

## RHI Contact Information

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## From Reaching Hearts Ministries

**“Embracing Our World For Jesus”**

**May 2, 2009**

**Greetings:** Welcome! If you are seeking Christ, you will find Him here; if sorrowing, receive comfort; if troubled in spirit, gain the blessings of peace; if discouraged, rejoice in hope; if friendless, find companionship and Christian love.

**Visitors:** We are delighted that you chose to worship with us today. Please write your name and address in our “Visitors’ Book,” at the front entrance Greeters’ table so we can keep you informed of our latest happenings at RHI. If you would like to share your spiritual gifts, we cordially invite you to join one of our ministry teams! Children, remember to pick up your special bulletins in the foyer!

**THE PRAYER MINISTRIES TEAM WILL MEET IN THE LOBBY FROM 11:00-11:10 a.m.** Come join us to pray for the Holy Spirit to be with Pastor Mike, who will be speaking to us during the Divine Worship Service. We will also be praying for you and the ministries of Reaching Hearts International.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS:** If you or your family would like to provide flowers for the Divine Worship Service, please contact Carol Straight at (301) 830-0190. A sign-up book is available in the foyer.

**FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON:** There will be **NO** Fellowship Luncheon today. Our next Fellowship Luncheon is planned for **May 16**. The Team Members serving will be Rose Bara, Shanti Sinha, Suman Khatri-Chetri and Pearl Welch. If you would like to be actively involved with the Hospitality Ministry Team, please contact Alice Miller at (301) 434-1586.

**LADIES PRAYER AND SHARE:** Please join us for **PRAYER** and **SHARE**, **Thursday**, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Elice Esveld’s home: 209 Bonifant Road, Silver Spring, MD 20905. Phone: (301) 384-1853.—Verna Parchment.

► **CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN MOTHER’S DAY BRUNCH** featuring a diverse array of foods and entertainment is planned for Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:30 a.m. and ending at 2:00 p.m., at the Takoma Park SDA Church Center, 6810 Eastern Avenue, Takoma Park, MD. The fee is \$12.00.—Shirley Calliste.

**HEARTFELT THANKS:** *My heartfelt thanks to the members of my RHI family who showed me their loving support after the passing of my father (Raymond Hill) through cards and prayers and attendance at the Memorial Service.—Lydia Pietz.*

► **THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHOIR 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CONCERT:** Accompanied by full orchestra and directed by Founder and Music Director, Dr. C. Harry Causey, we will present selections voted by past and present singers as their favorites from all of our 25 years. Join us at **8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5** at The Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda, MD 20852. Ticket Cost: \$20, \$29, \$30, \$49, or \$59 and are available at (301) 581-5100 or [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org).—James Dotson.

**REACHING HEARTS FOR KIDS:** Reaching Hearts for Kids (RH4Kids) is the humanitarian outreach of Reaching Hearts International. Reaching Hearts for Kids sponsors orphanages and schools in several countries. The main focus is on street children orphaned by HIV/AIDS. The website and new e-mail addresses are as follows: [www.reachinghearts4kids.org](http://www.reachinghearts4kids.org) and [norma@reachinghearts4kids.org](mailto:norma@reachinghearts4kids.org).

**CD's** of today's sermon "*The Zion Song*" will be available in the lobby after the morning service.—The Toths.

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:** If you wish to place an announcement in the bulletin, please contact Dr. John D. Butler, Sr. at (202) 726-2084 or Sylvia Dennis at (301) 441-9396. All announcements **must be received by the Tuesday evening preceding the Sabbath in which they should appear. APPROVED INSERTS should be copied and/or cut by the submitting individual and placed in the bulletin.**

► **SABBATH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT AND WORSHIP COORDINATORS FOR SABBATH, MAY 2:** Please be advised that a representative of **Adventist Frontier Missions** (Mr. Phillip Polley) will be giving a 10-minute presentation between Sabbath School and Church service—10:55 to 11:05. Please plan your programs accordingly, i.e., to allow him the full 10 minutes. Thank you.—John Butler, Sr., and Pastor Mike.

