

## **Sigi & David Oblander Ministries**

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### **Summer Ministry in States-**

Sigi and I spent the summer months traveling over 10,000 miles making a swing through the northeast including Canada and as far west as Montana. It was a fruitful time revisiting churches and friends and family. Often we do not see the impact of what God does until months or years later, but we must give what God deposits in our hearts.

### **Pastor's Conference in Mozambique-**

As we arrived in South Africa the last week of August, we repacked and took only necessary items to Mozambique for a pastor's conference in the middle of the bush. We had to fly to the city of Beira and drive four hours on dirt roads to reach our destination. The conference lasted several days, and we invited our senior pastor's daughter, Nicole Boone, to join us. The conference was held at Afrika wa Jesu Bible School that was founded by Rod and Ellie Hein, old friends from Zimbabwe. It was good to renew our relationship with Rod and Ellie and see first hand what God has done through them to make a difference in the country of Mozambique. They and their staff serve and live sacrificially to plant churches and build the Kingdom of God. It would take too much space to detail their lives, but they have a book that is published through Christ for the Nations Bible School in Dallas that tells their story. Pastors came as far as Malawi, hitchhiking long hours to sit and eat spiritual food that God had prepared for them. Sigi took the larger portion of meetings and Nicole and I stepped in to complete the schedule. We enjoyed the comments that several of the pastors made after they heard Sigi preach. They were amazed that a woman could preach so powerfully. As one pastor testified, " She is like a lion, even stronger than a man." The concept of what a woman is, the mind set of the African man, is being changed by the anointing of God and by what the Word of God is saying. In the work shops that followed the main sessions, pastors began to openly speak about their personal lives and marriages. One pastor commented, "We have always expected our wives to lift us up, but now we realize as men of God that we must lift our wives." Jesus lifted the church. This is the example demonstrated to us, and it is revolutionary. It was an intense few days with little break between meetings, but the overwhelming imprint left on our minds was the deep hunger these pastors had for God. We sometimes forget that Jesus preached to ordinary fisherman who perceived by the Spirit of God things that educated men could not understand. This is our prayer for America that we would have a true hunger for God and His righteousness.

### **Tour group from America Arrives-**

In the last few days the tour group of thirteen Americans arrived safely in South Africa. We asked Nicole Boone to organize the tour because she is actively involved with South Africa and many came to see what is happening in Goshen International, the ministry that she has founded. We have now met all the members of the group, and they are quality individuals who have come to pour out their lives in South Africa and be enlarged. The group has seen important sites that every visitor wants to see; they have attended services where Sigi has ministered; they have visited Kurland area where Nicole and her co-worker Michael have established a training center to educate and encourage young students to prepare for their future; they have visited Kid's Explosion in Kurland that was founded by our friend, Kathy van Staden, to help abused and under privileged kids. The last few days will be spent in East London visiting and seeing the community projects that the church is doing there. They will have a multitude of experiences that will give them an understanding of what God is doing in South Africa.

### **Honoring Forty Years of Ministry-**

It was a memorable evening in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, a special evening honoring Sigi for forty years of ministry. Neville Goldman, a friend and pastor of Ebenezer Centre in Port Elizabeth, really felt to organize this event. He and the church graciously prepared a banquet and sent letters of invitation to those whom we have learned to know over the years. Letters of tribute and video strips were read and presented during the four hour event, and it left Sigi and me feeling as though we had been rubbed in the anointing oil of the Spirit of God. We were deeply touched by the expressions of love and gratitude for what God had done over many years. We received a word of encouragement several years ago in South Africa that we would see the fruit of our labors. This event in Port Elizabeth was one confirmation of that word. We are looking forward to our remaining schedule in South Africa through the month of September. South Africa has influenced our lives like no other nation.

### **Annual Fall Gathering – Downingtown PA – Oct 11 -14, 2007**

In October we are looking forward to our annual Fall Gathering in Downingtown Pennsylvania. The time is running short so make your plans now. It is being hosted by Pastor Rob Garrett, Senior Pastor of Praise Fellowship Church in Downingtown. Don't miss this appointed time to come away from your busy schedule and receive from the abundance of God. Sigi's prophetic teaching always inspires and encourages and leaves an impartation that changes lives. This year we are also privileged to have a guest speaker from South Africa, Pastor Fiona DesFontaine. She is an anointed teacher to the Body of Christ. Brochures will be available upon request or check our website for details. We would love to see you there.

### **Schedule:**

#### **Oct-**

*16-17* – Tues & Wed 7 PM – Living Waters Fellowship – Nazareth PA – contact: Milfred & Renee Hoyle - Tel 610 759 3856

*20* – Sat 7 PM – Home of Tony & Julia Chilingirian, 2A Colonial Dr, Huntington NY – Tel 631 692 5295

*21* – Sun 10 AM – Praise Christian Tabernacle – Pastor Barbara Rispoli – 37 College Rd, Seldon NY – Tel 631 732 0564

**Nov-**

*4<sup>th</sup>* –Sun AM & PM - Pastor Jannie Barnard –Ethnos House of Prayer - Redlands CA - Tel 909 435 5901

*18* – Sun 10 AM – Solid Rock Victorious Church – Pavilions of Pasco, 7135 S.R. 52, Suites 307-309, Hudson FL – Pastor Mark & Marion Esposito – Tel 727 863 1747

**Dec –**

*2* - Sun 8:30 & 10:45 AM – New Beginnings Life Center – Spring Hill FL – Pastor Earl Harrigan – Tel 352 686 8880