

# AEA Ministry Spotlight

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## Ben Kinchlow Headlines AEA Conference

**D**r. Ben Kinchlow will be speaking to the AEA Leadership at the Annual AEA Conference in Melbourne, Florida on October 23rd and 24th, 2003. He is known by millions through his daily co-hosting on the 700 Club. Today Ben travels in the US and abroad as a motivational and inspirational speaker. He is also the Vice President and Board Member of Kids Against Hunger, a dynamic ministry offering a genuine alternative in feeding programs. "It's kids feeding kids," says Ben. He is also Chairman of the Board of Rushmore Coffee Company, a gourmet coffee company with a conservative approach, incorporating a program designed to generate support for churches and other non-profit organizations. He founded "His Place," a ministry for teens in 1971 and directed a drug and alcohol rehabilitation program at Christian Farms in Killeen, Texas. In 1971, Ben was ordained in the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Ben was raised in a strict, loving, church-attending family. When Ben's father was saved, he became a preacher and pastored several churches. Though Ben's home life was stable and happy, growing up black in the South was difficult for him. Because there was no high school for blacks in Uvalde, Texas, Ben and seven other black students had to attend a Catholic high school in San Antonio over 80 miles away. It



Dr. Ben Kinchlow

was here that he learned about life in the streets and every bad thing that went with it. He felt isolated and alone.

Ben joined the Air Force and served for over 13 years. His time in the service let him see the world and a part of life he never knew. He saw what life could be like out of the South for a black man. He met and married Vivian but their marriage soon turned rocky. Ben was bitter and angry towards the discrimination he felt and degenerated morally from his childhood teachings. He turned towards the teachings of Malcolm X and his strong beliefs led to his separation from the military when he refused to accept an assignment to Korea to fight the "white man's war."

As his life crumbled around him - he

was near divorce from Vivian after twice trying to murder two men. Love came into his life from an unexpected source. A Christian white man named John who radiated the love of Jesus which touched the angry, hard, cynical Ben.

Ben was dismayed to discover that Jesus was the key to John's life. He thought Christianity was for "suckers." One day as he rounded the race track at high speed (his job was to test tires for a tire company), the words "My heavenly Father watches over me" sprang to his lips. It happened again and Ben knew that God was speaking to him. He gave his life to Christ and wept. This was the beginning of great changes for Ben. God restored his marriage and, after spiritual preparation and teaching (he was also filled with the Holy Spirit), Ben was sent to preach the Gospel and touch many lives.

Ben and Vivian have three sons and six grandchildren.

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## Internationally Acclaimed Entrepreneur to Speak at October Conference

**Harry C. Green** is an internationally recognized entrepreneur and founder of the International Entrepreneur Network (INTENET), ChristiansInBusiness Capital Resource Network and Investor Life Services. The combined sales of his companies have exceeded \$3 billion. Green will speak to the AEA Annual Leadership Conference about the 10 essentials for Christian Leadership.



Harry C. Green

Harry Green has served as CEO and Director or advisor to several public corporations including insurance companies, mutual funds, a strategic planning management consulting firm, and a Hollywood motion picture company.

Harry was honored by Inc. Magazine as the founder and CEO of Investor Life Services, the second-fastest growing privately held company in America. Additionally, Entrepreneur Magazine recognized Harry Green for his outstanding entrepreneurial accomplishments.

In 2001 Harry was appointed to the Congressional Business Advisory Council and in October of 2002 he received the Gold Medal Award at the Congressional Entrepreneur conference in Washington D.C. Harry is an advocate of the White House Faith Based Initiative and a Philanthropic Development Officer for the National Heritage Foundation.

Harry Green is an ordained AEA Minister and speaks to Christian groups all over the nation about the Christian role in Business leadership.

## Funding for Your Church, School, or Missions Project

AEA joyfully announces a collaborative effort to enable worthy projects to receive funding. There are two modes that can be used for those who wish to invest in the Lord's work. Mode one is a short term bond vehicle that pays 9% to the investor. Although no projects have failed to pay the investor the promised return over that last 15 years, the bonds cannot be guaranteed. The second mode pays a bit less return but will guarantee that the principle invested can never be lost.

The minimum funding amount must be \$500,000 up to \$45,000,000. Details about the two funding vehicles are available for the asking as well as an application for funding by calling the AEA headquarters offices at: 1 888 JAMES 5:14 Ext. 201.

## AEA to Offer Gift Annuities with Guarantees

AEA will soon be offering gift annuities that guarantee the annuitant will not lose their principal through a contract backed by Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. This will allow AEA Churches and other Christian churches and ministries, that may be too small to offer gift annuities to congregants, to now be able to offer them to congregants through AEA. This may make available tens of millions of dollars for building the work of the Kingdom. Many senior Christians with money in CD's have never considered a gift annuity program because their local church or ministry did not offer one and fear that they may lose their investment. This program, for the first time nationally, will allow their church, through AEA, to offer the annuity program with guarantees. For more information contact Dr. Reinhold at: 1 (888) JAMES 5:14.

