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AGLOW INTERNATIONAL: STILL SHINING BRIGHT AFTER 40 YEARS

Worldwide Women's Group Celebrates Rich History and Radiant Future

SEATTLE, April 30, 2007 – Aglow International, one of the world's largest Christian organizations, is observing its 40th year of service and ministry. More than 200,000 Aglow members will celebrate worldwide, and many will attend commemorative events, including an international conference Sept. 20-23 in the organization's founding city, Seattle, and a tour of Israel in May -- the group's seventh such journey to the Holy Land since 2000.

"Aglow women are people of prayer and action," said Aglow President Jane Hansen. "We are committed to helping our neighbors and influencing our world as Jesus did."

HISTORY

What began in 1967 as four women desiring to meet together as Christians across denominational boundaries has grown into a worldwide network of women who pray, teach and reach out to their communities – ministering to an estimated 17 million people each year. Today, more than 21,000 Aglow leaders and 4,700 indigenous groups can be found in 166 countries, including some that are traditionally closed to Christianity. The groups are formed by women in the same community, neighborhood or workplace who pray together and focus on **Aglow's three mandates: Male / Female Reconciliation, Islam and Israel.**

RECONCILIATION BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN

Since 1981, Aglow has been working to reunite the sexes under God's purposes from the beginning (Genesis 1:26-28): to have a family, a people who would share His life, nature, spirit, vision, and purpose, and through whom He would express His power and glory on earth.

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Aglow 40th Anniversary

Aglow believes the restoration of male and female together is necessary for the Church to be fully restored and fulfill its destiny to express God's image and take dominion on the earth.

MUSLIM OUTREACH

In 1991, Aglow began focusing on ministering to Muslims, who make up one-fifth of the world's population, recognizing that without Christ, they have no hope, no forgiveness of sin and no real assurance of salvation and eternal life. Aglow works to uncover the Islamic system, bringing awareness to Christians, while loving the Muslim people by reaching out to them with the Gospel. Since 1991, Aglow has become affiliated in 36 Muslim nations. Moreover, Aglow helps produce TV programs in Arabic geared to Muslim women, which are aired via satellite throughout Europe, the Middle East, North Africa and the U.S.

SUPPORTING ISRAEL

In 2000, Aglow leadership felt led by God to corporately stand with and support the nation of Israel and the Jewish people. Since then, Aglow, has led annual tours to the Holy Land. This year, Hansen will lead the seventh journey as Aglow celebrates 40 years in existence and the nation of Israel celebrates 40 years since the reunification of Jerusalem under Jewish control. A highlight of this trip for Hansen will be to speak at the first Knesset Christian Allies Caucus Women's Summit, of which she is a council member, May 20-21 in Jerusalem.

"We see this opportunity as a chance to bridge a gap between Jews and Christians," said Hansen. "Through seeing the land firsthand and getting to know the people of Israel, we will know how to pray for them as they continue to face political and social crises."

WORLDWIDE CONFERENCE

Every other year, international Aglow women gather for fellowship, worship and speaking events. In honor of the 40th anniversary, this year's conference with the theme "A Voice. Not an Echo." will be held Sept. 20-23 in Seattle. Along with Hansen, speakers Che Ahn, president of Harvest International Ministry; Lou Engle, founder of the Justice House of Prayer; Robert Stearns, founder of Eagles' Wings; Barbara Yoder, senior pastor of Shekinah Christian Church; and Dr. Chuck Pierce, president of Glory of Zion International Ministries.

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THE FUTURE OF AGLOW

Aglow is launching a new series of two-day seminars on Israel from a global/historical perspective called “Watchmen on the Wall,” designed to raise up passionate intercessors for Israel, and to create informed, articulate ambassadors in the public arena. The seminars will be in selected cities in the U.S., including one in Seattle immediately following Aglow’s Worldwide Conference Sept. 23-24.

Every day across the world, thousands of Aglow women are actively involved in works of compassion, empowerment, and training as part of their evangelism efforts. As a result, Aglow has recently incorporated a subsidiary of Aglow International for relief and humanitarian purposes. Aglow is finalizing their application for 501(c)(3) status with the federal government for the relief initiative, which will give international Aglow leaders entrée to funding sources in their respective nations.

“For a charity interested in applying for funding for projects that assist women in emerging world nations, it is important to be recognized as a non-governmental organization,” said Hansen. “This ‘good housekeeping seal of approval’ will give Aglow the chance to serve even more people around the world.”

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Aglow International is a one of the largest international women’s organizations in the world, with more than 200,000 members in over 4,600 fellowship groups and outreach in 166 nations. Each year, Aglow ministers to an estimated 17 million people through prayer, evangelism, and works of compassion. This year marks the 40th Anniversary of the organization. Learn more at www.aglow.org.