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Warmest regards,

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PROMOTING PEACE, PROSPERITY, AND PARTNERSHIPS – ATLANTA'S CONTRIBUTION TO GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT

You are cordially invited to attend the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid's (ACVFA) public meeting. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Wednesday, June 4, 2008, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM (end time is approximate)
The Lane Room, The Commerce Club
34 Broad Street, NW
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Parking is available at garages in the area.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (*topics are subject to change and do not necessarily reflect the order of the agenda*)

Keynote: Henrietta H. Fore, USAID Administrator and Director of United States Foreign Assistance, has been invited to speak on the important role of partnerships as part of USAID's work in international development and humanitarian assistance.

Atlanta's Cross-Cutting Partnerships: An examination of successful partnerships will take place with representatives from private voluntary organizations, universities, for-profit firms and the U.S. Government. Particular attention will be paid to those programs that have been or could be successfully replicated in other

countries. Invited panelists include Dr. Julie Gerberding, Director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Helene Gayle, President and CEO of CARE (ACVFA Member), Ron Jarvis, Senior Vice President for Pro, Tool Rental and Environment for Home Depot, Michael Nyenhuis, President and CEO of MAP International (ACVFA Member) and a university representative.

American Awareness of U.S. Foreign Assistance: ACVFA members and Atlanta community leaders will moderate small group discussions with participants on ways to raise awareness of U.S. foreign assistance, including the important collaborative role of partner organizations.

ONLINE REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION: Pre-register for the meeting and join the ACVFA list serve at http://www.usaid.gov/about_usaid/acvfa. Participants will be able to register on site; **pre-registration is strongly encouraged**. Questions, please contact Jocelyn Rowe, ACVFA Executive Director, at jrowe@usaid.gov or 202-712-4002.

The ACVFA is an expert body that advises USAID and other U.S. government agencies on international development and humanitarian assistance issues. ACVFA members are private citizens appointed by the USAID Administrator and serve without compensation. The committee's public meetings, held three times per year, serve as forums for consultation between the public and private sectors on a broad range of foreign assistance matters.

Faith Tourism at Work in Jamaica

By Bevan Springer

MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica (May 3, 2008) - I have written about the impact of Diaspora-centered tourism for several years - this week in Jamaica I was honored to witness the powerful intersection of both faith and Diaspora tourism.

Imagine the kind of economic impact that the almost 300 volunteers from the youth-focused Miles Ahead organisation had on the western Caribbean island during this past week -

www.milesahead.tv

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The volunteers, led by former NFL player Pastor Miles McPherson, who has family ties to the island, stayed in Jamaica for more than a week at the Rose Hall Resort.

During the day, these multicultural volunteers hit the streets, had lunch with the local communities and gave of their time and talent to a number of community projects on the island.

For months they identified the needs of the communities they were serving, they raised funds, organised their ministry efforts, built their teams, sourced materials and equipment, and prayed one for the other as they boarded flights, including national carrier Air Jamaica, to be of service to the people of Jamaica.

Medical experts brought to the island some US\$5 million worth of medical equipment, supplies and health care which were administered free of charge at several clinics on the north shore.

Even I took advantage of some medical counsel from one of the doctors on hand, as some of America's top rated medical professionals attired in their medical garb met the needs of patients in the areas of dentistry, internal medicine, optometry, orthopedics, pediatrics, and women's medicine.

Hundreds lined up early each morning to see doctors and nurses to receive treatment for ailments that ranged from the common cold to sexually transmitted diseases.

The impact of this particular ministry will be felt long after the Miles Ahead team returns to their 10,000-strong Rock Church home in San Diego as they leave expensive medical equipment and pharmaceuticals in the hands of the local health authorities to carry on the good work.

But there was more, the trip was not just a medical mission. Volunteers, including former professional NBA and NFL players, including Zack Jones formerly of the Cleveland Cavaliers and the New Jersey Nets, teamed with local sporting heroes like Paul "Tegat" Davis and Warren Barrett to hold clinics in soccer, volleyball, basketball, netball and strength building.

It was an inspiring opportunity for both the youth and the pros as they laughed and played together. The youth were inspired by the experts, and the experts inspired by the abundance of talent on the island. "The talent among the youth here is tremendous and we should encourage these young people to pursue athletic scholarships in the United States and beyond," said Jones, who counseled that "while they develop their academic skills in school they should also discipline themselves on the courts and the playing fields."

Miles Ahead traveled to Jamaica as part of the Jamaica Broilers Group's 50th anniversary celebrations and three major family-oriented festivals, under the Best Dressed 50 Fest banner, presented in Mandeville, Montego Bay and Kingston. By Sunday morning, Pastor Miles McPherson would have delivered two messages of hope as part of the events which also featured international evangelists Andrew and Luis Palau.

