



AEA Ministry *Spotlight*

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President's Letter

Exciting things are happening at the American Evangelistic Association!

You may already be familiar with our long-standing association with Chesapeake Bible College & Seminary, of Ridgley, Maryland. AEA has been selected by their Academic Board to be the recommended Licensing and Ordaining body for their students as they complete their degree programs. Chesapeake Bible College has been serving the body with excellence in College Bible education since the school was founded in 1977, by Dr. William Comfort.

The school, which has been graduating alumni for nearly 40 years, granting degrees, literally, to thousands of students globally, via its distance learning centers and correspondence program studies, is now welcoming Community Gospel Truth Church, of Melbourne, Florida, as its latest Distance Learning Center.

The Church, under the leadership of AEA Pastors Bishop Jerry Lawrence and Maria Lawrence, is a fast growing church, teaching Grace, Truth and Love, in Melbourne, Florida. Their participation as the College's newest distance learning center, is a key part of a consortium that is leading Higher Education in Biblical Studies to even more accessible levels in a creative association that maximizes the benefits of digital and online technology to reach maximum audiences.

As such, the Dean of the College, Pastor Ed Connatser, will be at the Church in Melbourne, Florida, to greet the first class of students who are undertaking Biblical Studies and will receive College Credit. A TV crews will be on hand capturing footage from the classes as part of the College's new Online 2.0 Development effort.

We at AEA, are so proud to see the leadership roles that our Member ministries are taking to stay at the forefront of technology and relevance to today's market, while retaining the solid bedrock foundational underpinnings of the 60+ year heritage of our organization.

And, too, at this writing, the Spring Conference team in Washington D.C., is busy organizing speakers and making preparations for our Spring 2016 Annual Conference which will celebrate 62 years of service to the Kingdom. The Conference will be taking place at Refuge of Hope – which, just for the record, has also been a long-time Distance Learning Center for our friends at Chesapeake Bible College. This years conference will be held during the weekend of April 15th-17th, 2016. The lovely Spring is a perfect time to visit the city.

Thank you for your prayers and your financial support in 2016. We cannot function without your help – and everything that you do to help. We remain steadfastly convinced; it is a great Blessing for AEA and is also sowing into good ground that will reap a harvest of Blessings for you too. 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 Go Forward!



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2016 Spring Conference

*Join us in Washington D.C. for
American Evangelistic Association's
Spring Conference*

along with the

26th Anniversary of Refuge of Hope Disciple Center

An AEA Chartered Church, 10 P. Street NE, Washington D.C. 20002

April 15, 16 & 17, 2016

Fri, April 15, 2016

AEA ministers and guests arrive at Refuge of Hope. The cost of \$125.00 covers any guest or ministers who would like to attend the weekend activities with lodging on a first come, first served basis. The closest airports are Reagan National and Baltimore/Washington International. Amtrak Train at Union Station is 8 blocks from the church. Confirmation for Meet and Greet and Conference Reservation must be made by April 1, 2016.

Meet and Greet

7:00 PM, Vicino Restaurant, 959 Sligo Avenue, Silver Springs, MD. Dinner price averages \$20.00 per person.

Sat, April 16, 2016

American Evangelistic Association & Men of Standard/Sister to Sister Conference 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m, includes lunch with a variety of workshops, and Licensing and Ordination Ceremony. Registration is Free, but a freewill offering will be taken during the conference. Conference activities are held on site at Refuge of Hope. Visitors are free to enjoy Sightseeing in the D.C. area afterwards.

Sun, April 17, 2016

Refuge of Hope 26th Anniversary Celebration and Reception will be held on site beginning at 1:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. A special offering will be taken.

Please make your checks payable to: Refuge of Hope and mail it to Refuge of Hope, 10 P. Street NE, Washington D.C. 20002. Confirm your reservation by calling Deacon Therese Farmer (301) 814-6002, email: theresefarmer@aol.com or Deacon Eunice Jones at 301-316-8575.

All contributions are tax deductible and will assist us to support outreach programs in the U.S. and abroad.

The Refuge of Hope Biblical Missions Team will be returning to Israel September 16-25, 2016. If you are interested in traveling with the team this year, Email: Dr Judy Farmer, Team Leader at judyfarmer8@aol.com or call (301) 535-3368.

Missions in Your Backyard and Abroad

An Update from AEA Pastor Stephen Adkins

Pastor Stephen Adkins is a full time missionary pastor with Living Faith Ministries in Salisbury, MD. The ministry focus is to love God, love people and to go and make disciples of Jesus throughout the world.

In Pastor Stephen's home town of Salisbury, Maryland, he disciples many men one on one and trains them to reproduce and disciple other men. He has discipled men from all walks of life. Recovering heroin addicts who are now quick to share the good news of Christ to others, a parolee who is now part of a new church plant team, a police officer taking classes at Liberty University and majoring in evangelism, a praise leader for a local church, and a special education teacher who is greatly impacting his students by showing the love of Christ.

Laundry Love, is a monthly outreach with many of the men he disciples to local laundry mats. They show the love of Christ to those with less, by paying for their laundry and by sharing the good news of Jesus verbally whenever the opportunity is available. They give out Gospels of John to all they meet. This past year, his team outreached to five laundry mats and engaged hundreds of people with the good news. They shared with Guatemalans, Haitians, Mexicans and USA citizens.

This past year he has been working with a local pastor by casting vision regarding becoming a true disciple making church. As the result, he has helped led this church's small group discipleship, as well as, personal one to one discipleship.

The Eastern Shore of Maryland...he discipled an inmate at Sussex Correctional Institution (Seaford, DE) who became a reproducing disciple maker within the prison. This inmate has subsequently been released and is now praying about becoming a Pastor/Evangelist.

The Ends of the Earth Mission Trips

In January, 2015, he helped led a team of 25 to Hope of Life, a ministry of Guatemala in Central America, where they renovated 10 bedrooms and bathrooms for the elderly, fed the poor,



ministered to the orphans, the elderly and special needs children. Three of the team members were baptized.

Off to Asia - Astana, Kazakhstan in March 2015, where he taught English for two weeks and discussed teachings of Jesus and shared the gospel with Muslim students in Astana. Over 50 students attended the classes.

To the Arabian Peninsula of Dubai, United Arab Emirates in April 2015. Where he joined a team of 14 missionaries for two weeks



in Dubai. Dubai is located in the middle of the 10/40 Window where the least reached people for Jesus Christ live. Many people from unreached people groups have moved to Dubai for economic opportunities, but they believe the Lord has drawn them to Dubai, a major melting pot, to hear about Jesus Christ! Dubai has the highest building in the world and the two largest shopping malls. In the World's two largest malls, the group engaged



Muslims by listening to their faith beliefs and then shared the good news of Jesus Christ. They prayer walked around the malls asking God for divine appointments and watched to see what happened. As a team, we had over 70 spiritual conversations with local Muslims.

Once again to Montreal, Canada in June 2015. Montreal is 1/2% Evangelical Christians, which makes it the least reach area for Christ in North America. His group did an outreach with a new local church ministering to the homeless. Hundreds attended the outreach and were informed about the new church start. They also prayer walked with members of a church outreaching to those in their 20's and 30's.

In the local church Pastor Steven Adkins attends, he also participated in several baptisms, preached on several occasions and participated in several outreaches.

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