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Chaplain Services

Spiritual, emotional and relationship challenges often seem overwhelming and sometimes separate us from the joy of the Father, but as with all of life's trials and burdens, God often provides clear direction and guidance for overcoming life's circumstances through the advice of wise counsel.

Our Ministry Chaplains are prepared to help and assist you in these challenges through prayer, Scripture, and biblical precepts. Members can access Chaplain Services through a toll-free number, 7 days a week by calling 1-800-814-8671.



Real Life Ministries Developing Healthy Communities of Spiritual and Character Growth



Debby, an Indiana Hoosier and Joe, a Virginia boy, met in S. California and were married in 1986. For almost two decades they have had the privilege of working with college and high school students, international students and missionaries, and business professionals with Campus Crusade for Christ.

Decades of moral decay and breakdown of the family have slid us into the greatest crisis in our nation's history. Recently the fall out of the stock market and the deceptive accounting practices of major companies like Enron and WorldCom have caused us to recognize that our nation is in a character crisis.

Yet, seeing the problem can be the first step toward recovery. For the last three years Joe and Debby have worked with national talk show host, psychologist and author of the Boundaries series, Dr. Henry Cloud. Through this experience they developed a passion for repairing broken people and families.

Real Life Ministries (continued)



Joe & Debby Wisham with daughters

So much so, God called them this spring to leave Campus Crusade and launch a new ministry called Real Life Ministries.

Their mission: “To encourage and equip the body of Christ to develop healthy communities of spiritual and character growth that reach out with the

love of Christ to a lost world (Matt. 28:18-20, Eph. 4:11-18).”

Joe and Debby believe the best context for life change and transformation is in community with others where life can be experienced as well as taught. The context the Lord has given them for making disciples is by developing church planting movements and character-based leadership and discipleship groups. It is in these small fellowship communities that the safety and intimacy needed for developing biblical character and maturity can be established.

This is one reason Joe and Debby are partnering with the AEA. The Communities of Care concept is similar to the vision that Joe and Debby have for Real Life Communities and so working together we hope to accomplish this mission.

The four components of a Real Life Community are Connection, Confidentiality, Caring and Character development.

Recently Joe and Debby had 12 families in their home at a holiday open house. One couple admitted they hardly new their neighbors and this was the most they had met in years. A grandmother, Karen, said it was great they were reaching out to her daughter, Annabelle who recently moved in our neighborhood and remarked that she felt they were "really trying to build community" in the neighborhood. She paid them the highest compliment they could receive because that is exactly what they are trying to do, being ‘God with skin on’ to others. So there they were with several unchurched people ‘doing church’ (fellowship) without them knowing it! Now, they are praying Debby can form a group with some of the ladies to go deeper.

“If you are like us, you long for a place where you can be accepted and loved for who you really are . . . a place where you can take off the mask and really share the struggles of life, as well as the joys! If this is your heart’s desire too, please give us a call, we’ll be glad to help you get started.”

If you would like to support this ministry outreach to the unchurched, contact:

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AEA Blows a Trumpet in New England

Rachelle Hamlin, AEA minister
Millpond Fellowship, Stafford, CT

A move of God is taking place in New England, and AEA is playing an effective role in it. We are providing books, notably Drs. Tony and Felicity Dale's book, *Simply Church*, and my books, *Old Order Churches* and *The New Order Church* and *Ministering In-depth Healing*. We are providing information on Medi-Share and on how to become licensed or charter a church with AEA, in a spectacular setting we call a Jubilee.

How this started is a story in itself! A couple of years ago, Dr. John Reinhold asked me at the end of our 2001 convention to explain to him why I was leaving Florida just as AEA was newly reorganizing in Melbourne, FL. The answer was that God had clearly spoken to George and me to move to Connecticut. Dr. Reinhold said something prophetic: "I want you to raise up 500 house churches." Stunned at the thought, I turned within, seeking something to reply. I realized at once that my spirit was jumping for joy! So, I shot right back: "Consider it done."