In partnership with the local community, the Miles Ahead team built a 400-foot long, 10-foot-high wall and fence around Farm Primary and Junior High School to provide safety and security to its 900-student campus in Farm Heights. They also renovated the girls' and boys' lavatories which brings dignity to the children.

Other activities included deaf education workshops, school assemblies and efforts aimed to restore local elementary schools. More importantly, Miles Ahead worshipped with Jamaicans at local churches and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ while on the island.

The Jamaica visit this week really demonstrates the true potential of both Diaspora and Faith tourism. "We are so excited to be in a position to make evangelistic, social and economic contributions to a culture that has influenced my upbringing and has helped shape my faith," said McPherson, whose father and grandparents are from Jamaica.

Now, just imagine the kind of impact we in the Caribbean would have if we were to proactively attract these kind of groups to visit our respective territories.

Jamaica has truly benefited socially, economically and spiritually from this visit, and it is clear that faith tourism is the kind of tourism that we shouldn't neglect. Rather, it's the kind of tourism our marketers should actually pursue.

Thank God the Caribbean will now form part of Miles Ahead's future outreach activities, and that the wider world can be inspired by their efforts which are being chronicled on line at

www.milesahead.tv

<http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001smm5Gh4HccCoZt2sY4YkoJ7hkYbuYvlgFRxu2pznknu4OiaP4Exlw26TbLMNCtfyhGIB_v_wkkN65a2_E2WYgF7PwKSR9jr6wqh8MriCW265JxrWj7Ebig==> .

Bevan Springer, the Director of Counterpart International's Caribbean Media Exchange on Sustainable Tourism (CMEx), is a journalist and communications advisor.

Federal Funding Opportunities

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Bolivia USAID – La Paz has posted an unrestricted cooperative agreement to support activities in the water supply and sanitation sector through the development and sustainable management of new systems, and by incorporating hygiene improvement interventions into new water supply and sanitation activities. As of May 9, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is May 14, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

USAID/Washington's Bureau for Europe and Eurasia Health Team would like to make a special call for the submission of concept papers related to the USG development pillar Investing in People and the E&E Health Sector Goal of Improved Health Status of E&E Populations. The specific objective is to improve the health and lives of women of reproductive age (and safeguard the welfare of their children) in Europe and Eurasia by targeting the greatest causes of morbidity and mortality with strong public-private sector alliances. Alliances will improve the health of women during critical reproductive and child-rearing years as well as during their most productive years in the workforce. As of May 9, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is May 27, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

Hungary USAID-Budapest has posted an unrestricted cooperative agreement for a three-year program to support the USG Trafficking in Persons Strategy (TIP) for Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), specifically helping BiH to remain a Tier 2 country and, if possible, to progress to a Tier 1 country. The program will help to strengthen the capacity of BiH's Government to combat TIP and to implement the country's National Action Plan. This objective will be accomplished through the following prevention and protection interventions: 1) Insertion of trafficking prevention education in schools 2) Support for victim assistance 3) Support to the implementation of the National Anti-Trafficking Plan of Action This program will support, wherever possible, interventions that are by their nature self-sustaining. As of May 9, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is May 27, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

Ecuador USAID – Quito has posted a cooperative agreement for qualifying NGOs for improving Ecuador's Coastal parks through Short-Term Employment of Flooding Victims. As of May 9, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is May 28, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

The US Agency for International Development Food for Peace grant announcement has been posted on Grants.gov. Eligible applicants include U.S. non-profit organizations and Public International Organization (PIO). Applications may request a maximum of 75 metric tons (MT) of commodities (currently valued at approximately \$173,000) and up to \$100,000 of funding. It is not mandatory, however, that these exact levels be requested or in this proportion. (Note: Funding is available for costs directly associated with the movement, management and monitoring of IFRP commodities. Funding will not be considered for the following costs: vehicle purchase, project materials, tools and office equipment.) To read more about USAID's Office of Food for Peace (FFP) and to obtain a link to fiscal year 2008 IFRP Guidelines and Procedures, [click here](#). To access the announcement on Grants.gov and for contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of May 9, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is June 2, 2008.

US Agency for International Development has posted an unrestricted cooperative agreement to solicit partners to implement activities in support of creative and timely responses to encourage the abandonment of traditional practices that promote and condone gender-based violence. USAID is specifically interested in those traditional harmful practices that have received limited attention from the development community. The geographic focus under consideration is USAID's geographic definitions of Africa and Asia & the Near East (ANE). To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of May 9, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is June 12, 2008.

US Agency for International Development has posted an unrestricted grant announcement seeking partners to meet the critical basic needs of internally displaced people and returnee populations (both old and new caseload) in Kabul Province. To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of May 9, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is June 21, 2008.

