



## MISSION AMERICA COALITION

The *Mission America Coalition (MAC)* is an unprecedented collaborative effort of some 500 national Christian leaders who have prayerfully come together to help unite Christians for prayer, evangelism and revival.

Honorary co–chairs of the Coalition are Dr. Billy Graham (Billy Graham Evangelistic Association), Mrs. Vonette Bright (Campus Crusade for Christ) and Dr. John Perkins (Christian Community Development Association). Dr. Paul A. Cedar is Chairmain/CEO of the *Mission America Coalition*. The COO of *MAC* is Mr. Jim Overholt.

Comprised of the leaders of 80–plus denominations and over 350 Christian ministries, MAC calls for active participation in:

- *The Great Commission* to “go into all the world and preach the Gospel, making disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19) and
- *The Great Commandment* “Love the Lord your God and . . . Love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:37,39).

## BACKGROUND

The *Mission America Coalitions’* earliest roots are in the *International Lausanne Movement*. One year following the first *International Evangelism Meeting* in Switzerland in 1974, *The U.S. Lausanne Committee* was formed as a statement by American leaders of their desire for the evangelization of America. After the *Second International Evangelism Conference* in 1989, *The U.S. Lausanne Committee* committed to pray for one year and then meet to discuss what they sensed God was revealing to them. After a year of concerted prayer, the group unanimously felt called to become more proactive in strengthening evangelism efforts in the United States.

Many of those same leaders met in 1991 at a national consultation in Phoenix, Arizona (hosted by *The AD2000 & Beyond Movement*) to learn more about the concept of citywide strategies for the U.S.

### **BIRTH OF THE COALITION**

In 1993, *The U.S. Lausanne Committee* sponsored a *Prayer Summit* in Portland, Oregon where leaders met with no agenda other than to pray and fast. At the close of the meeting, those gathered unanimously affirmed that *The U.S. Lausanne Committee* should give leadership to increasing prayer and evangelism efforts in the U.S. With the consensus of that group and marching orders from *The U.S. Lausanne Committee*, later that year *Mission America* was officially launched.

1995 moved *Mission America* from a committee to a Coalition and a Movement. That year, *Mission America* and *The Billy Graham Center* cosponsored a *National Consultation on Evangelism* in Lisle, Illinois with some 165 U.S. Christian leaders participating – a meeting now considered the birthplace of *The Mission America Coalition (MAC)*. Until that time, *Mission America* had remained a small committee with few members – most of whom were part of the original *U.S. Lausanne Committee*. It became clear that God wanted to expand the table of partnership, leading to a concentrated plan to seek Christian leaders with national influence who were committed to evangelism and prayer. The goal was to work toward making *Mission America*—now the *Mission America Coalition*—mirror the Body of Christ with its ethnic and racial diversity.

### **ONGOING COMMITMENT TO SPIRITUAL UNITY, EVANGELISM AND REVIVAL**

*The Mission America Coalition* emphasizes the importance of working together in obedience to our Lord's prayer as recorded in John 17:21, "that they may be one, as You, Father, are in Me and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me."

With a Mission Statement of "*The whole Church taking the whole Gospel to the whole Nation – and to the World*" *MAC* encourages leaders of denominations, ministries, cities and local churches to prayerfully seek ways to work together

to share the love and grace of Jesus Christ throughout America, with a goal of praying for, caring for and sharing Jesus Christ with every person in America.

*MAC* partner ministries have been involved in developing many prayer, evangelism and revival-related initiatives including *Celebrate Jesus 2000*, *The Lighthouse Movement*, *Larry Lighthouse*, *Book of Hope*, *911 Remembrance Services*, *Honor Our Heroes*, *Operation Starting Line*, *BeachFest*, *PrayUSA!*, *Christian Emergency Network*, *Urgent Appeal*, *Seek God for the City*, *World Prayer Team* and *Turn On The Light America* just to name a few.

### **MAC ONLINE**

The work of *MAC* is represented online by partner web sites including, but not limited, to:

- [www.missionamerica.org](http://www.missionamerica.org)
- [www.cityreaching.com](http://www.cityreaching.com) (web site also includes a list of local city web sites)
- [www.larrylighthouse.com](http://www.larrylighthouse.com)
- [www.lighthousereport.com](http://www.lighthousereport.com)
- [www.nppn.org](http://www.nppn.org)
- [www.urgentappeal.net](http://www.urgentappeal.net)
- [www.honorourheroes.com](http://www.honorourheroes.com)
- [www.outreachalert.org](http://www.outreachalert.org)
- [www.evangelismtoolbox.com](http://www.evangelismtoolbox.com)
- [www.christianemergencynetwork.com](http://www.christianemergencynetwork.com)

### **OPPORTUNITIES**

The *Mission America Coalition* offers many levels of connection for leaders and individual Christians including prayer intercession, ministry association and financial support.

For more information about *MAC*, to receive regular email updates, for information about becoming a part of *MAC* or supporting *MAC* through prayer or financial gifts please contact the *Mission America Coalition National Office* at 760.200.2707, by email at [info@missionamerica.org](mailto:info@missionamerica.org) or go to [www.missionamerica.org](http://www.missionamerica.org).