## More on Dr. Ben Kinchlow

Kinchlow served 13 years in the Air Force earned a degree in Business Administration was recipient of the American Legion Award of Merit was named to Who's Who in Small Colleges and, as a member of Phi Theta Kappa, was honored as its Most Distinguished Alumnus.

Kinchlow founded His Place, a ministry to teens. Later, he directed a drug and alcohol rehabilitation program at Christian Farms in Killeen, Texas. He was ordained in the African Methodist Episcopal Church in 1971.

Kinchlow came to CBN in 1975 to serve as the organization's Director of Counseling. He soon became the co-host of The 700 Club. In addition, he assumed the position of Vice President for Domestic Ministries in 1982. His promotion in 1985 to Executive Vice President generated extensive involvement in all aspects of the ministry, and provided comprehensive experience in the many facets of business. After twenty years, Kinchlow left CBN to begin independent ministry.

As President and Founder of The Word Church, International, he travels domestically and internationally as a motivational and inspirational speaker.

Kinchlow is Vice President and Board Member of Kids Against Hunger, a dynamic ministry offering a genuine alternative in feeding programs.

Kinchlow is Founder and CEO of AAPAC (African American Political Awareness Coalition), an organization designed to encourage vote based on principle not party.

Kinchlow is the author of two books Plain Bread and You Don't Have To If You Don't Want To. He is married to the former Vivian Carolyn Jordan. They have three sons and six grandchildren.

## SPECIAL REPORT: Results From the Challenge By the Commonwealth of Kentucky

**Over one year ago** the Department of Insurance for the Commonwealth of Kentucky sued the AEA and Christian Care Ministry for conducting the business of insurance without authorization (being licensed). Over the years, 43 states have made inquiries about Christian Care Ministry's Medi-Share medical sharing program. With the exception of Kentucky, they all sent letters of inquiry asking for details of the program and why we are not licensed or regulated by state authorities. AEA's Christian Care Ministry has always answered each inquiry with much detail the result which, with two exceptions, the ministry has never heard from those states again. A state regulatory body will never give a letter or other authority stating that you have a right to function in their state. They therefore leave the inquiry file open in the event they ever receive an attack blaming them for not being on top of things.

The Christian Care Medi-Share Program is an extension of the principles practiced by AEA for almost 50 years. When a member has a need the body does its utmost to fulfill it. Now almost 60,000 members share one another's medical bills on a zero profit basis. By taking member's eligible medical bills each month and allowing mem-

bers to send their share to pay the bills, over \$100,000,000 in medical bills have been paid in the past 10 years. There are no guarantees and absolutely no transfer of risk, which is the very definition of insurance. So Medi-Share is the un-insurance and an encouraging model of Christian volunteerism.

The Commissioner of Insurance for Kentucky sees things differently, but fortunately an impartial judge, the Honorable William Graham, did not agree with the Commissioner and ruled on all issues in favor of AEA and Christian Care Ministry. The Commissioner, however, refuses to give up and continues to file legal actions to inhibit the right of Christians to take care of one another.

Christians and Christian organizations across the nation have been supportive sending gifts to assist in fighting this expensive legal battle. Dr. Reinhold, AEA Chairman, disclosed that the staff was trusting the Lord for \$80,000 to pay legal bills and expenses. In less than 3 months \$63,000 came in. Later, a member called and said, Silver and Gold have I none, but I do sit on a foundation that just made a grant to AEA for \$20,000. The Lord left the legal fund a \$3000 tip.

## Daniel Messner to Speak at AEA Conference

**Daniel Messner** was born in New Ulm, MN and grew up in a northern suburb of Minneapolis close to the Mississippi River where he enjoyed water skiing. He graduated from Bemidji University in northern Minnesota with a Bachelor of Science degree in Social work. His Master of Divinity degree is from Bethel Seminary in St. Paul, MN.

In his 22 years of ministry, he has served three churches in which all had experienced splits or pastoral instability, prior to his arrival. Pastor Messner reestablished the churches in their communities, remodeled or built additions to the facilities, and led the church in spiritual and numerical growth. His first pastorate began with the Christian and Missionary Alliance denomination in September 1982 in Pullman, WA where he developed a strong ministry to college students and international students at Washington State University. During his second pastorate in Lakewood, Co, he started his doctorate program in Marriage and Family Therapy at Denver Seminary to better equip and assist those in the congregation. Since August 1994, he has served as senior pastor at Shawnee Alliance Church in Lima OH, which has grown in his years of service from 150 to 400 in average attendance.

