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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.



A Brief History of Good Soldier Ministries

In our Fall 2003 issue, we met some of the children who were orphaned when parents were killed by natural disaster in Orissa, India. Following the call from God, Pastor Samuel Das provided a home for these children, to "create a place of refuge where these tender young hearts could be taught the love of Jesus".

When I was working in a Railway Service, God called me in a vision two times, but I could not understand his calling in my life. Again, for the third time God has called me with a wonderful vision. As soon as I saw the vision I went to one Pastor for counseling. When I explained my vision that Pastor got surprised and explained clearly from the word of God. Then he told me to resign and go to Rajasthan. Then I asked the Pastor, "Sir, I do not have any address where I will go and what I will do." I could not follow their language. So, I was puzzled. Finally he gave me the address: "INDIA EVERY HOME CRUSADE" in JAIPUR, the capital of Rajasthan state. It is a beautiful place.



Pastor Samuel Das, Orissa India

In order to fulfill the calling of God, I dedicated myself and started the adventure for his ministry. So, first of all, I applied to INDIA EVERY HOME CRUSADE to serve the lord. After fifteen days I got my calling letter and finally I joined with IEHC. *Continued page 2*

HARDSHIP

Taking the Gospel to the villages

After seven years, I was sent to Jammu and Kashmir for ministry. The state is a majority Muslim state. On 26th October 1963, both I and one of my fellow missionaries went to preach the gospel in a village called Bandipur near Jammu and Kashmir. All the village people bound me and my fellow missionary and beat us severely with iron rods and sticks. They locked us in one of the rooms and told us tomorrow they will sacrifice. They also told us that they would give our blood to their devil. There was no way for escape. We cried out and prayed to God. Our living God listened to our prayer and after three days we were miraculously released from exile. All the villagers left us and warned us not to bring the gospel any more. We left that place and went to Baramula where I preached the gospel. The people there also beat us. Later, I was sent to a state of Punjab. While working in the full time ministry at Punjab, again my living God gave me the vision about Good Soldier Ministries. Then I came to ORISSA and in a very humble way, I started the ministry.

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

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A Brief History of Good Soldier Ministries cont.

It was in 1978 A.D. I joined an organization that trained me in evangelism and church planting ministry. After my training, they sent me for evangelism in a village called Becaneer. It is situated in the state of Rajasthan. When I was living there, I used to walk or go by bus to preach the word of God. I used to go about 100 to 200 kilometers in order to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ among the unreached people groups. I was having lots of difficulties, because I had never done that kind of work in my life. But by His call, I was called to preach the word.

ONE PLACE, MANY HELPED

Many people have been saved and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ. I found the church and I have decided to stay in one church as a full time Pastor after I received the clear call from the lord Jesus Christ. God has told me through His word in II Timothy 2:3: "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a Good Soldier of Jesus Christ." This is the Scriptural mandate through which God has called me frankly for his wonderful ministry. Prayerfully, I decided to resign myself to "India Every Home Crusade" in 1990 and work for the lord independently. By faith, I founded Good Soldier Ministries in 1995.

Soon I was sharing my vision about Good Soldier Ministries with my friends, relatives, church members and my co-workers. Then in a Spiritual Revival Meeting, we decided to start the "Good Soldier Ministries" in a very humble way. It was registered with Government of India in 1996 under the Societies Registration Act 1862, Register No. KLD 1892 – 245 96-97. Our main priorities are Evangelism, Church Planting, and children Ministries through orphanage and Education facilities to the poor, needy children. Our plan is to start Bible schools to prepare the youngsters to reach the unreached millions and win the lost souls for Christ. We are lighting the candle of Hope and reaching out to one hundred million people. Presently, 12 fulltime co-workers are working with us in the fulltime ministry in the harvest field. We have planted a number of churches and provide care to the orphaned and needy children through our orphanage project at Dharamgarh.

