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President's Letter

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Great News to Celebrate!

We are just learning of the release of AEA Ministries Pastor Saeed Abedini, and what a great Thank You God Moment!

American Pastor Saeed Abedini has just been released from imprisonment in Iran, where for more than three years, Pastor Saeed, a U.S. citizen, has endured imprisonment in Iran.

Pastor Saeed has been connected with the American Evangelistic Association as an Ordained Pastor since June 18, 2008, when Dr. John Reinhold, who was then President of AEA, invited Pastor Saeed into the organization.

As News reported: Abedini, an Iran native and convert to Christianity, was arrested in September 2012, and convicted the next year on charges of attempting to undermine the Iranian government. He was sentenced to eight years in prison. This arrest came three years after he had been arrested by Iranian authorities and later released after agreeing to stop organizing churches in homes. His 2012 arrest came during a trip to help build a state-run secular orphanage.

The American Center for Law and Justice, a Washington-based group dedicated to protecting religious and constitutional freedoms, reported that Abedini has endured torture during his imprisonment and was beaten numerous times and was refused medical care.

"We're delighted this day has finally arrived," ACLJ Chief Counsel Jay Sekulow said in a statement. "Pastor Saeed should never been imprisoned in the first place."

Abedini's wife, Naghmeh Abedini, said in the statement that the release was "an answer to prayer."

We echo Naghmeh's sentiment, and Thank God for His answer to our collective prayer! Welcome home, Pastor Saeed!

Best Blessings,

Kerry L. Fink

President - AEA Ministries



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Looking at AEA in 2016

All of us at the American Evangelistic Association are sure to let you know that we are praying and believing God for your Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2016, as you abound in the work of the Lord!

2015 was an amazing year – filled with good things in the Gospel as the organization continued to expand and develop, and we look forward to all the Kingdom-building things that lie ahead in 2016. In Jesus' name!

Save these AEA dates for 2016:

April 15th-17th is our **Spring 2016 Annual Conference** in Washington, DC, celebrating 62 years of service to the Kingdom, will be taking place at Refuge of Hope – a perfect time to visit the city in the lovely Springtime.

November 11th-13th is our **Fall 2016 Annual Conference** in Melbourne, Florida, hosted by Community Truth Gospel Church – a perfect time to enjoy the warmth of Florida sunshine, just as the seasons are changing.

Friday, September 16th, through Monday, September 26th, 2016. Refuge of Hope/AEA Ministries Biblical Studies Tour of Israel along with Drs. Bishop Charles and Pastor Judy Farmer, of Refuge of Hope Disciple Center, is also mapped out. Keep watch for more specifics on this.

This year will represent AEA's 4th organized Biblical Studies tour, in as many years, and all you have to do is to speak with those who have participated in prior visits to understand what a blessing this is in terms of Biblical revelation, not to mention, possible Biblical College credit with our Academic Partner, Chesapeake Bible College and Seminary.

Speaking of the Chesapeake Bible College, an accredited degree-granting institution providing Biblical training for nearly four decades - *Look for an exciting and expanding program that features AEA and CBCS working together to make pursuing your lifelong objective of increasing your Biblical studies both affordable and possible via distance learning and technology enhancements.*

Thank you for your prayers and your financial support in 2016 – this enables the AEA ministers worldwide – from churches seen, and those that cannot be seen because of persecution. Know that AEA is busy partnering with you to expand the Gospel. And, always, please know that our Prayer Team is interceding for you and all those connected to you – at all times.

God Bless you and let's get on this...the great year of the Lord!

2015 Regional Fall Conference - Fulfilling the Great Commission

AEA's Fall Conference was three days of challenging teaching and fellowship, impacted with inspirational speakers. Friday's Meet and Greet was a fun time and a chance to share and get to know new friends and see old ones. Saturday's conference workshops were excellent. The topics were "Will the Real Church Please Stand Up" with Dr. Charles E. Farmer, Bishop of Refuge of Hope Disciple Center, "The Persecuted Church" with Ezies Ebrahim, from Middle East Missions Foundation, "The Need for the Five Fold Ministry in the Church" with Bishop Jerry and Pastor Maria Lawrence, Senior Pastor and Administrative Pastor of Community Gospel Church, and "Israel, The Media and The End Times Church". with Rev. Kerry Fink, President of AEA and CEO of TYG Media, Inc.



