



### 2004 IEC ANNUAL MEETING

We're looking forward to a great IEC Annual Meeting next month with guest speakers Lee Rainie, Andrew Careaga, Eric Celer and many others!

There's still time to register to be a part of this strategic networking and informational gathering on effective online evangelism – September 14 and 15 in Chicago, IL. Take advantage of [registering online](#) or [download a registration form](#).



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#### Speakers include:

- Lee Rainie, [Pew Internet & American Life Project](#): "Spiritual Life Online: How Americans use the Internet for Religious Purposes."
- Andrew Careaga, [www.e-vangelism.com](#): "Let Us Build Us a City: Creating Community in Cyber-space"
- Eric Celer, [Top Chrétien](#): "TopChrétien: The Essential Connection"
- Keith Stonehocker, [www.Christianitytoday.com](#): "IEC Global Forum Update"
- Richard Post, [www.eo.nl](#): "Why Jesus: The Power of E-learning"
- Robby Richardson, [GospelCom.net](#): "IEC/NRB Relationship"
- Debra Brown, [Brown Governance](#): "World Evangelism Day"

You'll also hear more about [www.troubledwith.com](#) (Focus on the Family), [www.allaboutgod.com](#) and [www.truthmedia.com](#) (Campus Crusade for Christ Canada).

**Remember:** As a participant, if you have materials to share with others at the meeting you'll have access to do so through a free resource table.

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#### CHAT ROOM EVANGELISM

By Matthew Rich, [www.TheInternetMission.com](#) and [www.Give30minutes.com](#)



The Internet Mission was launched in the UK four years ago by Matt Rich. The aim of the mission is to use all aspects of the Internet for evangelism and to encourage others to do the same. We tell Christians about the opportunities on the Internet for worldwide evangelism and encourage them to spend some of their time evangelizing in this way. The Internet Mission links e-vangelists together for mutual support and encouragement.

Our latest e-vangelism project called [www.Give30minutes.com](#) has just begun. The aim of this initiative is to coordinate chat room evangelism across the globe so as to achieve evangelism in chat rooms, supported by prayer, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We are working to build two teams of 336 people who will commit to giving 30 minutes a week, at a time slot of their choosing. The first team is for those who are willing to e-vangelise in chat rooms and the second team is for people who will give time to pray for those who are chatting. Where possible, and where permission by both parties has been given, we would like to enable the person praying and the person chatting to be in email contact with each other so that the prayers can be specific and guided (giving feedback from the mission front).

It is our hope and prayer that we will be able to fill all of the time slots, so that Christians will know, that no matter what day of the week or what time of day, there is someone actively seeking to talk to people about Jesus in the chat rooms of the Internet. Chat rooms are so often used to promote all sorts of bad things that it would be good to know that active evangelism was continually happening in them. Our prayer is that through this Jesus' name would be glorified and that more people would turn from their sins to worship the only true and living Lord God.

As Christians we must make use of chat rooms for evangelism - if we do not then we neglect an amazing opportunity to meet people where they are. At any one time there are hundreds of thousands of people from all over the world in chat rooms - let's be where they are and point them to Jesus. A UK study of people's openness in chat rooms revealed that people will happily tell a stranger four times as much personal information over the Internet than they would face to face. People in chat rooms can also choose to remain as anonymous as they want and can ask questions without the fear of repercussions. These factors are a great advantage and assistance for e-vangelism.

In my imagination I can picture the Apostle Paul, confined under house arrest, yet telling the world about Jesus through chat room evangelism. I'm sure he would have done this had it been available and he would have made a big impact - but are we?

#### AUSSIE WEB EVANGELISM SEMINAR

Interested in what was discussed at the seminar? You can now

[download summaries from Tony Whittaker's seminars](#). (Tony is with [Soon Ministries](#) and the Web Evangelism Bulletin).



Summaries download as a Zip file with Word documents. Topics include:

- *Fighting the Darkness: Spiritual Warfare and the Web*
- *Using the Internet for Evangelism*
- *Web Evangelism: Communicating Effectively Online*
- *Evangelistic Websites—What's Out There*
- *Increasing Site Traffic*
- *Building "Community" in a Website*

The seminar was cosponsored by [YWAM Perth](#) and [Create International](#).

#### SCRIPTURES IN ARABIC ONLINE

The Internet is proving to be a valuable tool for people in Muslim nations to download and read God's word.

[Full Story from Faith News International Bible Society Web Site](#)



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