



# AEA Ministry *Spotlight*

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## President's Letter

# SHOULD CHRISTIANS VOTE FOR A MORMON?

The big day is coming up soon. One of two candidates will be our President for four years. I've been asked whether I have any hesitation voting for a Mormon. Ideally, I would like to vote for a person who represented my values and was a true Christian. We don't always have that opportunity. My answer is, that a candidate who advocates the kinds of values that furthers the freedom of worship and our other freedoms guaranteed by our founding documents while also advocating Biblical morality, is worthy of my serious consideration. Paying attention to a candidate's track record is where we need to focus. Going down a platform list should demand several questions, like; does this exemplify the Christian walk? Does this impair, modify or redefine a clear biblical teaching? Is any candidate offering an alternative?

In short, I will not vote for or against a candidate because he or she is a Mormon. I will vote against a candidate if he or she threatens biblically based traditional Christian convictions.

Another question one could ask is whether or not a candidate's religious views encourage them to be good responsible neighbors and good Americans. My hero, General Douglas MacArthur put it succinctly, Duty, Honor, Country.

Neither candidate is my perfect choice but we rarely have that luxury. One thing is for sure I'd crawl through 100 yards of glass to vote this year. Keep the election in your prayers and financially support as much as you can afford, the candidate of your choice.

Till the Final Victory,

E. John Reinhold  
President





# AMERICAN EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION'S - MEMBERS' SURVEY

Your Association would like to be able to assist you better, but we first need to know your greatest needs.

Please take a few minutes of your time to print and complete the survey below and return by mail to:

American Evangelistic Association, PO Box 121000, Melbourne, FL 32912-1000,

or take our survey online at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KWKLKXM>

Thank you, AEA Administration

## How interested would you be in obtaining assistance from AEA in each of the following areas?

	Very Interested	Somewhat Interested	Not Interested
Ministry credentials.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prayer.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Evangelism/outreach.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff selection.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff motivation.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accounting/bookkeeping.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tax consultation.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fundraising.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Church bond avenues.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dispute arbitration.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Church placement.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mission sponsorship.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Management/administrative issues.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leadership development.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Financial counseling.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Debt management & financial planning.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Computer assistance & troubleshooting.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Website development/implementation.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marketing & branding.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Television program/announcement development/implementation.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Radio program/announcement development/implementation.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Book editing/publishing/marketing.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Music recording/publishing/marketing.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Media placement & campaign development.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social media development/implementation.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Customer care & call center management.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Press release & Public relations.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strategic planning development.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Customer research & preference management.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Evangelist networking.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coping with urban ministry work challenges.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coping with foreign ministry work challenges.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pastoral counseling.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bible-oriented tours.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increasing media exposure.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Congregant services (e.g., financial stewardship, health & wellness).....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sermon development.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bible study facilitation.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Credential accepted for chaplaincy.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

What other services (not listed above) would you like AEA to offer? \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address, City Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

# THE GREAT COMMISSION - BE FISHERS OF MEN

A Report From Rev. David Lee, President of Christian Vision For China (CVC)

June 2012

*"Ever since the day I was called to serve the Lord forty years ago, I have acknowledged God's way is the best way. Nobody knows the roads ahead of him and neither can he comprehend the entire plan of God. Therefore to obey the leading of the Lord is not only a must, it's the best choice of all."*

Rev. David Lee bid farewell to the church he had shepherded for 16 years on May 15 of last year. Within this past year, his older son got married. He also put his house on the market and within a short time, the Lord provided a buyer. By the Lord's hand, he raised enough funds for the first year of ministry and is on schedule to set forth for the new journey ahead, departing at the end of June. Rev. Lee's focus is on two ministries that are often neglected:

1. Search and visit pastors who served the Lord faithfully but were put into labor camps during the Cultural Revolution. He wants to bring to them the love and respect from their fellow Christians, and to assure them that they live with dignity before the Lord calls them home.

