



# AEA Ministry *Spotlight*

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## What's new for 2013



The American Evangelistic Association is excited and honored to partner with the Chesapeake Bible College & Seminary in offering an affordable, biblically based education through the CBCS programs. Chesapeake Bible College and Seminary is an educational institution that provides a ministry of Christian Education through on-line courses, correspondence, schools of ministry and class room studies on the Bible, as well as Christian Counseling, Religious Education, Theology, Christian Living and Ministry. CBCS offers Associates, Bachelors, Masters & Doctors degrees.

This may be just the opportunity you or someone you know is looking for if:

- You have "Ministry Experience" and would like to see if it could count toward a degree in Ministry or Biblical Studies.
- You have units or credits from other institutions that you would like to transfer to CBCS to earn a degree.
- You have a desire to be a Christian Counselor.
- You have a desire to grow in your knowledge of Christ and His calling, as well as adding academic credentials to your life & ministry.

We will work cooperatively with each other to ensure appropriate, efficient communication in support of the objectives of this agreement. While we promote each other's ministries through links on each other's websites, literature, newsletters and other media, through referrals, and at conferences and meetings.

Sharing information about each other's ministries will expand the reach of both ministries and increase the impact that we can make spreading the gospel to the world.

Visit Chesapeake Bible College and Seminary's (CBCS) online website at: [www.cbconline.org](http://www.cbconline.org).

AEA Pastors Dell and Mary Sadler were honored as Teachers of the Year for their outstanding

*You Are Invited*  
**American Evangelistic Association's  
59th Anniversary Celebration**

along with the  
**23rd Anniversary of Refuge of Hope Disciple Center**

An AEA Chartered Church, Refuge of Hope, 10 P. Street N.E., Washington D.C. 20002

**April 26 - 28, 2013**

- Friday, April 26, 2013      Arrival of AEA ministers and guests of Refuge of Hope. \$50.00 covers any guest or ministers who would like to attend the weekend activities. Lodging at Refuge of Hope is on a first come, first served basis. Space is limited. However, there are additional Hotels which you can be referred. Closest airports are Reagan National Airport and BWI Airport. Amtrak Train is 8 blocks from Refuge of Hope.
- Sat. April 27th, 2013      Men of Standard & Sister to Sister Conference and AEA Meeting 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m, includes lunch with a variety of workshops i.e. AEA Fulfilling the Vision; Recognizing the End Time Apostate Church; Reaching our Youth; Updates on the Persecuted and Underground Church; Living a Life of Joy and Health, etc. Each AEA ministry will have a time to share ministry updates. Visitors may enjoy Sightseeing in D.C. afterwards.
- Sunday, April 28th, 2013      Refuge of Hope/AEA joint Anniversary dinner with licensing/ordination ceremony at the Main Deck Channel Inn Hotel, 650 Water Street SW, D.C. 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Please make your checks payable to:

**Refuge of Hope and mail it to Refuge of Hope, 10 P. Street N.E., Washington D.C. 20002 before April 22, 2013. Call Dr. Judy Farmer, Anniversary Coordinator at (301) 535-3368 or email to: [JudyFarmer8@aol.com](mailto:JudyFarmer8@aol.com)**

### **What's new for 2013 Cont.**

performance as instructors of the Word by Chesapeake Bible College and Seminary in Ridgely, MD. Chesapeake Bible College is fully accredited and offers courses beginning with the Biblical Diploma, Associate, Bachelors, Masters, and Doctoral degrees in Pastoral and Therapeutic Counseling, Ministry, Theology, Worship, Religious Education, etc.

Refuge of Hope is the Distance Learning site in Washington D.C. offering accredited courses through the Chesapeake Bible College. Chesapeake Bible College also launched its online courses beginning in January 2013. If there are any AEA ministers who are interested in furthering your education, please contact Dr. Judy Farmer, Washington D.C. Distance Learning Registrar at (202) 526-2440 or Email [judyfarmer8@aol.com](mailto:judyfarmer8@aol.com) and we will be happy to review your information and send it to the proper office.

May the Lord prosper you is our prayer!

### **IMPORTANT EO Update - IRS Resources SIGNIFICANT CHANGES for 2012 Form 990 and 990-EZ**

If your organization uses these forms, you may need to familiarize yourself with these new changes. The IRS Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax, was redesigned effective for 2008 tax years (returns filed in 2009 and later). The 2012 Forms 990 and 990-EZ, schedules, and instructions have been revised to modify and clarify certain reporting requirements.

Go to website: [http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-tege/2012\\_Form990\\_Significant%20Changes.pdf](http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-tege/2012_Form990_Significant%20Changes.pdf) to find a chart that summarizes significant changes to the Form 990, Form 990-EZ, schedules and instructions for tax year 2012. See the 2012 Forms 990 and 990-EZ, schedules and instructions. For audio and written materials on how to complete the Form 990 and other forms for exempt organizations, go to Form 990 Resources and Tools for Exempt Organizations.

