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## opportunity

Life in Namibia... This country is truly fascinating. The beauty of diversity is found in many facets of life—peoples, cultures, landscapes... The creative genius of Almighty God is remarkably evident.

As 2007 has begun, God’s hand has become even more apparent as He is throwing doors wide open for ministry! I stand in humble amazement at all that God is doing, and that He would allow me to be a part of His plan for Namibia.

I pray that I will make the most of every opportunity...

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Col. 4:5-6

## hiv/aids response team

The pastors and missionaries of the Pentecostal Assemblies of God (PAOG) of Namibia met for the annual General Council meeting at the beginning of February. I was given time to present proposals for beginning HIV/AIDS ministries and Community Health Evangelism (CHE) ministries through our churches. The pastors eagerly gave me their support and encouragement to begin the work!

Under the direction of our pastors, I invited representatives from each PAOG church to come together to form an HIV/AIDS Response Team. We had our first meeting at the beginning of March. It is obvious that this team was handpicked by the Lord—people of knowledge and experience qualified with a heart for reaching out to those in need.



Together we evaluated needs as well as the responsibility that we, as the church, have to reach people at their point of need. We formed an action plan that we are now working to implement, including the development of a manual that will be used in each of our churches for training the HIV/AIDS Ministry teams.

## beginning hiv/aids ministry at faith

I held a two-Sunday HIV/AIDS emphasis at Faith A/G in Otjiwarongo. My friend Simonee, a trainer for ITECH, explained the great need in Namibia. I then challenged the congregation with a Biblical basis for the responsibility of the church.

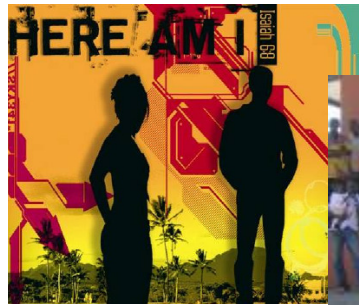


The second Sunday was a practical session explaining various ideas of what we can do to minister to people who are infected or affected by HIV/AIDS.



Several people came forward for prayer—to commit to working in HIV/AIDS ministry. On Thursday, 12 April, we had our first HIV/AIDS Ministry Prep meeting.

Find out more about our team!  
Check out our website... [www.namibiaharvest.org](http://www.namibiaharvest.org)



## youth convention 2007



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This year’s National Youth Convention theme... ‘Here Am I’ - Isaiah 6:8. From 5-8 April, just over 100 youth from around Namibia converged on the NAMTI campus. Youth attended Focus Sessions and participated in team activities during the day. They enjoyed times of worship and encouragement at the evening Rallies. Several youth gave their lives to the Lord and many were touched and challenged to surrender completely to Him.

I had the opportunity to speak for a Focus Session on the subject of ‘Purity’. I believe the youth were challenged to strive for purity in every area of their lives—to train themselves for godliness.

I was also the Activities Director. Team competition was great fun! The teams earned points by winning various games and activities, including a scavenger hunt. The youth were found running around town trying to accomplish their list of tasks in the shortest amount of time. Congratulations to the yellow team— a.k.a. Isaiah Generation—for their job well done!



Resurrection Sunday was the first Sunday service at Ombili Assembly of God, the church plant by Gaylord and Fredna Brown. The youth invited the community. Many came and gave their lives to the Lord that day! Praise God!

## assembly at oss



Otjiwarongo Secondary School allows pastors to meet with the students for Bible Study on Wednesday mornings. I had the opportunity to speak to students twice during the month of March. One meeting was held in the Hall where I spoke to over 400 youth. I challenged them to live the life of a winner! About 55 students came forward following the session to pray to give their lives to the Lord. Several are now attending church and Youth Group at Faith Assembly of God! Praise God for this open door! Pray for the Lord to continue to work in the lives of the youth of Otjiwarongo.

## praises and prayers

- Praise God for the doors He is opening for ministry and community involvement.
- Pray for wisdom and direction as I strive to ‘seize the day’ and every opportunity God gives me.
- Pray that the Lord will help me to be sensitive to the leading of His Spirit as I minister.
- Pray for our team—for unity and for the anointing of the Lord as we serve Him.
- Pray for favor for the Turneys and myself as we have submitted our applications for renewing our work permits. The Turneys had to submit an appeal as well due to receiving a ‘non-renewable’ work permit last year. We need God to work!
- Pray for God to raise up laborers for His harvest.

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praying!**

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