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Pastor Philips and Phoebe Das

An Effectual Fervent Prayer



By Bishop Elisha A. Duncan

Effectual fervent prayer offers great hope and consolation to those who believe that God hears and answers prayer. Prayer is a pouring out of the heart to God by faith unfeigned. The prayer that comes directly from the heart avails much. The effectiveness of prayer comes from the power of the Holy Spirit which assists us when we pray; for sometimes we do not know how we ought to pray or what we must pray for, but the Spirit makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Romans 8:26.

The power of prayer works wonders for those who put their trust in the Lord. Effectual fervent prayer with supplication ascends to the throne of God in sweet essence and the blessing comes back to those who prayed and also to those for whom they prayed. Sometimes we pray and the answer is delayed, but we learn that persevering prayer is also effectual prayer. The word of God tells us to pray without ceasing, and in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning us. 1 Thessalonians. 5:17,18. There is no limit to how many times we must pray always – pray in season and out of season. Prayer must be offered in every situation.

AEA Welcomes African Leadership

Pastor William Mwirerwa, coordinator of the Refugees Ministry in Tennessee, is a native of Rwanda, who was forced to flee his country in 1994. His wife Ebralie and their five children were able to join him in August 2000.

The African Leadership vision is to give a Biblical hope and assistance to refugees and to develop their spiritual life. There are over 4000 African refugees living in the Middle Tennessee area. These survivors of a present day holocaust have been severely traumatized by their tragic circumstances. Most of them have been tortured. Many have witnessed genocide, seeing family members killed. These young men and women are facing difficult adjustments, culture shock, and prejudices, combined with lack of education, money, and work. It is difficult to describe or even imagine the challenge of getting started in a new country with so much working against them.

The Ministry to Middle Tennessee Refugees provides practical assistance, offering information, resources, vocational assistance, counseling, and community connections. Pastor Mwirerwa mobilizes local churches to assist and worship with the refugees. Having a church for a refugee will make a tremendous difference on how successfully he/she adapts to America. Without guidance and support, it is difficult to survive. One of the best ways to understand the refugee experience is to befriend a family of new arrivals and observe their experience in our country.

For more information and to volunteer with refugees, contact: Larry@africanleadership.org or William@africanleadership.org. Financial gifts may be payable to AFRICAN LEADERSHIP and mailed to African Leadership, PO Box 682444, Franklin, TN 37068-2444.

Tom Snyder To Head AEA Communities of Care Ministries

Tom Snyder, brilliant engineer and developer of laser technology, will be developing and leading the Communities of Care agenda. After selling his engineering firm, the Lord has been leading Tom Snyder to develop effective ministries in the context of intimate groups meeting in comfortable environments.

Look for the program to unfold at the AEA website www.aeaintl.org, and join us in this explosive way of carrying the Word to those who have no church orientation or tradition.

AEA Meeting Uplifting Virginia & Ray Bieber

Please accept our appreciation for the hospitality extended by you and your lovely wife Dona during our recent visit with AEA.

Interacting with peer professionals in the Ministry is always a glorious learning experience as well as a motivational uplift. We appreciate all the efforts you and your staff put into this convention. I feel very uplifted and a renewal in my efforts. Right now I am looking to move from where I am to where I need to be.

I just hired a Christian Social Worker to be on staff to cover the need of a New York License. which is required. My dream for the Ministry is that I have a building (a format of a clinic) plus a room for a chapel (to also be used for Seminars and workshops). I want to teach parenting, anger management, pre marital, and marriage classes. I am praying that by January we will have this building. Keep us in prayer. And again, thank you all for everything. Our best regards to members of your staff who made our visit so memorable.