2. Support indigenous young pastors financially so that they can serve the Lord without worrying about their daily living. Assist them to acquire medical training so that they can support themselves, as well as supporting his or her fellow coworkers, just like the Apostle Paul did.

Rev. Lee has been doing these two tasks that God bestowed on him ever since 2002. He asked the Lord to give him another ten years, so that he can devote himself in the ministry wholeheartedly and to motivate others to participate. This is Rev. Lee's earnest prayer!



After leaving Chicago on June 30, Rev. Lee spent two weeks in Taiwan visiting relatives and friends, then headed to Dali to make it their new hometown. They spent two weeks cleaning, fixing and purchasing the basic essentials for their rental housing in the village. Everything is now in place for normal functions, except for the lack of private transportation.

CVC Board Members Lay Hands

On the first day of the lunar month, they were invited to an activity hosted by a Buddhist temple. This temple used to be a resting haven for ancient travelers. It still attracts lots of worshippers - there he saw lots of people who need to be reached!

The first Sunday they attended the worship service at the church in Dali Ancient City, and met an elderly Canadian whose grandfather and father were both missionaries to China. He was born in Dali but was forced to get out of the country in 1948. This was the first time he had returned to his birth place since his departure. He was accompanied by Elder Wu, an acquaintance of his father, to revisit his birth place. He shared lots of his childhood memories.



New Home in Dali

The neighbor from the States came and visited them during the first few days after Rev. Lee arrived. It

was joyful to see old friends in the new land. They also had internet service installed in a week. They are very thankful for this service, because they feel like they are still living on the other side of the Pacific.

**"Trust and Obey  
- For there is  
no other way  
to be happy  
in Jesus,  
but to trust  
and obey."**

Accompanied by local coworkers, they attended a Bai tribal wedding in Weishan, another ancient city from the Tang Dynasty where the Bai tribal culture originated. It is also the hometown for Luo Mei, a student whom CVC has regularly supported. After contacting her, Rev. Lee realized that she had already arranged for him to speak to her fellow villagers after the wedding. Arriving at the wedding late due to a heavy downpour, he thought the people would have gone, but to his surprise they had all waited. Rev. Lee shared a message from Philippians 4:10-20.

Little did he know that Luo Mei had shared a message based on Philippians 4:1-9 just a week before. They praised God for prompting them by His Spirit because they did not plan this ahead of time!



Sharing in Weishun

Rev. Lee had heard about the "Flowing Banquets" for a wedding but only experienced it for the first time in Weishan. A "Flowing Banquet" is a feast that serves on a "First come, first served" basis and also "First eat, first depart" basis. He

mentioned, the interesting thing is that people are standing behind your chair even as you are still waiting for your food to be served. A memorable experience for him!

There were three local pastors who took the initiative to visit the land CVC acquired for the Dali Good Health Center. They know Dali is among the most ideal places to build a college for missions. In the past, Dali had been a missionary sending point for China Inland Mission. Churches in Kunming also originated by a pioneer missionary sent from Dali. The Bible Training Center in Dali is also seeking to expand their facility. That was the main reason for the local pastors visit. A few days later Rev. Lee met some co-workers who came to the Bible Training Center to advance their studies during the summer break. Rev. Lee prays this beautiful land on the hills of Cang Mountain, acquired by CVC, can be used to serve pastors and Christians as a place to advance their training and a place to find their spiritual tranquility.

They are still adapting to the new environment, but consider themselves settled. Please keep your missionary brothers and sisters in prayer and that all their needs will be met.

Contact Christian Vision For China at: [www.ChristianVisionForChina.org](http://www.ChristianVisionForChina.org)

## MISSIONS - PRAYER REQUEST

This letter is from the wife of one of our AEA members. Because our newsletter is sent electronically, the nation, specifics and names had to be removed.

All message traffic that goes "through the air" is monitored by many different nations and filtered by key words. Be careful how the letter is used.



