrants, helping them find not only friendship, but the love of Jesus Christ. The Tosans began their ministry in California, planting a church in Reseda and founding the indigenous missions organization, PWO. In 2002, they relocated to New Jersey, starting the Afghan & Iranian Christian Fellowship in northern Virginia. In 2003, they started a monthly Bible study and fellowship near the newly-built Mission Center in southern New Jersey.

Effectively reaching the nearly 80 million Persian speakers worldwide will involve training and equipping more indigenous workers and leaders. The main focus of PWO is to provide training and theological education to Persian-speaking Christians (Afghans and Iranians) so they may reach others with the Gospel. Indigenous workers can more effectively reach their own people since they already know the culture and the language. Twelve students are currently enrolled in the Iranian Bible School correspondence program. PWO staff send out materials, grade exams, and personally mentor participants.

The Mission Center serves as the ministry’s headquarters. It currently consists of one building that serves as missionary residence, office space, and headquarters for literature distribution. The Tosans hope to expand the Center, adding a multi-purpose building, additional office and classroom space, and retreat facilities. Volunteer teams are urgently needed to plant ground cover, trees, and shrubs; clear trees and stumps; install sidewalks; and build a more permanent outdoor worship pavilion.

Do you have Muslim neighbors or co-workers? Mich says, “Invite them to your home and then to church. It may take time to build the relationship but this is the way to reach Muslims—God’s unconditional love and prayer for those he puts in your path.” Pat adds, “There are lots of opportunities. Many Iranians and Afghans are open to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

For more information about how you can partner with Persian World Outreach, either through hands-on volunteer missions or financial support, visit our website at www.persianwo.org or contact Douglas Shenton, Partnership Coordinator at 856-878-9292, or by email at pwo.partners@thefellowship.info.

Position Announcement

- Title: Facilitator/Interviewer

Job Description: A qualified male individual is sought to assist with the implementation of a substance abuse and HIV risk prevention intervention with male adolescent detainees. The facilitator/interviewer will conduct educational sessions and client interviewing. This is a part-time evening position and will require a commitment of 15 to 20 hours per week. The educational sessions will occur three times a week for four consecutive weeks and last approximately 90 minutes. The individual will alternate months between facilitating and interviewing. The facilitator/interviewer will report directly to the project director. The facilitator/interviewer will be expected to engage in regular and timely communication with the project director.

Qualifications and Experience: The qualified individual will possess at least an Associate's degree in the behavioral or social sciences and possess some familiarity with the client population. Individual must have reliable transportation, driver's license, insurance, and pass a criminal background check. Experience with conducting health education classes and interviews are highly desirable. Individual must be self-motivated and persistent. Excellent written and oral communication skills are a must. The ability to work effectively as part of a team as well as independently is also essential.

Interested persons should submit a resume to Gregory Morton, Project Director, at Morehouse School of Medicine, Department of Community Health and Preventive Medicine, 1513 East Cleveland Ave., Building 100 Suite 300-A, East Point, GA 30344. Resumes may also be submitted via email gmorton@msm.edu or via fax 404-756-1222. The position is scheduled to start in the summer of 2005.

Salary: \$15 per hour

Reminders

- **August 23**
Children's Ministry Network Gathering, FBC Griffin
11:30 am – 2:30 pm (lunch provided)
Room 106, Cheatam Building
What books on children's ministry are you reading? What creative activities did your church offer for children this summer? What opportunities are you planning for the fall? What challenges and joys do you experience as a minister? Join with others from around the state to share the latest happenings from your church's ministry to children. Come to be inspired, encouraged, and supported in ministry. Email [Brenda Dedmon](mailto:BrendaDedmon@fbcgriffin.com) or [Devita Parnell](mailto:DevitaParnell@fbcgriffin.com). You may also call Brenda at 770-587-6980.
- **August 30**
Christian Educator's Network Gathering

12 noon – 3:00 pm (lunch provided)

FBC Griffin

Join with other Christian Educators across Georgia for professional development, encouragement, and renewal.

Rick Bennett, Associate Coordinator for Faith Formation (CBF National), will lead participants in a discussion entitled: "Somewhere Between Christian Education and Spiritual Formation." For more information contact [Devita Parnell](#).

- **September 15**

Convergence Application deadline

Location: The Calvin Center, Hampton, GA

Cost: \$1,175 (includes housing, meals, and tuition)

Scholarship assistance available for Georgia participants through CBF of Georgia. Email [Devita Parnell](#) or call 478-742-1191 ext. 28.

Visit [Convergence](#) for more information and to receive registration information or email [Dawn Hall](#) or call 336-716-9722.

Dates for Convergence:

Level 1 - October 17-20, 2005
"The Leader's Self-Awareness"

Level 2 - January 23-25, 2006
"Leadership Settings"

Level 3 - March 6-8, 2006
"Leadercraft Skills"

Level 4 - May 8-10, 2006
"Leadership Synthesis"

- **September 18-20**

Mercer Preaching Consultation

King and Prince Resort, St. Simons Island

Speakers: Dr. Gardner Taylor and Dr. John Claypool.

For more information, call Truett Gannon at 678-547-6457.

- **October 1**

Application Deadline [STUDENT.GO](#)

SPECIAL PROJECT:

Gypsy Travelers: From the Nile to the Ganges.

Interviews held in October

Orientation Nov. 11-13, 2005

Application Download: www.destinationmissions.net

WHERE: Romania, Egypt, and India among Gypsies

WHEN: December 16, 2005, thru January 2, 2006

FOR MORE INFO: Contact [Robbi Francovich](#) or visit www.banjara.gypsyministries.com

- **October 11**

The Fall Workshop for the McAfee Institute for Healthy Congregations

McAfee School of Theology campus in Atlanta

"Understanding Congregations: Traditional, Contemporary, Emergent." Featured speaker will be Chris Seay, pastor of the emergent Ekklesia congregation in Houston, Texas.

Registration cost is \$39 for registrations by October 1.

Contact [Larry McSwain](#) or call 678-547-6442.

- **October 16-21**
Five Day Academy for Spiritual Formation (sponsored by CBF)
Camp Sumatanga, Alabama
Contact [Mary Jayne Allen](#) or phone 423-265-2257 or
Contact [Rick Bennett](#) or phone 770-220-1605.
- **October 24-25**
Like a Mustard Seed: Supporting and Celebrating Small Church
Leadership, Samford University, Birmingham, AL
For more information visit www.samford.edu/groups/rcpe.
- **October 28-29, 2005**
Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia Fall Retreat
The Calvin Center, Hampton
Speaker: Alica Kirkpatrick-Bremer
- **Nov. 13-14**
CBF of Georgia Fall Convocation
First Baptist Church of Griffin
Speaker: Millard Fuller

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- **February 4, 2006**
Now Serving: Atlanta 2006
9:00 am – 7:30 pm
Mercer University, Atlanta

McAfee School of Theology and CBF of Georgia team up to sponsor this one-day **collegiate mission event** in Atlanta. Students will experience a variety of mission sites around the city. The day concludes with dinner and worship. The band, *Timber*, and Amy Shorner, preacher, will lead in worship. Cost of \$5 includes meals and t-shirt.

Contact [Ryan Clark](#) or [Devita Parnell](#) for more information.
- **March 17-19, 2006**
March Mission Madness
First Baptist Church of Warm Springs
- **March 24-26, 2006**
March Mission Madness
First Baptist Church of Morrow

MMM is an Annual Weekend Missions Retreat sponsored by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia and attended by church youth groups and their adult chaperones. Email [Scott Ford](#) or call 678-386-5449 for additional information.