**Prayer Circle:** Do you have a prayer request? Please contact Kathy Oddono at (703) 821-1539. For emergencies or information concerning those hospitalized or deaths, please call Sylvia Dennis at (301) 441-9396 or Pastor Micah Davis at (301) 717-9556 or Pastor Pratap Gopala Rao at (301) 490-6904 or Head Elder Terry Martin at (202) 332-8929.

**THE TREASURER AND HIS TEAM WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IT** if you would clearly print your name and address on the white RHI/Tithe envelope so as to avoid any confusion or errors in the posting of your tithes and offerings.

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS:** Reaching Hearts International **does not use tithe money for its ministry.** Unless otherwise indicated tithes will be sent to the Allegheny East Conference. Tithes for other conferences will be forwarded as you designate on your envelope. Your other donations to RHI will be used for our ministry needs.

**Offerings Received April 25, 2009**

General Offering	\$	6,545.37
Reaching Hearts for Kids	\$	1,134.44
Radio Ministry	\$	713.50
Capital Stewardship	\$	812.00

**Capital Stewardship/Building Program**

Victory Goal	\$	4,500,000.00
Pledges To Date	\$	1,057,000.00
Funds Received as of April 25, 2009	\$	1,336,922.93

**Faith + Good Stewardship + Giving = Abundance**

**CLiC** (Changing Lives in Christ) is a college-based ministry focused not only on the study of the Word, but also in truly carrying out its teachings as part of our Christian

walk. We are in the process of finding different ways to use our unique Spiritual gifts to help serve as instruments for Christ. Want to share your gifts for God? We'd love to have you! Check out [www.JustCLiCHere.com](http://www.JustCLiCHere.com) for more information.

**JOIN THE E-GROUP:** *If you haven't joined the e-group you are missing out on all the important announcements about RHI's ministries and other timely and important news.* Every week we send messages about the upcoming worship service. Make sure you stay informed on RHI happenings and are on the e-mail list. You may join by submitting your e-mail address in the sign-up box on [www.reachinghearts.org](http://www.reachinghearts.org).

**MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER FORMS** are available in the foyer. If you desire to become a member of Reaching Hearts International through transfer or by profession of faith please fill in the form and give it to one of the Deacons or to Sylvia Dennis. Questions? Contact Sylvia Dennis at (301) 441-9396.

## Calendar of Events

**Sabbath, May 2, 2009**

**Listen to the Reaching Your Heart Radio Broadcast**

**DAILY:** 10:00 p.m. Monday through Friday on WAVA 105.1 FM  
10:00 p.m. XM Satellite Radio on Family Talk Channel 170

**Greeters:** Kathy Spinolo and Kendie Reich

**Offering Counting Assignment:** Team No. 1

**Sabbath Set-Up Team #2:** Toni Davis, Leader

**Wednesday, May 6, 2009—Prayer Meeting**

7:30 p.m. *Get your mid-week spiritual boost this Wednesday evening with singing, prayer and Bible study! Meet with us at Cedar Ridge Conference Center from 7:30–9:00 p.m. A blessing is in store for you!*

**Sabbath, May 9, 2009**

**Greeters:** Shirley Butler and Jessie Gopala Rao

**Children's Super Sabbath: "The Bible in the Mountains"**

**Offering Counting Assignment:** Team No. 2

**Sabbath Set-Up Team #1:** Kent Franz, Leader

9:45 a.m. Sabbath School Coordinator: Sharon D. Williams

Sabbath School Song Leader: Betty J. Hall

Sabbath School Pianist: Lydia Pietz

11:00 a.m. Worship Service Coordinator: Toni Davis

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

*"Blessed be the . . . Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the . . . God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble."---2 Corinthians 1:3-4.*