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Ministry Spotlight features the work of AEA ministers in fulfilling the Lord's mandate to win the lost, feed the hungry, care for the sick...

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Greetings, from the AEA Chairman



For almost 50 years the AEA has been used of the Lord for Kingdom's ends. Our association members have worked throughout North America and dozens of the world's nations. We are thankful to the Lord for this great tradition.

AEA now looks to what the Lord has in store for us to accomplish in the new century. The face of the world is changing radically in these last days. Believers through history have never witnessed a greater effort by the enemy to assault the Christian faith. During this time, it is our earnest prayer that we will understand and carry out the leading of the Holy Spirit so that AEA can maximize whatever role the Lord has for us.

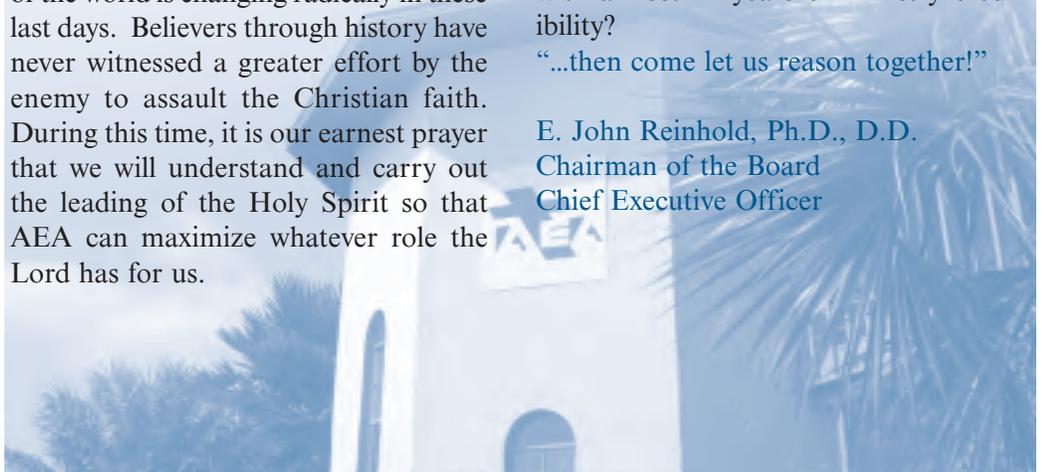
"AEA now looks to what the Lord has in store for us to accomplish in the new century."

If you are a Christian called of the Lord to minister and evangelize, we invite you to consider being part of His working through this association. For licensing and ordination we recognize and allow reciprocity with many evangelical bodies. Those without credentials called to minister need to be qualified and well recommended by the AEA Guidelines. The AEA will assist members in facilitating both the small group fellowship movement (AEA Communities of Care) as well as more traditionally structured societies. Our goal is to make every moment count in the most effective way possible for the sake of the Gospel.

Do you have the Lord's calling to minister? Is the Lord leading you to unite with Brothers and Sisters of like mind so that His work in concert can be more effectively accomplished? Do you want to associate with an organization with almost 50 years of ministry credibility?

"...then come let us reason together!"

E. John Reinhold, Ph.D., D.D.
Chairman of the Board
Chief Executive Officer



Introducing...

Dr. Harold D. Atkins

AEA President

At 8 years of age young Harold Atkins had only ten percent vision in his right eye and was going blind in his left. He was informed that his eyes would become severely crossed and that he would eventually lose his sight. He suffered the humiliation of not being able to keep up in the classroom with his peers as he struggled with his eye condition.

At the age of 12, Harold responded to the gospel and began his Christian walk. He was able to enter seminary because of an arrangement that the school would provide five readers to assist him in his learning struggles from being partially sighted. During classes he became impacted by Hebrews 12:8, "...Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever." The Lord impressed Harold that he did not have to be blind and his faith began to expand. Harold focused on a clear vision of the Lord and His nail scarred hands and claimed His healing touch. Harold's eyes were healed and the Lord gave him a new mission to reach the lost and the sick.



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Three months after marrying Betty, Harold entered full time ministry holding meetings in churches, auditoriums and crusade tents all across the nation. In 1968 the Lord fulfilled the vision of the ministry when he was called to have meetings around the world.

New churches and children's homes resulted that were operated by native directors and pastors trained to serve.

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Dr. Atkins became a part of Dr. Douglas's "inner circle" of wise counselors and worked with the President to meet the many challenges of the association.

