

EXECUTIVE BIOGRAPHY: JOHN ASHMEN

President of the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions



John Ashmen is the president and 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 upward of 50 million meals and 30 million nights of lodging to the desperate and destitute across North America. They also graduate approximately 25,000 people a year from addiction recovery programs.

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, widely considered the definitive work on Christian camp and conference history and leadership orientation.

John holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Bible, with a Social Work emphasis, from Cairn University, and has a Master of Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix. His writings have appeared in numerous books, journals, and websites, and he continues to preach and teach countless ministry management seminars internationally. John's latest book, *Invisible Neighbors*, published by Cross Section, is considered by many to be a how-to manual for followers of Jesus who are serious about meaningful engagement with the poor and powerless. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Global City Mission Network, a nexus of faith-based organizations serving those in abject poverty in the largest cities around the world.

John's wife, Judi, is a nurse who oversees billing and finances for a skin cancer surgery center in Colorado Springs. John and Judi enjoy tennis, skiing, and hiking Colorado's "14ers." Thanks to their three married children who live in various locations around the world, they now have a growing collection of amazing grandchildren.