



Advancing Stewardship

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Serving AMG Ministry Partner's Estate & Planned Giving Needs



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The Benefits of an AMG Charitable Gift Annuity

An AMG Charitable Gift Annuity is part gift and part investment. It will pay you a fixed amount every year for the remainder of your life and is guaranteed by all of the assets of AMG International. There are no fees and 100% of your money is invested.

An AMG Charitable Gift Annuity is a secure way to enjoy increased income payments, receive preferred tax treatment and support the strategic, gospel-centered ministries of AMG around the world.

The plan gives you an excellent rate of return depending on the

age of the participants, (single or two-life options). And your AMG Gift Annuity can be established with a minimum gift of \$5,000.

For more information contact our CFO, Steve Turner, at: stevet@amginternational.org or by calling 423-894-6060 Ext 235.

Current Rates for a Single-Life Charitable Gift Annuity

Age	Rate of Return (%)	Effective Rate (%)
70	5.1	7.08
75	5.8	8.22
80	6.8	9.83
85	7.8	11.61

Rates are as of April 2013, AFR used is 1.4%

Benefits of an AMG Charitable Gift Annuity include:

1. Fixed payments for life.
2. Your gift to AMG may be cash, stock or mutual funds.
3. Income tax deductions at the time of your gift.
4. Appreciated property is given preferred tax treatment of the capital gains tax payable.
5. Your gift will be used to further AMG's gospel-centered ministries through faithful national workers such as child and youth development, disaster relief, media evangelism, and medical care in over 30 countries worldwide.

Introducing the Zodiates Opportunity Fund

AMG Founder, Dr. Spiros Zodiates, led AMG for over 50 years and always worked hard to make sure as many dollars as possible made it to the field.

In response to the inquiries and support we have received from church partners to help provide funding for AMG's operational expenses, we have

established **The Zodiates Opportunity Fund**. To learn more and to view one church's testimony about partnering with AMG in this way, please see our website at: www.amginternational.org.

Gifts to this fund will help offset the costs associated with running AMG's ministry with excellence.

While no one likes to "pay for overhead expenses" these expenses are vital to ensure that the mission of the organization is being accomplished.

To help provide some perspective on this sensitive issue, we have enclosed a "Letter to America's Donors" from the Presidents of GuideStar, Charity Navigator and

the BBB Wise Giving Alliance entitled, **The Overhead Myth**. We hope you will enjoy reading what these leaders have to say about this issue.

Please let us know if you or your church would like more information about the **Zodiates Opportunity Fund**.

And thank you for your strategic partnership with AMG!

Estate Planning is
Spiritual Before it is
Mechanical

For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.

~ Jeremiah 29:11

AMG's Estate Design Service - Available for you!

Our free, completely confidential Estate Design Service is for AMG ministry partners to help them complete their estate planning documents. We will NEVER tell you how much to give or who to give to.

The Estate Design Process - There are many reasons why AMG ministry friends take advantage of this service.

- 1. **This is the first time they have completed their estate documents.** They have never completed a will or other estate documents. It could be a young couple working through guardianship issues. Many times, however, it is the first time they have looked at estate planning from a **spiritual point of view.** This is the first time they have considered the "Owner" of their property as they decide what the distribution of their estate should look like.*
- 2. **They need to review their current affairs.** It could be that they have documents they completed many years ago when their children were young and now they are grown and have children of their own. It may just be a good time to review these things. We regularly review our budget and day-to-day spending habits. Maybe it is a good time just to make sure our estate documents are up to date too.*
- 3. **They want a second opinion to their current documents.** Sometimes they have never been shown that certain taxes are optional taxes. Often, we can show our ministry friends ways that they can leverage tax dollars in gifts to their church or ministries they are passionate about.*

*For more information about our **Estate Design Service** Email us at advance@amginternational.org*

AT AMG, September 2014 is "Get Your House in Order" Month

Here at AMG, we are dedicating the month of September this year to focus on something that most of us would prefer to put off for another day. In September, we will seek to encourage AMG ministry friends to "Get Their House in Order."

Our theme for September comes from 2 Kings 20:1 where we read, "*In those days Hezekiah became mortally ill. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, 'Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live."*

We all recognize that "*tomorrow is not promised*" but we nevertheless tend to put off the opportunity to complete our estate plans until another day. And so, this September, we want to encourage you to take

the time to plan for the needs of your family and the ministries you care about, to take advantage of the charitable tax laws that still exist in our country...and complete your estate documents in 2014. At AMG, we would consider it a great privilege to help you complete your estate plans this year.

To this end, we are making plans now to help us all "Get Our Houses in Order" this September. Some of these plans include:

- ◇ **Our "This Week at AMG" video Blog will be dedicated completely to topics related to Biblical estate planning.**
- ◇ **The launch of our Advancing Stew-**

ardship website that will provide insights in Biblical Stewardship, estate planning tips and tools, charitable tax law news and more!

- ◇ **A Conference Call with our AMG Management Team and an Estate Planning specialist from Lifestyle Giving.**

- ◇ **And much more!**

We look forward to serving your estate planning needs this year! Feel free to contact our VP for Development, Patrick Ragan, with any questions you may have by Email: advance@amginternational.org.

or by Phone: 423-894-6060 Ext 245.

Thank you and God bless!