He has learned and experienced what leadership is, and what helps a church recover from a major problem to become vital once again. He enjoys adventure and challenges which includes scuba diving and cycling. He has been married to Lois for twenty-five years and has two sons in college.



Daniel Messner



## God Has Not Given Us A Spirit of Fear

II Timothy 1:7. *By Rev. Virginia Bieber, BCC, MBC*

When the Apostle Paul wrote his letter to his spiritual son Timothy, he knew that he would soon lose his life for the cause of Christ. He warned

Timothy that perilous times were coming. More than anything else, Paul wanted Timothy to know that the spirit of fear did not come from God. We, too, are living in perilous times and fear and uncertainty confronts us everyday, on every side. Instead of reacting in fear, we need to look to our Lord, press in to Him and look up, for our redemption is drawing closer then ever.

Recently our country has been at war. God has given us great victories. Some lives have been lost for our freedom as well as freedom for the people of Iraq. Some of us experience a far different kind of war. There is a spiritual battle going on in the heavenlies in these nations also, but it is manifested in the natural in very different ways. It can be seen as a battle between truth and deception, or as a battle between hope and despair.

The Lord Jesus Christ is the God of all Hope, who is able to turn around the most hopeless situation. That is why we need not have a spirit of fear, even in these most perilous times. Jesus Christ is the one real Hope that this world has ever experienced. He can provide healing for the sick and hurting, peace in the midst of war, and shelter in the gathering storm. You can become a collaborator with Him and with us through your prayers and your faithful giving to the Ministry of The Household of Faith, a Biblical Counseling Ministry. Through your gifts you can help those who feel hopeless, who suffer from sexual, physical, and

mental abuse. You can encourage, and support your brothers and sisters in Christ through your prayers and support, so that they may get the Biblical Counseling they need.

Again, these are perilous times for us all. We can focus on ourselves and give way to fear, or we can focus on the lost and hurting. We can become a lighthouse of hope in the midst of the darkness, pointing the way to Jesus Christ, who alone can bring lasting peace to a very troubled world.

The Household of Faith has provided counseling services since 1990. It is grounded in a theologically evangelical Christian view of human nature and healing. Jesus Christ is the best model we have of an effective wonderful Counselor. Teaching all that Christ taught includes instruction in doctrine as well as helping people to get along better with God, with others and with themselves. These are issues that concern almost everyone. Jesus was concerned with these problems. He and I share the same ultimate goals and have the strong desire to see recovery. Hope is available for everyone who desires to change, grow and be healed.

What can you do? \$50 a month for six months will counsel one person. There can be no greater investment then in the souls of men and women. Join the Household of Faith in making an eternal difference in people's lives in these stressful hours. Perhaps you can sponsor a child, a teenager, or a family for \$50.00 a month or more. Pray and ask God what He would have you to do. Together we can be triumphant in the midst of our circumstances, for we serve the God of all Hope. Donations may be sent to Household of Faith Ministry, 26 Wiggins Ave, Patchogue NY 11772 or call (631) 758-6107.

## Chair-Man of Prisoner Rehabilitation

**Ted Wareing**, Director of AEA's Life Changing Ministry, announced that former prisoners in Ecuador are making beautiful luxurious solid wood and leather den chair rockers. These chairs are manufactured by the Ecuadorian



Evangelical Prison Association in Quito, Ecuador. Four things are accomplished through this ministry: 1) Men are learning new skills to earn an honest living once they leave prison. 2) Men are earning an

income to feed their families. 3) Supportive Christians are enjoying relaxing in a lovely luxurious leather lounge chair rocker for a very good price and a gift receipt. 4) A \$100 tax-deductible contribution will be given for each chair purchased.

The funds raised by the sale of these chairs will go towards the building of a dormitory/chapel at the rehabilitation center that will house 40 former prisoners while they gain new marketable skills. If you would prefer

to send contributions to be used directly in the new dormitory/chapel building, that would also be appreciated. Just put on the memo part of the check that it is for the rehabilitation dormitory.

These beautiful rockers can be placed in a living room or den for \$450, and that includes crating, shipping charges and US Customs duty. Contact Ted Wareing for details at (321) 723-1968 or e-mail him directly at LCMINISTRY@AOL.COM Life Changing Ministry's address is P.O. Box 120542, West Melbourne, FL 32912.



Chair detail

## No Reason To Go It Alone *By Tom Snyder*



**At Northland**, we have great teaching and worship, but let's face it, on the weekends some of us just fellowship with the back of someone's neck and maybe shake somebody's hand. While we are a large, growing church, we are not sacrificing the

good of smallness. Participation in the small group ministry will bring you close to others and benefit you and them in ways not yet dreamed possible!

Small groups of believers are capable of meeting people's needs for care and support. Struggles, and victories are more easily shared with a few. The closeness people feel with one another in small groups is because relationship building is intentionally a part of the meeting.