First Voice In the Desert

Wayuú Indian Mission Field

Larry & Win Buckman

It was an unusual promise made a year ago to the Wayuú Indians. As they watched the missionaries evacuated for security reasons, they realized the weight of the ministries was on their own shoulders. The church had grown to over 3000 believers, 41 churches, and dozens of community meetings scattered through the Colombian desert. They also maintained an FM station provided by HCJB and a Bible Institute with 17 students. Some support continued to arrive through South America Mission, from one North American church who remained true to their commitment. The 6 TNT leaders that Dad and Mom had trained were facing the greatest test in their lives. That's when they called Dad and asked if the APOYO team could return to help with theological and leadership training. Two churches responded. Calvary Bible Church of Bradley, IL raised the money for the 600 reference books and sent their pastor and a board member to help teach. Mt. Calvary Church of Elizabethtown, PA supported our travel expenses. Both churches are lifetime supporters of Mom and Dad. They prayed with many others for Dad's health and safety, as he is 85.

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One week before our trip, 8 tourists were kidnapped south of Maicao where the first seminar was held. The Indians told us not to worry because they would keep us safe. We decided to enter Colombia through Maracaibo, Venezuela, and cross in a taxi. Two of the Wayuú pastors met us and protected us through all the checkpoints. Dad continued to quote from Psalm 27 and the Lord did the rest. Our greatest danger was not from the guerillas but from the corrupt military and police. The week of seminars to 44 pastors was everything we had hoped for. The Wayuú pastors whom APOYO trained in 1999 received the second installment of reference books for their pastoral library. They are the TNT leadership (Trained National Trainers) who organized this event for 44 pastors. On Saturday we left with 6 pastors for a tour of their projects and training centers. Most of these men live on \$50 a month. They each oversee and mentor 5 to 10 churches. This year's graduates have been assigned to the northern desert where the gospel entered first through radio programming. This is their last frontier.

First Voice In the Desert cont.

We had to keep the salt juices flowing for Dad. He spent much of his time crying for joy over what he saw. One radio executive came to the seminar to greet Dad. For many years he had placed Wayuú programming on his station for free. He asked Dad if he remembered him. Dad said "Yes, you gave us the first voice in the desert." The man responded that he was no longer the man Dad knew because he had come to Christ. He was one of many who came forward to tell of their conversion since Mom and Dad retired in 1987. Churches were packed to hear the message. In the afternoon while Dad was trying to rest, people would sit outside the house waiting for him to wake. Then they would take their turn telling their stories. These are testimonies that some day you will hear in glory because you have been faithful servants that God has used to reach these people.

The second week of APOYO teaching was in Maracaibo, Venezuela with 68 pastors. Although we only had books for 52 pastors, the rest begged to audit the course believing in faith that some day they would receive a pastoral library. Another 50 pastors were turned back because there was no space in the classroom. We are planning in faith to see them again in January for theological training and in February for a Pastoral Library course.

As we watch God moving through APOYO and the TNT leaders, we are convinced that not only statistics prove this fact, but also the Evangelical Church is the fastest growing church in the world. It's not happening through the megachurches, but in small community churches under the leadership of nationals. My parents are among the thousands of missionaries worldwide who have left a legacy of what discipleship and training can produce.

BIBLE INSTITUTE



We have been asked to return January 15, 2004 to help establish a curriculum for the Bible Institute. We introduced them to the 10-book basic theology course from Denton Bible Church. This will give them 500 hours of mentored discipleship. Each book costs \$4.50 which means they will need to raise \$45 per student. There are 17 students taking a two-year program. (Would you be interested in returning with me to assess the church needs and encourage these leaders in their ministry?)



My prayer is that God will give us the wisdom to know how best to help the Wayuú Indians in this stage of their development. Thank God we won't face the challenge alone.

AEA Annual Meeting



With Dr. E. John Reinhold

The AEA general sessions were held at Melbourne's Tabernacle Church that was founded by Jamie Buckingham. Ben Kinchlow, known to tens of millions as the co-host of 700 Club, gave three inspiring messages on "The call to leadership." One of the largest attendances in recent AEA Convention history attended the sessions.