Dr. Atkins brings years of "on the firing line" experience to AEA leadership. Having been the Lord's man operating in faith and trust for all provisions, has given him a spiritual perspective that will benefit AEA leaders/members in fulfilling each of their God-given missions.

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AEA founder graduates to

glory

God's Man on God's Mission

Dr. John E. Douglas was a man who cared. Ask hundreds of the pastors ordained over the years by the AEA if Johnny cared. Ask the directors of the division of the AEA if Dr. John cared.

First, he cared about the Lord's work. He wanted to be the Lord's man...to be directed and guided by the Lord he loved so much. Second, he cared about those in the AEA ministering to others. He went the extra mile to back the men and women "called." He, of course, cared for his loved ones.

John Douglas founded and led the AEA as a visionary. While leading AEA he started and directed a successful Bible College in Baltimore. He founded World Missionary Evangelism that grew to an annual budget of \$30,000,000 airing Christian radio programs heard globally with orphanages caring for more than 100,000 youngsters. He served in leadership on the board of another division of AEA, Christian Care MediShare, which currently serves more than 40,000 members in all fifty States and sixty-five foreign nations.



Dr. Douglas has preached to stadiums of seekers during his special meetings in the greater Baltimore area. He was a friend to and a friend of this nation's leading evangelists. Men of national prominence sought the benefits of his wisdom and guidance. With his influence and strategies he had state laws changed and made. Senators, congressmen, governors and mayors maneuvered to curry his favor.

His first love was the pastors he shepherded in the AEA. Hundreds of issues concerning church disputes were settled because he was there for the pastor. Every AEA pastor knew they had a listening ear with their leader. He revived the pastors who were "burned out." He lifted the downtrodden and he forgave and restored the fallen. All his life Dr. John has been the rare combination of a visionary, evangelist, leader, and friend. When he knew he was right, nobody had more focus than John Douglas and all those who were out of accord stepped aside. When people said it couldn't be done, Dr. John encouraged them to move forward. When the many said there was no money, Dr. John knew the Lord was waiting to provide it. When the gloom and doomers talked about giving up, Dr. John ran up the flag to attack. The AEA and all whose lives Dr. John has touched will miss him.

Dr. Marjorie, his loving caregiver, dedicated wife and friend, will continue serving in leadership on the board of AEA. Dr. Marjorie has been active in the administrative details and board decisions over the years.

Refuge of Hope

Disciple Center

Refuge of Hope Disciple Center is a faith-based community outreach center ministering to the needs of the urban community and providing humanitarian relief via its social, educational, spiritual, and recreational programs to youth, adults, and senior citizens of the D.C. metropolitan area and abroad.

Refuge of Hope was founded in 1990 by Doctors Charles and Judy Farmer, Pastors and Center Directors, with a dedication to the plight of the disadvantaged. As native Washingtonians, their vision is to make a difference in their city by making a positive difference in the lives of the people.

Refuge of Hope distributes emergency food, clothing, and educational supplies to anyone in need. It operates community outreach centers for youth and adults providing career education, crisis intervention counseling, community field trips, drug prevention programs, summer youth camps, and the BEDT Instruments of Praise School for the Performing Arts.



Bishop Charles Farmer & Pastor Judy P. Farmer Doctors of counseling and urban outreach programs



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In addition, Refuge of Hope has also provided educational training and humanitarian relief via humanitarian trips to Ghana, Togo, Benin in West Africa and Guyana, South America where the pastors have worked alongside the local people in improving their living environments through emergency relief.

The U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Attorney's Office, the U.S. Marshal Service, and the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department as part of its "Operation Goodwill Program," donated five row houses which were formerly used as drug dealing crack houses by the infamous "P. Street Crew." Following the arrest and conviction of the gang leaders, the building sat vacant and unoccupied, a sore reminder to the community of the drugs, violence and degradation that occurred there.

In a successful joint venture with the D.C. Jewish Community Center's Behrend Builders Program and its

Project Director, Richard Feldman, Refuge of Hope along with hundreds of volunteers is in the process of remodeling these properties to become the new Refuge of Hope Community Outreach Center for the North Capitol community. This joint venture along with many other organizations is a perfect example of how faith-based organizations can enhance programs in the community in which it serves.

