

CHRIST ABUNDANT LIFE INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

CHURCH HISTORY

God honored Pastor Derrick E. Flanagan, Sr. with a vision to birth a ministry of excellence, faith and integrity-*Christ Abundant Life Christian Ministries*. God's vision is that of a growing church, crossing the lines of the traditions of men and denominations, teaching the uncompromised word of God with simplicity and understanding.

God's vision manifested on October 12, 1998. Pastor Flanagan began a bible study in his home, which was filled to capacity the first night. It continued to increase by word of mouth for two months and Christ Abundant Life came forth. On March 7, 1999, the first service was held with seven charter members at the Ramada Inn on Cherokee Boulevard in Douglasville, Georgia. The service was filled to capacity with over 100 people in attendance. The church was asked not to return to the Ramada Inn because the overwhelming attendance was too loud, which subsequently broke the fire codes.

On January 28, 2000, the church moved to its present location at 8388 Cherokee Boulevard. Because of the demand for space to serve the community and current ministries throughout the church, it is evident that the present facility is inadequate for present needs and future growth.

In 2003, as we continued to move the vision of our ministry to build a stronger community and assist our youth, the Joshua Generation Family Development Center, Inc. was established as a 501(C)3 organization. Joshua Generation offers a full spectrum of prevention programs to at-risk children, youth and their families. Joshua Generation launched its first Summer Enrichment Camp program entitled Camp Joshua and continues to provide this program yearly with increasing campers.

On May 2007, Pastor Flanagan received a prophetic word that this ministry would go the nations and our name would change to *Christ Abundant Life International Ministries*. Pastor Flanagan took hold of this word and on June 2, 2007, the name was officially changed to Christ Abundant Life *International* Ministries. Through the Institute of Clergy Excellence (ICE), Pastor Flanagan has been afforded the opportunity to go to the nations. During Bishop Flanagan's travels to Nigeria, our mission initiative – Project P.O.O.R. (Passing On Our Resources) – was birthed. This expanded and solidified our international evangelism.

On June 11, 2008, Pastor Flanagan was bestowed the title of Bishop by his spiritual father, Apostle Halton Horton during the 7000 More Covenant Church Fellowship. On Sunday, March 29, 2009, Pastor Flanagan will be officially installed into the office of Bishop.

In June 2013, Bishop Flanagan was elevated to the office of Apostle and officially installed on March 23, 2014. The Board of Elders of Christ Abundant Life confirmed Lady Charmaine Flanagan as Pastor of Christ Abundant Life while Apostle Flanagan assumed the Apostolic oversight.

Bishop Flanagan is joined in ministry by his lovely wife, Pastor Charmaine, and their four children (Jeremy, Candice, Derrick II and Nia).