We ended the day with a Consecration and Ministerial Licensing for Tanya Fleming. Welcome AEA Minister Tanya! Our weekend ended Sunday with a reception after Morning Service at Gospel Truth Church, by AEA hosts Pastors Jerry and Maria Lawrence.

Thank you to all our speakers and attendees that made for a very successful and fulfilling weekend.



Minister Tanya Fleming receiving her AEA Ministerial License. Nov. 14, 2015



American Evangelistic Association and Chesapeake Bible College & Seminary – Kingdom-Building Together

The American Evangelistic Association was established in May 1954, by Dr. John Douglas, who was an outstanding Minister in his day and known further for his service as Chaplain to the United States Senate. As such, the AEA has been an Ordaining/Licensing and Chartering body in continuous operation for more 62 years. The vision has always been to provide a Spiritual Covering for those undertaking Ministry of the Gospel and over the years, the AEA has worked with reputable and established Bible Colleges throughout the United States to celebrate their graduates' academic accomplishments and to step forward with them as they move further into their calling.

For many years, the AEA has been connected with the Chesapeake Bible College and Seminary. CBCS is a long-time 501(c)(3) Correspondence Bible College providing a ministry of Christian Education through home correspondence studies, online studies, as well as, classroom studies on the



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Bible. The school, which has its origins in the New Life Bible Institute, began operations in 1977. It is a faith based ministry started by the late Dr. William Comfort with the vision of taking Christian Education off the top shelf and making it available for the everyday person who is pursuing God's plan for their life. The school offers degree programs ranging from Diploma, Associate, Bachelor, Master & Doctors degrees as well as programs in Christian Counseling, Religious Education, Theology, Christian Living and Ministry.

CBCS has been granted accreditation by the Accrediting Commission International, headquartered in the Little Rock, AR area. Accrediting Commission International is an international accrediting commission which holds as its primary objective the encouragement and maintenance of sound scholarship and the highest academic achievement in the areas of private education. CBCS has also received approval as a full service affiliate College of the National Christian Counselors Association of Sarasota, Florida, a non-profit, professional organization that trains, certifies, and licenses Christian counselors.

The College is also associated with the Oxford Educational Network Wolsley Hall School of Theology 1649, as a fully Accredited and Affiliated University. The Oxford Educational Network is a Network of Universities, Colleges and Schools that operate under a Royal Charter from Charles I of England. The Oxford Educational Network has schools in England, Canada, Central America, South America and Italy, as well as in the United States.

Together, in 2016, the College and the American Evangelistic Association are working even more closely together, to establish additional Distance Learning Centers, through the operation of AEA chartered Churches & Ministries, as well as, working together on a next-generation online study platform that will allow AEA ministries throughout the U.S. and globally to access degree-track college Bible education. Look for more in coming months on this new initiative.

The Marriage Bed

by Lori Byerly

My husband, Paul, and I have had a heart for marriages ever since our first faltering steps in mending our own marriage.

As we healed and grew, we tried to encourage and help others on an online bulletin board, but we eventually wanted to do more. We naively created a website, The Marriage Bed, which became a center for discussion about marriage and sexuality from a biblical perspective, with a healthy dose of science tossed in.

It was a steep learning curve, but God has graciously walked every step with us and brought others along too.

The AEA was an early connection, where we received Ministerial support, ordination, and folks with whom to share the journey. Others have stepped in to help moderate our forums, write articles, and be there with their personal brand of expertise and encouragement. The Marriage Bed is becoming more and more a body effort to bring truth and healing to marriages the world over.

Paul and I also write on our blogs. ~ The Generous Wife and The Generous Husband (and



recently The XY Code). We've buddied up with other bloggers and helped to create the Christian Marriage Bloggers Assoc., a gathering place for marriage bloggers. It's a safe place to ask questions and ask for help.

The past 17 years have been a wonderful adventure in serving married folks and the online marriage blogging community.

And now we have a new adventure ahead of us. We were gifted with a fifth wheel RV and are planning to travel a loop around the US starting fall of 2015. We'll be connecting with friends old and new over coffee. We'd like to speak to large and small groups, strengthening marriages and encouraging other marriage ministers along the way.

Thank you AEA for helping to make this happen. Your seeds are bearing fruit.

<http://themarriagebed.com>

<http://the-generous-wife.com>

<http://the-generous-husband.com>

<http://thexycode.com>

<http://thegenerousjourney.com> our travel blog (because we need one more blog)

<http://upliftingmarriage.com> Christian Marriage Bloggers Assoc.

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