In November 2003, the Holy Spirit led me to Rev. Armand Casale, a minister in Massachusetts. We discovered that we had both been raised up by God to achieve the exact same vision and mission. We both understood that we were to achieve this work together. It was a "God event" that matched the one with Dr. Reinhold two years earlier. Within hours, Armand and I had planned a cooperative work between our house church in Connecticut and his house church in Newton, Massachusetts. He had a website for his work called *Revival New England* and I had one with another name. Within a month I had created a new one, linked to his, called *Revival New England Outreach*. These sites will manage all our future growth.

We took a breather during the holiday weeks, and on Wednesday, January 7th, we held our first Jubilee event. A RNEO Jubilee is comprised of 49 days set apart for a group to fast and pray and seek the Lord together rather than as individuals. It is followed by The Day of Jubilee, the 50th day - a special day of celebration.

There is order and sequence in the way the group goes about this time, which is meant to accomplish two important aims. First, it unifies the group, teaching them skills in the corporate worship of God that they may have never learned to employ before. Once learned these become the hallmark of a revived and thriving personal spiritual life. Secondly, Jubilee team leaders lead the group through eight separate events held weekly, constructed for spiritual growth exposing foundation principles and beliefs necessary for a church entity to thrive. Each day the group engages in the same meditation and prayer, and searches out the same scriptures so we are together even while apart.

At the end of day one of Jubilee one, God had a little surprise for us. As the closing prayer ended, a twittering like excited little birds erupted from the group, and a Jewish believer stood up and blew a Shofar! This is the ram's horn used in ancient Israel to rally the troops or make important announcements of spiritual import. Through it the voice of the slain ram is regenerated through His servants. This was indeed a blessing, unplanned for, and so appropriate to the start of this move of God in New England. If you live in New England and know of people who have home fellowships or house churches, spread the word. We are willing to go anywhere in New England and hold a Jubilee that will establish a strong foundation for these groups.

On the web:

www.RevivalNewEngland.com

www.RevivalNewEnglandOutreach.com

Contact Rev. Rachelle Hamlin at this toll free number: 866-886-5375.



“ I just wanted to know more about Jesus”

Refuge Ministries

Jeff and Liz Harshbarger

Growing up in Marion, Indiana, Jeff Harshbarger longed to be just a normal kid who played baseball and went to Cub Scouts. Instead, he was a lonely boy from a dysfunctional family. His dad, a Marine veteran returned from the Vietnam War “pretty messed up.”

Jeff did what he could to escape a turbulent home life, and in third grade he attended a vacation Bible school where he heard about Jesus and accepted Him into his life. On Sunday mornings he would hop on his bike and head off to church by himself. “ I just wanted to know more about Jesus,” he says.

However, there was a spiritual battle being waged for his soul. He discovered he had paranormal abilities – he could read minds, he had premonitions that came true, and he even had a few out-of-body experiences. He told his mom about it all, but she did not believe him. By 1976 Jeff was in high school and no longer attended church. His mother did, however. She had given her life to Christ, had been baptized in the Holy Spirit, and was holding morning prayer meetings in her kitchen. “It drove me bananas to wake up and hear them praying in tongues,” Harshbarger says. Furious, he decided to sever all ties with God, throw away his Bible, and delve deeper into the paranormal.

Two months later, Harshbarger was befriended by his manager at his after-school job. He had everything Jeff wanted – prestige, power and control of his life.

As it turned out, Satanism was the source of his new friend’s success. Convinced it was what he had been searching for, the 17-year old gave his life to Satan, and his manager became his teacher. He learned how to communicate with demons. Within 4 years, Harshbarger was so miserable he was ready to take his life. After two unsuccessful attempts at suicide, he collapsed on his bed and “bawled like a baby.” When he heard a voice say, “Get out!” he thought it was a demon coming to rip him apart for not being a good Satanist. He heard the command again, and this time he went into his backyard where he encountered the presence of God. “I got down on my face,” he says. “All I knew to pray was: “Jesus, I can’t take it anymore. Make my life OK.” That night, Harshbarger came back to Christ. “Boy, do I know the grace of God,” he says today.

