



# AEA Ministries *Spotlight*

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## AEA Ministries held its 59th Anniversary Annual National Meeting

Pastors and leaders from all around the country - and literally, from all around the world - gathered in Washington, DC over the weekend of April 27-28th to celebrate the 59th Anniversary of the American Evangelistic Association.

Saturday events, held at the AEA Ministries' chartered "Refuge of Hope Disciple Center", an inner-city ministry, helping to bring the hope and healing of Jesus Christ to the projects just 8 blocks from our nation's capital, included the annual Men of Standard and Sister to Sister Conference proceedings.

Speakers included Darara Gubo, of the St. Thomas University, Miami Florida, who spoke extensively on the plight of the Church and Human Rights, as well as Attorney Tiffany Barrans, the International Legal Director of the American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ), who has been fighting for the release of AEA Pastor Saeed Abedini, an American citizen, who has been imprisoned since last summer, in a notoriously evil prison inside Iran for preaching the Gospel.

The after lunch sessions included an address by medical doctor Dr. Samuel Alleyne, who gave an impassioned talk about "Living a Life of Joy and Health", and special session featuring AEA Ministers Bishop Charles and Prophet Judy Farmer speaking on recognizing the Apostate Church.

AEA Ministries guests were treated to lunch provided by the Refuge of Hope, as well as the opportunity for seeing the many excellent sites in the Washington DC area, including the National Portrait Gallery.

Sunday events, featuring the AEA Ministries/Refuge of Hope 59th Anniversary/23rd Anniversary, respectively, Annual Banquet, were held at the beautiful Channel Inn, nestled along the shores of the Potomac River. In an afternoon filled with great music, great praise, and great fellowship, various speakers engaged the packed room, including special presentations from Rachel Chen, the Director of Human Resources from Seneca One Finance; Ms. Evelyn Minor, Director of the Senior Nutrition Program, and Attorney Paul Comfort of the Chesapeake Bible College.



Praise dancers at Saturday Conference



Dr. Rev. Judy Farmer, Pastor Kerry Fink,  
Dr. Bishop Charles Farmer and Attorney  
Paul Comfort, Chesapeake Bible College  
& Seminary

## 59th Anniversary Annual National Meeting cont.

Key note speaker, Jordon Sekulow, Executive Director of the American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ) gave an update as the various areas that ACLJ fights to preserve and protect Christian values, in addition to further



Keynote Speaker Jordan Sekulow, Executive Director, ACLJ

information on the battle to release AEA Pastor Saeed Abedini, and the many other worthwhile legal battles whereby ACLJ fights on behalf of Christians worldwide.



Pastor Eric Trimble's Licensing Ceremony, April 28, 2013

A special point in the Sunday afternoon's proceedings was the Ministerial Licensing Ceremony for Brother Eric Trimble, as he embarks on a lifetime of leadership in Christian Ministry.

**Please mark your calendars for next year,  
April 26-27, 2014  
American Evangelistic Association's  
60th Anniversary and National  
Celebration in Washington DC.**

**The American Evangelistic  
Association Congratulates  
Pastor Eric Trimble  
and welcomes him as part of our  
body to serve the Lord and the  
calling on his life.**

## Within Reach Ministries Palm Bay, Florida

Jeff and Tracy Gwinn believe in using the gifts God gave them to reach others, so they started *Within Reach Ministries*. Within Reach is about encouraging the networking of churches, businesses, ministries and individuals to work together as a community to be there for each other.



They quote that, "In Acts 2; people shared with each other, worshiped together and hung out together. They were happy and no one had a need. Everyone else liked what they saw so they joined them."

By sharing resources, Within Reach Ministries can provide assistance to each other with supplies or services, for any legitimate need, such as groceries or meals, home repairs, or items such as a needed refrigerator or a wheelchair. If they can connect someone who has a need with someone else that can help, they will do their best to make those connections.

Also, meeting a physical need opens the door to share with others the hope of Jesus, and let them know that they are loved and that He is the reason Within Reach does what it does.

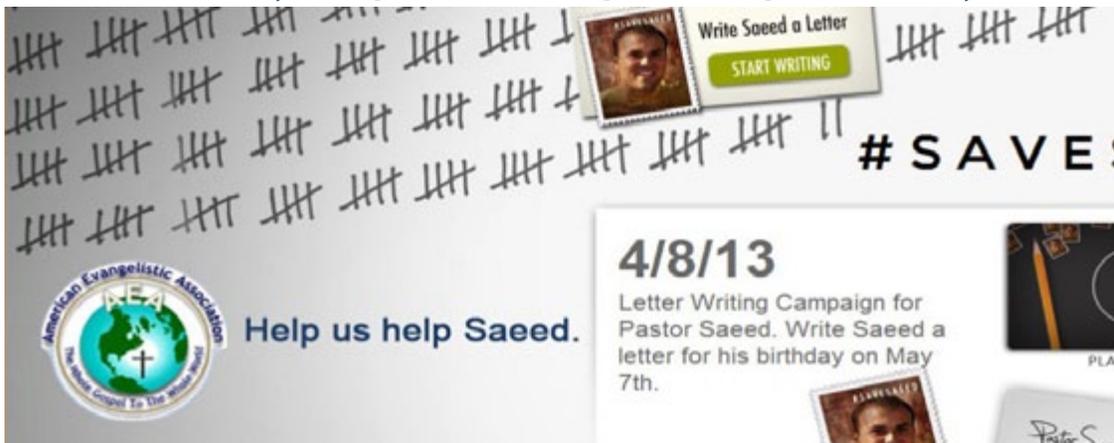
In May, the ministry travels to Paraguay on a mission journey and will seek every open door to evangelize.