US Agency for International Development has posted a cooperative agreement for registered U.S. and non-U.S. NGOs, non-profit, and for profit organizations willing to forego profit. The purpose of the Annual Program Statement is to solicit applications for funding. The United States Government, through USAID/Washington and in close collaboration with USAID/Cotonou, USAID/Nairobi, USAID/Pretoria, and USAID/Lusaka, is seeking full applications from prospective partners to implement activities in support of creative and timely responses to the USAID-related components of the Presidential Women's Justice and Empowerment Initiative (WJEI). To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of May 9, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is July 23, 2008.

Ethiopia USAID-Addis Ababa has posted an unrestricted cooperative agreement to solicit applications for funding from prospective new partners to support implementation of the United States Government's President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (hereafter referred to as Emergency Plan or also referred to as PEPFAR) in Ethiopia. The United States Government, through USAID/Ethiopia, is seeking, from prospective partners, concept papers to be followed by full applications (if concept papers are selected) to implement activities in support of the Prevention for at Risk Populations in High Prevalence Urban Areas in Ethiopia. The U.S. Government Mission in Ethiopia anticipates awarding a limited number of grants or cooperative agreements (hereafter called Agreements) for a period of no less than one year and no more than three years. Meanwhile, depending on successful implementation, needs and availability of funds, the period of performance could be extended by one or two additional years. To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of May 9, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is July 31, 2008.

USAID has posted a grant notice for conflict mitigation and reconciliation programs (with possible multiple awards). The Office of Conflict Management and Mitigation (DCHA/CMM) within USAID's Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance (DCHA) invites applications from U.S. and non-U.S. non-profit or for-profit non-governmental organizations (NGOs), international organizations (IOs) and other qualified non-U.S. Government (USG) organizations (including faith-based organizations and community based organizations) to carry out activities, under grants or cooperative agreements, that support conflict mitigation and reconciliation programs and activities that bring together individuals of different ethnic, religious or political backgrounds from areas of civil conflict and violence. A program performance period of up to twenty-four (24) months is anticipated for each award -- between \$100,000 to \$600,000 each. As of May 9, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is August 12, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

USAID has posted a grant notice for Public Private Partnerships in Ethiopia. The USAID/Nigeria Economic Growth, Partnership and Private Sector (PPS) Team is strongly committed to building public-private partnerships that mobilize resources, expertise, creative approaches, and technologies that address development issues in Nigeria under the Global Development Alliance (GDA) Annual Program Statement (APS). [Click here](#) to view the entire announcement. As of May 9, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is September 30, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the

acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

Nigeria USAID-Abuja has posted a cooperative agreement for registered Nigerian indigenous organizations, U.S. and non-U.S. non-governmental organizations (NGO), faith-based organizations (FBO), community-based organizations (CBO), foundations, private organizations affiliated with public academic institutions, parastatals, professional organizations, non-profit organizations, and for-profit organizations willing to forego profit. They are looking for proposals to strengthen civil society to combat HIV/AIDS in Nigeria. As of May 9, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is January 31, 2009. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

Department of State

The Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs has posted a cooperative agreement for nonprofits with 501 (C)(3) status that are not institutions of higher learning and for international organizations. They are announcing an open competition for the English Language Teaching (ELT) Materials Development Project and English Language Educators Summer Institute for July 2009. Proposals should provide the following: 1) the development of English language materials suitable to Office of English Language Programs' goals and 2) the design and administration of a three-week professional development program for assessing English language teaching materials for possible adoption into English language teaching programs overseas. As of May 9, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is May 13, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs has posted a grant for public and state controlled institutions of higher education, nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status, other than institutions of higher education, and private institutions of higher education. They announce an open competition for multiple grants to support international exchange projects under the rubric "Faith and Community: A Dialogue." Public and private non-profit organizations or consortia of such organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 USC 501(c)(3) may submit proposals to develop and implement multi-phased exchanges that bring clerics, scholars of religion, educators, and community leaders/activists from countries with significant Muslim populations to the United States to interact with their counterparts and support reciprocal visits by American clerics, scholars of religion, educators, and community leaders/activists representing the diversity of the American population. As of May 9, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is May 21, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

Parliamentary Youth Exchange Leadership Program - Poland The Office of Citizen Exchanges, Youth Programs Division (ECA/PE/C/PY), of the Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for the U.S. - Poland Parliamentary Youth Exchange Leadership Program. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 USC 501(c)3 may submit proposals to conduct a three- to four-week exchange program in academic year 2008-09, preferably with an early 2009 winter program, focusing on civic education and leadership for 15 secondary school students and 2 educators each from Poland and the U.S. for a total of 34 participants. As of May 9, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is June 15, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

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