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Kerry L. Fink
President

President's Letter

I surely hope this letter finds your Summer 2017, off to an exciting and blessed start!

Things are full-swing here at the American Evangelistic Association! No sooner do we celebrate a very successful and well-attended 63rd Anniversary Spring 2017 Conference, we are excited for, and preparing to return to the DC/MD area for the 40th Anniversary Commencement Exercises for our Educational Partner Chesapeake Bible College and Seminary. I am personally looking forward to addressing the Class of 2017, as Keynote Speaker, at the ceremonies coming up on June 24th, on the campus of Refuge Christian Fellowship Church in Greensboro, Maryland.

And, as if that weren't enough, we have now set and expanded our 63rd Anniversary Fall 2017 AEA Ministries Conference to 4 days. We'll be celebrating in Melbourne, Florida, on Thursday, October 26th through Sunday, October 29th, and are looking forward to a great series of events connected to our expanded schedule. You'll be getting a full agenda and list of speakers and events in the July AEA Spotlight. I wanted to give you the dates so you can Save the Dates! Make your plans now to join us for this great and exciting "**Launch Out Into The Deep**" Conference.

As we look forward to our Fall meeting, we have just enjoyed a very successful event called "Space Coast Prayer Breakfast", organized by AEA Pastor Carol Wheatley of Power in the Workplace Ministries. The event included an excellent presentation from Dr. Dave Robinson, of Coaching4Ministers, on Transforming Your City. You can read more on that event inside this issue of AEA Spotlight.

We're praying for you and your Ministry – without ceasing!

Hope you have a great month!

God Bless you!



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Transforming Your City

By Tracy Gwinn, AEA Pastor

After several months of prayer and planning, AEA members, ministries, partners and friends of the AEA came together to challenge the church to possess the gates of influence to transform our county for Christ! (*Gen. 22:17*)

This gorgeous May weekend in Melbourne, Florida, kicked off with a full house Thursday



morning, on the National Day of Prayer, at the Space Coast Prayer Breakfast. Hundreds of the Brevard Christian community gathered at this, once again, sold out meeting. Several godly leaders led united prayers to call upon God to bless and protect our land. Sheriff Wayne Ivey held nothing back, encouraging us to take our place in our homes, schools and neighborhoods. This annual event is facilitated by AEA minister, Rev. Carol Wheatley, of Power in the Workplace Ministries. Congressman Bill Posey was the Honorary Chairman and Christian Care Ministry was a main sponsor.

Young and old were entertained in concert



on Friday night by "Suddenly Still" band. This evening was captured on film by AEA member, Pastor Kerry Fink and his TYG Studios crew to obtain live media footage. What an advantage to be a part of a project that will help promote

this new, up and coming Christian band, so that the name of Jesus will continue to spread, and lives will continue to be changed through their words and music.

Many pivotal speakers gathered Saturday to

share their experiences, challenging us all to take a stand, reminding us that we, the people, have a voice in the government, commerce and education systems. Keynote speaker, Dr. Dave Robinson, with a passion for Marketplace Ministry, shared his vision of Christian's all over the country sharing and defending their faith in Jesus Christ everywhere they go in their regular daily lives. AEA speakers included were Rev. Carol Wheatley, Pastor Kerry Fink, Bishop Jerry Lawrence and Pastor Maria Lawrence. Brevard County Commissioner, Jim Barfield, shared his testimony while Tina Descovitch of the Brevard County School Board encouraged us that God is here with us in the Brevard county schools. Other church, business and government leaders included Laura Wallace, J.B. Kump, Travis Gibb, Rachel Carroll, Cindy Schmitt and Trey Boyer.

Throughout the weekend, many of the leaders had an opportunity to pray, plan and fellowship over meals together at The Olive Garden, Crystals Buffet and Berty's, who was so kind to cater to us with delicious Jamaican Cuisine and live entertainment.

Members Corner

A Missions News release April -May 2017

By Larry Buckman, AEA Member

Lorenzo Buckman writes, I'm almost home from an amazing discovery in Africa. Sitting here in Lisbon, Portugal, seems so tame after living with pastors at a little girl's high risk hostile in Guinea Bissau. We joined them for two weeks as we took our first steps in orality story telling. I had lots of questions like, "Would oral and semi-literate pastors be able to grasp Bible storying technics to teach God's Word"? "Could they create their own music combined with drama to tell the stories from creation to the ascension of Christ? I kept thinking, "How do I give them a final grade"?



When we started, it didn't look very pretty. All of them forgot details in the story line. They had trouble figuring out what the theme should

be. Their questions were awkward as they tried to bring their stories to a conclusion. One pastor mixed up his stories as he started with Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. Suddenly he was with Abraham talking to the rich man. I heard "rich man" and then "Abraham" in Creole and wondered what happened. But the other pastors jumped to their feet and stopped him. "You've combined two stories, Alfredo." He looked shocked. I asked him if he wanted time to redo the ending. He sat down. A few minutes later, he was ready. As I lowered my pen to give him a low grade, I asked him if he had created a new song for his story. With that he looked up toward heaven and the most beautiful music came from his lips. One pastor grabbed the drum and began to pound out the rhythm. Soon we all were singing with him. "The Power of Jesus Raised Lazarus" was being born.



God's people gave abundantly to make it possible to minister to these pastors and children. A team of Christian ladies sent dolls for the girls. Another

church gave funding for 8 drums for the pastors and their churches. Solar powered lights came from another missionary, while a retired pastor provided 30 chronological banners for each pastor to take home. This trip was the first step toward developing an oral training curriculum for oral



peoples. When I see the animistic sweet water gourds outside the houses, I'm reminded that this culture believes the spirits of the deceased stay near

their homes. A few huts away I watched a young pastor lead children and youth in an evangelistic service. All the children prayed to receive Christ after the story.

From Africa I went to Spain to teach young pastors and church leaders. They have an amazing ministry to Muslim refugees. Recently the government gave 158 families



to their church total care. They take them food, teach them Spanish while leading them to Christ. Their next project is hydroponic gardens so the refugees can sell their vegetables to local restaurants.

While I was teaching in Europe, a team of missionaries met with national pastors from Senegal, Gambia and Bissau to discuss a strategy for theological training. The oral track was approved assigning a curriculum to our Africa team. This is an encouraging



step since every country has oral learners. In a few days I'll attend a conference in Louisville, KY that will provide us with tools to reach Muslims in Africa as well as refugees in Spain. If you can open up this web site, you'll see how the video presentation of Biblical history unfolds.

Arabic & English: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/zaeqtmhlyz5d1et/English%20Sampler.mp4?dl=0>

Again we thank you for praying for these pastors as they received the Word with joy.

We are a blessed people,

Larry and Fay

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