The new center will feature:

- Crisis intervention counseling for youth and their families
- Emergency temporary housing for displaced families
- Child development and recreation center for youth
- Prevention through the Arts
- Classrooms for the adult career education program
- Food pantry and clothing bank

The intimacy of small group worship in times of national insecurity

By Virginia Bieber

As a result of the September 11 terrorists attacks on our country everyone appears to be in some state of insecurity, fear, and panic. The majority of people are asking the question: "Why did God allow this to happen?" I believe we should concentrate on keeping our eyes on Jesus. In these times of insecurity we can remain in spiritual peace. We need to remove ourselves from the fear and the panic. This is a time for the Body of Christ to come together, exhorting one another (Heb. 3:12-14). This can be done with small Group worship.

I strongly believe that small group worship helps to become more intimate with God while becoming intimate as Christians. We are the body of Christ. In doing so we learn to edify one another. This the Lord called us to do. Because we believe in Jesus' greatness, we want to include others. He is the center of life and we are His case studies of what He does. During the closeness of worship, the people who care about each other will reach out to give help. They tend to be the people who cope best with the pressures and anxieties of life. People helping and the bearing of one another's burdens may be one of the best ways to control and prevent anxiety and insecurity.

As a Biblical Counselor, I have found that anxiety is a basic part of all psychological problems. It warns worshipers of danger and motivates them to take action. When it creates panic or immobilizes individuals, the anxiety is harmful. When it challenges us to deal more effectively with the challenges of life, it can be helpful.

God knows about our needs and helps us to cope by admitting fears, insecurities, conflicts and anxieties when they arise. During small group – intimate worship – we collectively should strive to give Him first priority in our lives, knowing that our needs will be supplied, and eventually there would be no need to be anxious nor feel insecure.

Small group worship helps others to stay grounded and steady in that bond of trust. To be constantly in tuned to our Lord, but careful not to be distracted or diverted. Because we are small, group worship can easily become woven into a tapestry of love, in touch with everything there is to know of God. We can help each other to develop our minds with confidence, focused on Christ. All have received Jesus Christ, the Master. Now it is time for all to live in Him. All are deeply rooted in Him. We know our way around the faith, what we need is to do what we have been taught. With His peace, we can become in tune with each other, in step with each other. We can cultivate thankfulness – allowing the Word of Christ – the Message – to have the run of our group.

Instructing and directing one another utilizing good common sense. Getting every detail of our lives – words, actions, whatever – be done in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, while thanking God the Father every step of the way. As we quietly work together to grow in maturity, we become well developed, while minimizing deficiencies that may arise.

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Office Building – Wellness, CCM, Chapel



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Clockwise from top center

1. Dr. John Douglas laughs at comment made by Dr. Judy Farmer 2. Dr. Marjorie Douglas 3. Dr. Harold Atkins 4. Dr. Henry Dekker 5. Rev. Bert Weis 6. Dr. Douglas blesses Ray Bieber 7. Sam Townsend, Treasurer 8. Dr. Judy Farmer speaks to banquet 9. Rev. Elisha Duncan 10. Dr. Douglas blesses Bishop Charles and Dr. Judy Farmer 11. Dr. Harold Atkins, Dona and John Reinhold 12. Dr. Judy Farmer with Dr. Marjorie Douglas 13. Center - President Harold Atkins, Dr. John E. Douglas, Chairman John Reinhold 14. AEA Headquarters

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Life Missions International

In 1996 the Lord led Rev. Cleveland and Candace Harry back to their hometown of Braxton, Guyana to start a church. Since that call to return to the place where they had served, the work has grown to two churches in Beehive, one in Better Hope and one in Braxton. Also coming on line is a learning center with a library and computer labs.

Life Missions International and the Guyana churches are an outgrowth of the AEA Washington, D.C. Fellowship complex under the leadership of Bishop Charles and Dr. Judy Farmer.



Clockwise from top center

1. Rev. Cleveland Harry 2. Bruxton - First Church 3. Library Learning Center 4. New Construction at Beehive 5. Second Church at Beehive 6. The Braxton Church 7. Rev. Cleveland and Candace Harry 8. Church Van

Letters



Prayer is the Key

Dear Dr. Reinhold:

Holy greetings in Jesus name. We are appealing to all our AEA members to join us in the link of a prayer chain of global prayer partners dedicated to pray for the conditions of all people. Prayer is the key to open heaven's door. Prayer will open wellness possibilities to good health, and many physical and spiritual conditions.