Harshbarger, and his wife, Liz, have been working in youth ministry for the past 16 years. They recently took their ministry a step further by moving to Georgia where they’ve turned a fish camp into the home of their Refuge Ministries where they now work full time. Making use of the slow, country pace of life, they minister to people who are in the same kind of spiritual bondage Harshbarger endured.

Jeff is a recent member of AEA and offers his services to all members of AEA in any way he is able to serve.

For more information, write to:
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Or visit www.refugeministries.cc



My Story

By Chuck Tooman

I was born in the late '30s, and my sister Judy and I spent our growing up years on a small farm in northern Indiana. There was no electricity or running water. The roof leaked and the cold came in, but the one thing that was never missing was love.

Our father (Earl) worked the second shift in a munitions factory, so every night a bedtime our mother (Belva) read us a Bible story, helped us with prayers, and tucked us safely into bed. The house was small and the flickering of the flame from the one kerosene lamp on the kitchen table, casting its golden glow into the bedroom where we slept, is among my warmest memories. Dad and Mom are both now safely home in heaven.

We went to town twice a week: Saturday nights for groceries and shopping, Sundays for church and Sunday school. Wednesday Evening Prayer was a given because someone always came from town to give us a ride.

At age 12, I walked down the aisle to give my heart to Jesus, and was baptized that same evening. At age 15, at church camp, I felt God put a call on my life to become a missionary/pastor. Throughout high school and the Army I was committed to that calling. My strong and confident faith brought me through lots of challenges: school, athletics, the Army, several leadership positions, and well into college. My senior year of college, however, life began to unravel, even though I was not aware of it at the time. Rather than pursuing the mission field, or ministry, I told myself, "I can minister in many ways," and changed my major to education. Not long after, I began to get a haunting feeling that one day there would be a time of reckoning.

The years from 22 to 40 were years of moves, jobs, and searching. Teaching, counseling, publishing, community service and ulcers were among my common activities. Even though things usually seemed right on the outside, inside was a different story. Life would work out, almost. There would be peace, but not quite. Always a restless searching. I drifted away from church at times, but was always aware of a tugging that would not let go.

One night at age 39, in the midst of a crisis, I surrendered.

"O.K. Lord. You know where I am, you know what I can do, I am listening."

I knew in that moment that I was headed for the ministry. I did not know how, when or where. That was God's business and I trusted him to provide. I do know that I slept that night in a way that I had not slept in a long time. The year was 1977. Within a year, I was in the ministry full time. For the next 26 years, God taught me about prayer, healing, fasting, praise, worship, a pioneering spirit, planting churches, the Holy Spirit, and the power of His Word.

At age 54 I began to develop two diseases that at age 60 would cause me to become almost dysfunctional. One night at a worship celebration in Connecticut, a Nigerian evangelist prayed over me and through ministry of the Holy Spirit, I was instantly healed. Since that time I have prayed over others and seen the Holy Spirit heal many of them instantly, or a healing experience begun. Twice within this past year, within a 90-day period, I was told, "You have cancer." Today, two surgeries and many powerful prayers later, doctors tell me I am cancer free.

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My Story by Chuck Tooman continued

When Jesus healed people, they immediately rejoiced and began to tell others what Jesus had done in their lives. The Holy Spirit has laid it upon my heart to do the same. What difference does Jesus make in my life? Jesus has made all the difference in my life. He provides all my needs. He comforts me in times of sorrow. He awakens in me a desire to live a pure and holy life. He helps me resolve my problems. He heals me when I get sick.