Learn more by visiting them on the web at <http://www.withinreachministries.org/>

## Congratulations Drs. Revs. Charles and Judy Parker Farmer

A Conference hosted by the DC Counseling Association and the American Counseling Association in Cincinnati, Ohio, has recognized AEA's Drs., Revs. Charles and Judy Parker Farmer. They received a national award for the Best Leadership Development Project for the D.C. Counseling Association in the North Atlantic Region. This is their third year winning this award where there were over 4000 persons in attendance at the Convention Center.

# Pastor Saeed From Iranian Prison: Thanks for "Praying and Fighting for my Freedom"



Reprint of Article  
By Jordan Sekulow

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American Pastor Saeed Abedini's family in Terhan was able to visit him again earlier this week.

Pastor Saeed was able to get a new letter out this week to his wife Naghmeh. He sent her this letter to be shared with supporters who gathered recently, on the Christian day of Pentecost, to pray for him.

He shared that despite what he has to endure on a daily basis – the beatings and internal bleeding – he has hope. The 33-year-old U.S. citizen wrote, "I will also be freed from my chains though prayer and strength of the Grace of God."

His full letter to supporters is below.

## **Spending Pentecost in Prison and in Chains**

*When the Day of the Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. (Acts 2:1-2)*

*One special day, one heart, and one place -- All of these come together, to emphasize one thing, the importance of unity.*

*I heard that the persecution, my arrest and imprisonment has united churches from different denominations, from different cities and countries that would never come together because of their differences. That the churches have united together in prayer to put one request (my freedom) on one day (Pentecost) before God.*

*You don't know how happy I was in the Lord and rejoiced knowing that in my chains the body of Christ has chained together and is brought to action and prayer.*

*When someone's life like mine is in danger, we realize how different we are in our opinions*

*(although some of those differences might be correct), but that we are still united in one goal of praying for my freedom.*

*I am thankful for that. It is through your prayers and the Grace of God that the Lord is using me here in my chains. Many have been freed from the chains of Satan here and have been saved and added to the Church.*

*Now, how beautiful it will be if the Church would be united and fight for the salvation of the world whose life is in danger and who is bound in chains of Satan and to fight for the salvation of the world, a world that is heading to the way of destruction. With the same passion and the same way that you are praying and fighting for my freedom, we need to be praying and fighting for the salvation of the world.*

*When the Church is united (with one heart, in one place, on one day) that is when the joy and strength of God (Holy Spirit) wants to come in that unity and pour out and the Lord be exalted. Although this unity is the result of direct involvement of the Holy Spirit that is able to bring many different characteristics to make one.*

*But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me (Acts 1:8).*

*And only when the Holy Spirit comes can you get strength. Without the strength of God it is impossible to do the will of God. And when we receive strength, then we can be transformed. And when we are transformed, that is when the Church is transformed as well. And when the Church is transformed, then the world will be freed from the chains of sin and will be saved and transformed. When we are all united and chained together, united in our hearts, in one place in one day, and we pray, then we will receive the power from on High and will receive strength and the world will be changed and will*

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*be freed from the chains of bondage and will be saved. The same way that I will also be freed from my chains though prayer and strength of the Grace of God.*

*So dear sisters and brothers let us be united in prayer for freedom and salvation of the world. Let us be united so that the Holy Spirit might fall on us and the Glory of God would be revealed through us and through the church.*

*Welcome to the chains that have bound me and have bound us together. Happy Pentecost.*

*God Said and it was.*

*Chains were broken.*

*Our sins were forgiven*

*I am free*

*You are free*

*We all have freedom*

*With many thanks for your continued and faithful prayers.*

*Servant of our Lord in chains for Jesus Christ,  
Saeed*

**Please continue to pray and share Pastor Saeed's latest letter. Please also continue to sign and share the petition to #SaveSaeed at [SaveSaeed.org](http://SaveSaeed.org).**

## Who Needs A Degree?

We are living in a time when no matter how much Christian experience you have, people still want to know if you have reputable credentials. A college degree can provide new insights, skills and a sense of achievement.

Many laborers in the Gospel wish they had time and could afford an education. Chesapeake Bible College & Seminary offers External Studies and now a NEW Online Program as well. They offer a wide range of degrees for those just starting out to a Master of Ministry Degree at very affordable prices.

Check out the new online courses offered at their website [www.cbsonline.org](http://www.cbsonline.org)



*Chesapeake Bible College & Seminary has satisfied all the criteria for the status of a religious degree-granting institution as set forth in Section 11:202 of the education Article of Maryland and is also fully accredited with the Accrediting Commission International, PO Box 102, Beebe, Arkansas.*

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