

EXECUTIVE BIOGRAPHY: JOHN ASHMEN

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John Ashmen is president/CEO of the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions (AGRM). Founded in 1913, AGRM exists to proclaim the passion of Jesus toward the hungry, homeless, abused, and addicted, and to accelerate quality and effectiveness in some 300 member missions. AGRM-affiliated organizations annually provide 43 million meals and 26 million nights of lodging to the desperate and destitute across North America. About 18,000 people graduate from AGRM-member-run addiction recovery programs every year.

For nearly 15 years, John served in a COO role at Christian Camp and Conference Association (CCCA), overseeing publications, educational events, technical resources, and marketing for the national association. He was the originator, lead writer, and executive producer of the multi-award-winning Cairn Series® professional training CDs, considered to be the definitive work on Christian camp and conference leadership orientation and development. Prior to that, he was the executive director of Haluwasa Christian Camp and Outdoor Center in New Jersey, a ministry that annually served 15,000 campers and guests.

John holds a bachelor of science degree in Bible with a social work emphasis from Philadelphia Biblical University, and has a master of organizational management degree from the University of Phoenix. His writings have appeared in numerous books, journals, and websites, and he teaches college courses and ministry management seminars around the world.

John's wife, Judi, is a billing agent, nurse, and lab technician for a skin cancer surgery center in Colorado Springs. John and Judi's three grown children live in New Jersey, Sweden, and Tennessee.