

CHURCH IN CHAINS CONFERENCE (ATHLONE)

Saturday 12 September 2009 11am – 4pm



The annual Church in Chains Conference will again be held in Athlone this year and promises to be a great day when Christians from around Ireland will gather to focus on the Persecuted Church around the world. We are looking forward greatly to the visit of our special guest, Helen Berhane.

Helen Berhane is a Gospel singer from Eritrea who spent over two years imprisoned in a shipping container for her faith. Helen will speak about her experiences and will also sing God's praise.

Dr. Berhane Asmelash (Director of *Release Eritrea*) will also speak about the current situation in Eritrea where almost 3,000 Christians remain imprisoned without trial. The conference will also include:

- ♦ The latest news about persecuted Christians around the world
- ♦ Opportunities to pray together for our brothers and sisters
- ♦ Interview with an Irish Bible courier to China

Venue: The Athlone Springs Hotel, Monksland, Tuam Road, Athlone (west side of Athlone town). The conference will be held in the spacious Clonellan Suite. All facilities are located on the ground floor. Ample car parking in hotel grounds. Complimentary tea and biscuits will be served from 10.30am.

Directions for Drivers: The Athlone venue is a drive of less than two hours from Dublin, Westport, Castlebar, Sligo, Limerick and Kilkenny; three and a half hours from Cork and Wexford; and an hour and a half from Galway.

Lunch: Available in hotel (main course + tea/coffee - €12.50; sandwiches + t/c - €6.50). The hotel will ask delegates for lunch preferences before conference begins at 11am.

Supervised Children's Programme in hotel grounds with the Big Red Bus for primary school children (MUST be booked in advance)



Bus: Bus Éireann every hour from Dublin and Galway. Bus from Sligo (slightly late for start).

Rail: Early morning trains run from Westport/Castlebar; Galway/Ballinasloe and from Dublin in time to reach Athlone before start of conference. **Contact Seán Ó Cluaid about local transport to hotel.**

Overnight Accommodation: The Athlone Springs Hotel special rate for Friday night or Saturday night (price per room inc. breakfast) is €95 single; €115 double/twin. **To arrange this, please contact the hotel directly and mention the Church in Chains Conference** (090 644 4444).

Admission / Registration: There is no admission charge and no need to pre-register. There will be a freewill offering to defray expenses. Conference folder to take away. **It would be very helpful if you could contact the organisers if you are planning to come.**

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