The breakout groups enjoyed the challenge of Dr. Henry Dekker, AEA Pastor and Member of the Administrative Board of Elders, addressing the effectiveness of testing individuals to determine strengths and weaknesses for purposes to understanding counselees, leadership and employees. Dr. Dekker's hands on workshop proved beneficial to those who participated. Dr. Dan Messner of Lima, Ohio, addressed how to break through the 400 barrier. Many churches get comfortable when attendance averages 400 and few break through to greater growth. Dr. Messner was able to provide a step by step approach to achieve higher ministry goals. One of America's best known entrepreneurs and AEA Pastor, Harry Green, presented ways for programs to get funded through innovative annuity plans that feature guaranteed "no loss" of dollars invested.

Pastor Cleveland Harry gave AEA'ers an update of what the Lord is doing in Ghana. New Communities of Care Societies are springing up across this Nation in need of God, thanks to the Lord working through the efforts of Pastor Harry and his staff.

AEA'ers were much encouraged to hear the growth of the Washington, D.C. urban ministries of Refuge of Hope. The Drs. Farmer, long time AEA pillars and members of the Administrative Board of Elders, reported progress in efforts to serve abused wives, food and clothing initiatives, counseling, day care, and leadership in the President's Faith Based Initiatives Programs. The Drs. Farmer have been called on by the administration to assist in shaping a relevant faith based support program.

Dr. Marjorie Douglas, wife of our recently departed founder, Dr. John E. Douglas, member of the Administrative Board of Elders and coordinator of AEA Ministry Alumni, was on hand to encourage and give wisdom to attending members.

The crowd at the Chairman's reception was able to communicate with Ben Kinchlow and the Board members while getting better acquainted with the leadership heading the global ministries of AEA that included Dr. Gaylord Briley, Pastor Virginia Bieber, Pastor Rachelle Hamlin, Pastor Ted Wareing, Pastor Ron Lively, Pastor Frederick Hill, Dr. James Nicholls, Bishop Elisha Duncan, Pastor Jerry Lawrence, Pastor Dan Stockdale, Dr. Richard Chase, Ralph Osborn, Pastor Neal Siegel, Pastor Cleveland Harry, Dr. Bishop Charles and Dr. Judy Farmer, Pastor Harry Green and many others. The final Saturday AEA luncheon featured Ben Kinchlow once again. Can anyone ever forget this great man of the Lord bringing everyone up to the challenge to win the lost, feed the poor, and care for the widows and orphans.

If you missed 2003, then you missed a great blessing. Get this years convention dates on your calendar now so that next Fall you can be part of a dynamically moving association. October 21, 22, and 23 will be the AEA 50th Year Anniversary Annual Meeting. Be there!



Dr. Ben Kinchlow teaching "The call to leadership".



Pastors Bieber, Dixon, Lively, Balmer, and Hill with Dr. Marjorie Douglas



Dr. Ben Kinchlow and Ralph Osborn, Board Member



Dr. Judy Farmer, Virginia Goulette, Dr. Jim Nicholls,
Pastor Virginia Bieber



At the reception.

AEA Annual Meeting

4 requests of Jabez by Bishop Elisha Duncan

In 1 Chronicles 4:10 we learn that Jabez prayed an earnest prayer and God granted that which he requested. There are four things mentioned in this prayer:

1. That God would bless him indeed. We need manifold abundant blessing; we need spiritual blessing, which is the best of all blessings

2. That God would enlarge his territory, that he would prosper in his endeavors by a great increase in his work. We need the power of God to enlarge our hearts and our portion in His service.

3. That God's hand might be with him. We need God's hand to lead us in a perfect way and to work all His works in us.

4. That He would keep him from evil. We want to be kept from the evil of sin, the evil of trouble, the evil and design of the enemy of our salvation. Psalm 23:4: "Yea, thought I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me." God is always ready to hear our prayer for His ears are open to our cry.

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