The smaller the group, the more each person has the opportunity to know each other's needs. This can be observed in

different size groups when prayer requests are taken. In a large group general prayer requests such as Aunt Sally's operation, a missionary in Ecuador, or a child's sore throat; are often mentioned. However, in small groups, more intimate concerns can be shared, like restoration of a relationship, help with overeating, depression, confession of a sin, or asking for help.

All types of needs can be met through small group involvement. Michael Mack says, "When both our car and we were 'broke' a few years ago, members of our small group gave us the money to get the car fixed. Every member of our group has moved in the past year. The group not only pitched in - they even brought meals the first few days. I know of groups in which a member has gone through a tragedy. The people in their groups banded together to help."

If you yearn for meaningful fellowship or live far from family, there is a place to belong - a place to be known and to know others more intimately. Join a small group or start one if there is none in your area.

# AEA's Orphanage Ministry

**Good Soldier Ministry** in Orissa, India is caring for little tikes who have no parents in the Christian Care Home for Orphan, Poor and Needy Children, while maintaining a church and a dynamic Christian evangelistic effort. Under the leadership of Pastor Samuel and Sarah Das this vital work has filled needs caused by regional natural disasters. The great drought that caused the starvation of tens of thousands along with a cyclone that killed over 10,000, left over 20,000 orphaned little ones.

The work has struggled with extremely limited funding to fulfill this overwhelming task of caring for the needs of those young lives that would otherwise starve and die. With so few Christians in this, the most underdeveloped backward part of India, we have a real opportunity to demonstrate the love and compassion of Lord Jesus.

**Right now** we need sponsorship for 25 youngsters as well as 35 more who need to be salvaged. For only \$30 a month any youngster can be clothed, fed, taught and cared for by a committed staff of qualified Christians. We are asking our AEA members and friends to pledge as the Lord leads to fulfill these needs. The annual budget for the entire ministry runs at \$225,000 a year. Pastor Das and his dedicated staff have prayed in every cent as the Lord has remained faithful to his children.

Pastor Das tells us, When I visited the disaster zones of Orissa, my heart filled with compassion for those little innocent children. God laid a burden on my heart and although we had very little, we did have some things to share and keep them from starvation. When the orphaned youngsters are admitted to state run institutions they were compelled to learn the Hindu Religion. My heart wrenched as I saw them come to worship Hindu gods. The Lord gave me direct calling to create a place of refuge where these tender young hearts could be taught the love of Jesus. The Lord gave us a vision to multiply this work and has provided us with a trained and caring staff.



Pastor Samuel Das with his children Simon, Sosan, Shalem



Lesra Sagar, orphan child of GSM Orphanage



Basudev Tandi, orphan child of GSM Orphanage



Pinki Nial, orphan child of GSM Orphanage



Dambarudhar Sagar, orphan child of GSM Orphanage



Monalisa Lakara, orphan child of GSM Orphanage

**The lives** of the 25 little ones would have been lost had it not been for Pastor Das being led by the Lord. They need adopted moms and dads to sustain them.

## *How can I help?*

A gift to AEA designated for the Christian Care Orphanage will result in 100% being passed on for care of the youngsters. AEA will not subtract any administrative fees whatsoever.

## Spiritual Mother *by Nina Snyder*

I was raised Roman Catholic, but knew very little about the Bible. I had an encounter with the Holy Spirit 33 years ago, along with a handful of Catholic friends. I began to read the Word hungrily, though not understanding much of what I was reading. An older woman named Ginny Schlensker took us girls under her wing and began to shepherd us in the ways of the Lord.

We met every Tuesday morning for prayer and testimonies. I came to Ginny's meetings with a lot of questions, many problems and a deep personal void. She helped to fill it by nurturing and befriending me warmly and graciously. She directed us in her no-nonsense style to be dependent upon Christ, not on her. Her frequent question to us was, "What is the Lord saying to you about that?"

Over the 33 years that Ginny's group has been in existence, the group has fluctuated in size and in focus. It has changed from mainly ministry to Catholic women, to Jewish converts and to women recovering from substance abuse. But Ginny's ministry has remained the same.

At age 80, she still welcomes with open arms those who God sends her to teach and to nurture them into maturity. She's still a direct and no-nonsense kind of a shepherd. Although I haven't been part of her Tuesday group for many years, monthly I enjoy lunch with my "spiritual mother."

## Don't Miss This Years AEA Annual Leadership Conference Melbourne, Florida October 23,24,25

### *Speakers:*

- ¥ Dr. Ben Kinchlow,
- ¥ Harry Green,
- ¥ Dan Messner
- ¥ Dr. Henry Dekker's Leadership Evaluation Seminar

**Reserve now** by calling 1 888 JAMES 5:14 and speaking with Tanny Latham.

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