He keeps me from the snares of the devil. He helps me forgive those who hurt me. He gives me wisdom and direction in the decisions of life. He reveals truth to me when I read the Bible. He enables me to teach, to share the Good News of God's love with others. He gives me strength to reach out and help those in need. I am thankful that I heard the simple message of God's love and forgiveness at an early age and gave my heart to Jesus.

In January, 2002, my wife Barb and I made this covenant with God: "Lord Jesus, our lives are totally and completely yours for the fulfilling of the Great Commission in our time. Whenever, wherever, however, regardless of the cost. We are yours. Chuck and Barb Tooman." We wrote it, we each signed it, and lifted it up to Him in prayer. Again, I say there is no life like the surrendered life, and once you have tested it, you cannot live any other way.

Chairman's Corner



With Dr. E. John Reinhold

Last week I flew in from the Arabian Gulf after two weeks out of the office. My son is serving his country as a Lt. Commander in the Navy in Bahrain. I can never express my gratitude to our men and women serving our nation around the globe.

I learned several things on my trip. The communities of believers are around everywhere and we are bound together because we are the church, the body of Christ in this planet. I was asked to take part in the service on Easter with a chapel jammed with our wonderful American young people. There were Caucasian, Asian, Hispanic and African Americans from a wide variety of denominational and theological stances. We were bound together in that remote desert Kingdom surrounded by a religion hostile to all but

their own. Our likeness brought us together to worship and celebrate the risen Savior. We were not just Americans... we were Americans bound together spiritually. Nobody was asking how the others interpreted the book of Acts or about the thousand-year reign. Agreement that Christ paid the penalty for our sins and is alive to intercede in our behalf was enough for us to be arm in arm and heart to heart.

It took a trip like that to remind me that we are in a major spiritual struggle with an enemy out for global religious conquest that wants to destroy us or render us ineffective. I am also reminded that I have a President in our Nation's Capital that recognizes this and knows that the best defense is a good offence.

AEA'ers, pray for our President. Pray for our men and women risking their lives. Pray for the downfall of those who would enslave the world to their religious views. And pray that those issues that will never separate us from an eternity in Heaven will not interfere with our love for each other here on earth. Pray that we as members of AEA will come ever more closely in love and support of one another.

Medical Mobilizers Update By Ron Lively

As a domestic missionary serving the needs of medical professionals, your prayers and support makes it possible for us to achieve these accomplishments:

1. Your support helped to mobilize a young physician from South Africa who is finishing her training in London. Upon discovering our web site, she expressed a need for counsel and resources. It is a privilege to help many like this who sense a strong desire to serve God and others as a medical missionary.
2. Your support helps me serve as executive director of Medical Mobilizers as well as executive director of a new ministry called Christian Wellness Association on the web at www.ChristianWellness.org. This membership organization is helping the mission of "Motivating, educating, and equipping the health, fitness & wellness professional to integrate their faith into their daily work and promote optimal health through Biblical principles and a Christ-centered foundation." Please encourage anyone interested in whole person care to check out the web site. Our main resource is 10 Essentials for Highly Healthy People by Dr. Walt Larimore of Focus on the Family. Walt has now co-authored The Highly Healthy Child and is completing The Highly Healthy Teen. You can order these books from our CWA web-site. Pray God will bless the membership growth and funding for CWA.
3. Please pray for the ministry related to promotion of "Consumer Directed Health Care" with Liberty Health Group and Liberty Benefits Group. President Bush has been promoting this lately. CDHC is a solution that will work to transform our present health care system.
4. Your support permits me to offer some Wellness Coaching to those in need. Please pray for the individuals I am currently counseling. Wellness Coaching addresses the whole person in the physical, emotional, relational and spiritual areas of life. Each area is related to the others and a healthy balance is achieved when one is not too flat in any of the areas. We offer this type of counseling by phone as well.

Lastly, please pray about supporting Medical Mobilizers monthly. Will you consider pledging \$50 or more per month? Your support helps us continue to offer a variety of medical ministries. We are grateful for the privilege of serving God with you in these various ministries.

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