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Kerry L. Fink  
President

## President's Letter

It is an exciting time in 2017, as we see all the good work of the Lord unfolding!

The American Evangelistic Association, now in our 63rd year of Christian service, finds our members working in every corner of the globe. It is exciting to see the global reach that Dr. John & Dr. Marjorie Douglas envisioned when they set the organization in motion in 1954.

It is your Membership Renewal time of the year and we are so grateful for your continued involvement and support of our Association. We cannot do the work without your help and, in turn, we are here to assist and support you to the very best of our abilities.

There are many exciting things on top in 2017. Our April 21st -23rd, 63rd Anniversary, Spring 2017 American Evangelistic Association Conference in Washington DC and, too, it is a good time to begin planning for our Israel Biblical Studies Team travel to the Holy Land scheduled this year on September 3rd-11th, 2017.

And, we are pleased to see the rapid growth in our Education Partner, Chesapeake Bible College & Seminary, now themselves entering their 5th decade of Christian Service with Distance Learning Centers being established in India, South America, and more.

We are here to serve you and thank you for your 2017 Membership Renewal and keeping American Evangelistic Association strong and vibrant as we labor together – in Jesus' name!

God Bless you!



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# 2017 Spring Conference

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

along with the

**27th Anniversary of Refuge of Hope Disciple Center**

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

**April 21, 22 & 23, 2017**

**Fri, April 21, 2017**

AEA ministers and guests arrive at Refuge of Hope. The cost of \$150.00 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 14, 2017.

**Meet and Greet**

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

**Sat, April 22, 2017**

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 23, 2017**

Refuge of Hope 27th 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](mailto:theresefarmer@aol.com) or Deacon Eunice Jones at 301-316-8575, [Eunice.jones@verizon.net](mailto:Eunice.jones@verizon.net).

*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 2-11, 2017. If you are interested in traveling with the team this year, Email: Dr Judy Farmer, Team Leader at [judyfarmer8@aol.com](mailto:judyfarmer8@aol.com) or call (301) 535-3368.**

# Members Corner

## Tonya Feared for Her Life

By AEA Minister Steven Plog  
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Tonya's life seemed pretty normal up until three years ago: she was a happy mother of five, homeschooling her "little brood" every day in beautiful Southern California. Then little Hudson, number six, came along. Shortly afterwards Tonya got the flu, but this flu didn't go away. Several months later she got severe migrating joint pains throughout her body. Next she developed an extremely rapid heartbeat which required two medications, one to slow her heart down and one to inhibit her thyroid. At this point she feared for her life.



In her own words:

*I was told by my naturopathic doctor that there was nothing they could do; it was either "kill" my thyroid with radioactive iodine or have it surgically removed, both very risky. I was so depressed, but somehow I was able to read. I read every book and*

*online article I could find on hyperthyroidism.*

*I learned that most thyroid disorders are autoimmune related, but I had tested negative for all thyroid autoimmune disorders. This was confusing, but I figured that since no one knew what was causing this, it wouldn't hurt to try treating myself as if I DID have one. I didn't care what anyone thought. I wanted to get well, and no one was giving me answers.*

*I stopped eating wheat the day I learned that "gluten can trigger autoimmune reactions." I haven't eaten any since. Then I started the GAPS diet, plus the Autoimmune Paleo elimination diet. My joint pains completely disappeared within two weeks. Then my thyroid labs started getting better and better with every trip to the endocrinologist. Before I knew it, I was off of all meds.*

*Then I saw a change in my family as they*

*joined me on this diet. For one child in particular, it was dramatic, like night and day. I saw improvements in personality, behavior and health: dairy allergy was healed, growth of three sizes happened in one year, and a distended stomach completely disappeared. Although I've not reached my full healing yet, in many ways I feel better than ever. The answer for me, like many things in life, was simple but not easy. Simple because I just needed to eat real food that I prepared myself, foods that I get at **Steve Plog's Our Little Market**. But it was difficult because I had to change so many habits and had to learn to do without so many conveniences.*

*At the beginning of this journey, I complained to God; why did He interrupt my life in this way? But then I realized how much this dietary change has helped my children. This was the "kick in the pants" that I needed to get my whole family well. Most of them hardly ever get sick anymore. How grateful I am.*

Anyone who's been reading this Post for any length of time probably understands that, at the root of any degenerative health issue, there's probably a nutritional deficiency, or toxicity, or both. For Tonya, her problem was her thyroid; for another it may be something else, but the root cause is usually the same. Please know that we're here to help anyone we can and that includes YOU! Do not hesitate to call or email us if we can be of any service, okay?

And, again, we thank you for your ongoing support and prayers for this ministry. It's one that we feel, by God's grace, is making a difference, and we thank Him!

In Christ,

Steve, Lisa & Maren Plog

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and  
American Evangelistic Association**

**9 Day Biblical Studies Mission Tour to Israel  
September 2-11, 2017**



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**Trip Cost of \$2,950.00 per person, based on double occupancy includes: (single supplement \$410.00). A \$500 deposit will hold your space NOW for this incredible experience!**

- Non-stop Roundtrip air from Newark, NJ to Tel Aviv (other departure cities available for additional cost)
- Escorted transfers by licensed English speaking guide at airport on arrival and departure
- 8 Days of touring in deluxe air-conditioned motor coach with English speaking tour guide
- 8 Nights accommodations
- Breakfast and Dinner daily
- All entrance fees and portorage of one piece of luggage per person upon arrival and departure a each hotel

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