Dear Saints,

XXXXXXX was detained in (that country in the Middle-East persecuting Christians) for his faith in Jesus. We have been praying for his release, but on XX of XXXXXX the house where XXXXXX was staying was raided by the revolutionary guards and he was taken. We had no news about where he had been taken until recently when we found out that he was in XXXX Prison, a maximum security facility in XXXXX. He is in solitary confinement as a political prisoner charged with plans to overthrow the "that" government by XXXXXXX XXXX XXXX XX XXXXX movement in "that Middle-East" country.

Recently, I have been reminded of the story of Lazarus when Jesus waited two more days before responding to the sisters' plea to help their brother. I am taken by verses 5 and 6 because Jesus waited for the situation to turn from bad to worse. I can relate to the sisters, but I can also clearly see what the Lord is doing. The situation had to get so impossible that His name would be glorified. Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had seen the things Jesus did, believed in Him." Luke 11:45. Jesus knows that the one desire of our hearts has been for the Muslim world to know Jesus and for His name to be glorified.

If XXXXX's imprisonment is what it takes, then we open our hands and surrender completely to His will, knowing we can trust in the only true and living God.

Thank you for your continued prayers.

- Pray for protection and the comfort of the Holy Spirit while he is imprisoned.
- Pray that God would continue to fill XXXXX's heart with love for those in authority over him and that they would know that love is the motivation for everything he does.
- Pray for boldness and that God will open the hearts of the "that country's" authorities to hear the truth so that many would be saved.
- Pray for XXXXX's family in "that country", as they are very concerned. Pray that God would give them comfort and joy. Pray for spiritual understanding of the things that are happening around them. Pray that God would meet all their needs according to the riches in Christ Jesus.
- Pray for his release in God's time and provision and joy for our family that waits at home.

In His Grace,

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*'Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints – and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.'*

Ephesians 6:18-20



## PREPARED ALHWAYS™

*The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they might have it more abundantly*

*John 10:10 KJV*

Despite and even because of the increasingly difficult, dangerous, and ungodly times in which we live, Ministers of the American Evangelistic Association now have historic opportunities, in the face of these “harm’s way” challenges, to bring “The Whole Gospel to the Whole World”. We have the opportunity now to do so in economically viable and marketplace-relevant and God-honoring ways. We do this by making disciples within abundantly sustainable communities of faith and care as our Creator designed, provided, and as He continues to provide. As outlined in the Summer 2011 Issue of Spotlight, helping people live abundantly in these increasingly turbulent times is the mission of Prepared ALHWays™. We educate and help people by identifying needs, benefits, and the means to gain them locally...where people really live...in three key areas: in Health and Wholeness, Wealth and Resource Management, and in a Sustainable Living Community that is mutually supportive and life-enhancing....and in ways that are effective, economic, and practical. Now we’d like to alert the AEA Ministries Community to how we can together help

AEA ministers and ministries bring “The Whole Gospel to the Whole World”.

Christ, in His “Great Commission”, gave us His mandate to “Go and make disciples.” In today’s challenging times, maintaining abundant and secure lives and livelihoods in local communities physically, relationally, and spiritually becomes ever more difficult. Prepared ALHWays™ presents important opportunities and resources to marketplace ministries that help people meet a wide variety of needs, including those of life’s physical necessities.

ALHWays™ is our acronym for “Abundant Living in Harm’s Way – always and in all ways”. It is how families, businesses, individuals, and faith communities can benefit right where they live and work. Our desire is to engage people personally in order to connect them with the expertise and other resources that will help them develop local solutions tailored to their unique needs and circumstances.

I encourage you to visit both the PreparedALHWays.com website to learn more about how you can get involved in these exciting efforts and also to order a copy of my new book, **"Time to Head for the Ark"**. (Available at [www.TimeToHeadForTheArk.com](http://www.TimeToHeadForTheArk.com)). In the book, I explain further Abundant Living in Harm’s Way, why it’s the best way to live, why it is now both necessary and urgent, and how to gain and maintain it in accordance with our Lord’s biblical design and provision.

ALHWays LLC, is headed up by AEA Members and former Officer/Board Member Sam Townsend, and AEA COO/Board Member Kerry Fink.

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