# Take Action And Pray for Pastor Saeed Abedini

On Friday, March 15, 2013, Drs. Charles and Judy Farmer attended the Congressional Hearing on the Persecuted and Underground Churches and specifically the plight of AEA minister Pastor Saeed Abedini. They had the opportunity to converse, encourage, and hug his wife, Naghmeh in addition, Bishop Charles Farmer spoke to Atty. Jay Sekulow and his team from the American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ). The Farmers' thank God for the unique opportunity he afforded them at this most important hearing. As a result of this important press conference and hearing, Secretary of State Kerry spoke out at the United Nations on behalf of Pastor Saeed and others who are facing severe persecution for their faith.

Please support the American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ) in their efforts to get AEA's Pastor Saeed release. [Go to: SaveSaeed.org](http://SaveSaeed.org).

March 22, 2013

## Statement by Secretary Kerry on Detained U.S. Citizen Saeed Abedini

Secretary of State John Kerry  
U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C.

### STATEMENT BY SECRETARY KERRY

I am deeply concerned about the fate of U.S. citizen Saeed Abedini, who has been detained for nearly six months and was sentenced to eight years in prison in Iran on charges related to his religious beliefs. I am disturbed by reports that Mr. Abedini has suffered physical and psychological abuse in prison, and that his condition has become increasingly dire. Such mistreatment violates international norms as well as Iran's own laws.

I am also troubled by the lack of due process in Mr. Abedini's case and Iran's continued refusal to allow consular access by Swiss authorities, the U.S. protecting power in Iran. I welcome reports that Mr. Abedini was examined by a physician and expect Iranian authorities to honor their commitment to allow Mr. Abedini to receive treatment for these injuries from a specialist outside the prison. The best outcome for Mr. Abedini is that he be immediately released.



## Radical Islam Tortures, Beats AEA Pastor Saeed Abedini:

**"I did not recognize myself"**

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There has been a new letter from imprisoned American Pastor Saeed Abedini written to his wife, Naghmeh, and his family in Iran. In it, as in his previous two letters written inside the brutal Evin Prison, he documents the results of the continued abuse and torture he endures.

This letter, likely written weeks ago, was received by his family just yesterday. Written on the margins of scraps of newspaper, it is only the third letter Pastor Saeed has been able to get to his family in the past 6 months of imprisonment and underscores the difficulty of getting any information from Iran about his condition.

Pastor Saeed writes that he cannot even recognize himself after all the beatings and torture he has endured: *"My hair was shaven, under my eyes were swollen three times what they should have been, my face was swollen, and my beard had grown."*

After multiple beatings in interrogations at the hands of the radical Islamic regime, Pastor Saeed wrote that the nurse who was supposed to treat injured inmates told him *"in our religion we are not suppose to touch you, you are unclean. . . . Christians are unclean!"* He explained, *"they would not give me the pain medication that they would give other prisoners because I was unclean."*

This further confirms the fact that until this week, Pastor Saeed had not received any medical treatment. Because of the immense pressure from the international outcry of hundreds of thousands who have demanded his release, Iranian officials have promised him medical treatment, but this new letter sheds light on how difficult it will be to ensure that Iran keeps its word.

In his letter, Pastor Saeed also shares how he has personally witnessed the toll his imprisonment has taken on his parents and how he longs to be with his wife and children. He wrote, *"You, my wife, on the other side of the world, alone with the kids. Alone and worried. My family here*

## Take Action and Pray For Pastor Saeed Abedini cont.

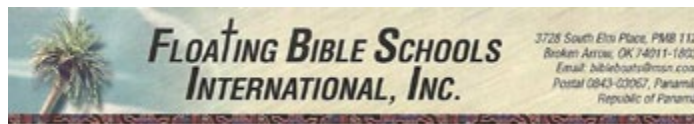
*in Iran, being interrogated, tired and under so much pressure."*

Even through all the persecution, Pastor Saeed remains resilient in his faith. He writes of the importance of forgiveness, even to the point of forgiving the interrogators who beat him and the doctors who refused to treat him. He says that we must all forgive, *"So that we don't become like the person we despised and who persecuted and tortured us."*

He told of the power he has witnessed through forgiveness when after telling one of his persecutors to his face that he forgave him, the interrogator came to "respect" him. *"Love is as strong as death,"* Pastor Saeed explained. He concluded, *"The Joy of the Lord is my strength."* This is another powerful testament of his Christian faith and his eternal hope that one day he will again be free to return to his wife and kids in America.

It is critical that we continue our efforts and do all we can as a nation for this imprisoned pastor, one of our own, and a U.S. citizen.

***Please continue to sign and share the petition to Save Saeed today. Go to: [SaveSaeed.org](http://SaveSaeed.org).***



December of 2011, AEA Pastor and Missionaries Allen & Kathy Sappington, Founders & Directors of Floating Bible Schools in the Republic of Panama told of a devastating tropical storm that hit the island of Korbiski the Sunday before Christmas and blew the church hut down. Pastor Nico Adames, who has been teaching and preaching the Word of God there since 1994, was forced to hold meetings outside.

Pastor Sappington sent out a request for all to pray for the supplies to rebuild the church. They needed \$2,500.00 to rebuild and furnish the new church building with



[The new Iglesia Church on Korbiski Island,](#) a lighting system, a PA system and benches.

A praise report has been received, and they Praise the Lord that they received the money they needed and the new Church Hut is better than the one that was lost.

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