The world is afraid of what may come upon the land of the living. Jesus said, "men's hearts failing them for fear and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth. But when these things begin to come to pass, then look up and lift up your heads; for your redemption draws near. Luke 21: 26, 28; Jesus also said that men always ought to pray and not lose heart. Luke 18:1.

We trust in God and we know He cares for us. He is a healer, He is a provider, He is a way maker, He is all that we need. We are under His divine protection. Read Psalm 91.

God's chosen people must not be afraid, they must learn to lean and depend upon His word. Psalm 23:4; "Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me." Psalm 118:6; The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"

Isaiah 41:10, 13; Fear thou not for I am with you, be not dismayed; for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand. For I, the Lord your God, will hold your right hand, saying to you, "Fear not, I will help you."

2 Timothy 1:7; For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Christian believers are blessed by God through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Therefore, we have a responsibility to take everything to Him in prayer. Not my will Lord, but Yours be done.

I Samuel 12:22-24; For the Lord will not forsake His people, for His great name's sake, because it has pleased the Lord to make you his people. Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to

pray for you; but I will teach you the good and the right way. Only fear the Lord, and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you.

I Timothy 2:8; Therefore I desire that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. James 5:13-15; Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of the faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

Our God is a prayer answering God.

- Bishop Elisha Duncan, AEA Prayer Chairman

Transition of Leadership

Dear Dr. Reinhold:

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We want to thank you for an unforgettable experience of unity, hope, friendship, love and vision. Even though we experienced an overwhelming sense of grief and indignation because of our nations recent day of infamy, our desire to be with the AEA leadership, Drs. John and Marjorie Douglas – interacting with AEAer's that would grace the fellowship with their love and eagerness to serve God – obviously was much stronger.

It was our pleasure meeting you and your wife, as well as the new president and his talented wife. Your graciousness and hospitality filled our spirits. Observing you and the Douglas family interact amongst the family of AEA members and staff gladdened our hearts.

By precept and example we were given to understand why the Board asked you to accept the gavel from our waning founder and were honored to experience the emotion filled transition of leadership.

While the towers in New York City were falling, the police screamed to the running throng – "don't look back!" – a biblical warning against the power of the negative image. Your action plan for the AEA body professes a new forward thinking, positive image which we are proud and honored to work with.

We join you in believing in Him, as we apply our talents and support, advancing the goals of AEA.

- Rev. Virginia Bieber, BCC, MBC

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"Heaven came down, and Glory filled our souls"

...at the 47th AEA Convention, October 3-5, 2001 at the new AEA headquarters in Melbourne, Florida. We appreciate all those who attended this very important meeting. It was good to see old friends and meet many new ones.

Dr. John Reinhold (CEO), his wife Dona, his staff and the new officers of AEA were so gracious, making this convention and our stay in Melbourne an unforgettable one. They treated us royally as we gathered in their home the first night of the convention for a time of prayer and fellowship. There was a Christian fellowship that drew us all together in a Holy bond as we prayerfully sought God's plans for the future of AEA.

I was impressed to meet the highly qualified, talented, professional people God has placed on the board and staff to work together as a team to make AEA an organization you will be proud to be a part of. The enthusiasm and excitement in the meetings were contagious as we discussed plans and visions for the future of AEA.

God has given Dr. Reinhold the vision for expanding CCM/AEA outreach on the beautiful property behind the Melbourne office. As God said to Joshua...place your feet on the new promised land...we all met and placed our feet on this property claiming God's promise as we prayed together to make the vision a reality. Exciting things are in the future under the supervision of Dr. Reinhold, a Godly, capable man who follows God's instructions.

On Friday night at the banquet, we were overwhelmed as the Holy Spirit swept into the room touching everyone with a mighty anointing as our beloved Drs. John and Marjorie Douglas passed on the torch entrusting those of us laboring together to make AEA the greatest organization in the world. It was an historical moment that will live forever in our hearts and memory as he laid hands upon each of us asking God's blessings and anointing for the task set before us. None of us shall ever forget that memorable service. The Douglas' have laid a solid foundation and built an organization that came directly by vision from God that we must work faithfully to uphold...it will stand until Jesus comes!

Hebrews 12:1 – 'WHEREFORE SEEING WE ALSO ARE COMPASSED ABOUT WITH SO GREAT A CLOUD OF WITNESSES...LET US RUN WITH PATIENCE THE RACE SET BEFORE US.'

We raise the torch high...challenging each of you to Victory in Jesus! The future burns brightly for AEA.

– Harold D. Atkins, President