



## TWO MORE CHURCHES UP IN SOUTH AFRICA #16 PIETERSBURG & #17 POTCHEFSTROOM



**#16 Pietersburg**  
(our second church in  
Pietersburg)

**#17 Potchefstroom**

**MOVING  
CLOSER TO  
OUR GOAL OF  
110  
CHURCHES IN  
SOUTH  
AFRICA!**

## Wake up...Mighty Men of God:

As we watch daily the events in the Middle East, we who have read our bibles know how close we are to the final countdown. The Lord gave me a vision recently for the nation of America. It looked like the arches of the Mc Donald's logo. He showed me America. When we look back in years to come we will see that America will have two histories unfolding. One will be those serving God and the other History will be those that do not. Two paths moving away from each other. The one being prosperous and the other facing much trial and tribulation. We in the Body of Christ have learned the basic truths about Faith: we know how to believe for our Finances, health and family salvation. But what we in the body need to do is "*Something*." In other words, we need to get out of our comfort zones and begin to do the work of the Lord. Many of us have been waiting on God for years and He has been waiting for us to "*do Something*." So we need to **WAKE UP**.....

*The message is "Wake up Oh mighty men"* Joel 3:9 Proclaim this among the nations "Prepare for war." **Wake up the mighty men.**

In 1 Samuel 22:1, we see that David's mighty men did not start out as mighty men. They were all hanging out in a cave. In verse 2, it says: And everyone who was in Distress, everyone who was in Debt, everyone who was Discontented, gathered to him. So he became captain over them, and there were 400 with him. When you look at this verse, we see all the problems began with

the letter "D". The devil had put his mark on them. If you look closer, these men were: Destroyed, Disheartened, Dismayed, Disabled, Disconnected, Divorced, Denied, Divided, Defeated, Deflated, Demoralized, Destitute, Depressed. The devil had them bound. Like many today in the body of Christ, we are tired. We have lost our Drive and Determination. We are waiting for things to happen instead of doing what we are supposed to do. Remember the first two letter of God are "GO." I always found that when I was so busy praying for people with problems and doing ministry, I had no time to linger on any problems in my own life. Actually, it seemed like I was so busy helping others I had no problems in my own life.

In 1 Samuel 23:2 Therefore David enquired of the Lord saying "Shall I GO and attack these Philistines' and save Keilah..."

3: and David's men said to Him "look we are afraid here in Judah. How much more than if we go to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines."

4. Then David inquired of the lord once again. And the lord answered him once again and said "Arise, GO down to Keilah. For I will deliver the Philistines into your hand. (This is so much like us, we hear the Lord call us and give us a vision. Then we wait on Him and discuss it with our friends who most times talk us out of the vision.)

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### Church Building in South Africa.....

When God called Pete Samra to South Africa, he was given a four fold vision. One of the four parts was to build churches. Initially Pete believed he was to build 5 churches. He consulted a building firm and they quoted him \$5,000.00 (R50,000.00) to build a complete structure.

These churches were to be 9 meters by 15meters. But somehow Pete felt that this was not what God wanted. He received a Word that he was to help build churches and later the Lord spoke to him to build 110. But Pete felt that if he built the complete church structure the congregation would not play a part in the development of their church. He kept hearing the words "you can buy a man a fish dinner and tomorrow he will be hungry again, but if you teach him to fish, he will know how to supply his needs." This was what God wanted Pete to do. He was to help build the church but it was the responsibility of the congregation to complete the structure. This way, the congregation would learn to sow. Once they learned to sow, God would then bless them. This is one of the most important lessons we need to learn. If we sow, we will reap. One night Pete was having coffee with Graham Payne, a friend and associate. Graham suggested that the ministry build a metal structure, i.e. the metal frame and roof. The ministry would then be responsible for the floor (concrete). Once the basic structure was up, it would now become the responsibility of the Pastor and his congregation to finish the church. Some immediately caught the vision and the churches were finished in record time. Some even added to the structure before the roof was on thus enlarging the square footage of the project.

When the first 5 churches were built, the basic structure cost R16,000.00, which included the metal frame, roof and floor. The strong Dollar made this a dream come true for some donors as they could have a stake in a mighty move of God in Africa for the amount of \$1,600.00

Now, due to the low dollar and the increase in building materials, the same structure costs R25,000.00. With today's exchange rate of 6 to 1, it now costs \$4,200.00 for the same structure.

Although the church is not a completed building, the actual completion of these structures by those who will use them, helps to give these very poor communities a sense of belonging. "I will never forget driving up to the first structure we built. I looked at it and I had this feeling. If for no other reason, we build these structures. It helps the faith level of the Pastor and his congregation" says Pete Samra

### The Samras' in South Africa March 2006:

Pete and Steffi spent two weeks in South Africa. This was a time to spend with family and friends of the ministry. While Steffi visited her Father in Uvongo near Durban, Pete went to Cape Town. He visited Pastor Fikale and Pastor Seeborg. Samra Ministries helped build a church in the Cape, which is now complete. "It was great to see the finished product." If you saw the Promotional DVD, you will remember Pastor Fikale's interview and the church under construction. While Pete was visiting The Cape, Pastor Fikale and Pastor Seeborg took him to see a piece of Land where they plan to build another church. Pete promised that Samra Ministries would be sending money to help with this next project as soon as the land ownership is secured.

Pete and Steffi also met with Evangelist John Giles and his wife. Many of you will remember Pastor Giles. Samra Ministries helped John Giles to build a church in Pietersburg, #10. Samra Ministries have once again helped Pastor John build another church in Pietersburg, #16 (see cover story) for a Pastor in a remote and poor area nearby. Pete asked Pastor John to start a "Pastor's School" in Pietersburg to provide training for other pastors in the area.

Pete and Steffi visited the Pastors meeting on the third Saturday of March and saw some old friends and many new faces who were attending the monthly meeting. Pete promised to help Pastor Gabriel of Harvest International Revival Ministries to put up a structure. We are proud to announce this church, #17, is up. This church is located near another church Samra Ministries helped to build for Pastor Jacob in Potchefstroom.

One of the most important functions of Samra Ministries is the training of Pastors. Several meetings were held with leaders in different areas to start "Pastors' School". This will aid the ministry with trained Pastors to man the churches we will be building. The total plan is to build 110 churches in South Africa. We have helped to build 17 with three more in the works. Our target is 20 by the end of 2006.

"We have faced some setbacks," says Samra. "One is that we have had some difficulty in securing the land. We will not build for anyone unless they have the right legal ownership. Another problem we encountered is that the cost of building materials has escalated in South Africa. Compound that with the weak Dollar. It has put our price per unit well over three times the original expense the first 5 or so churches cost us."

"It is amazing," says Samra, "when you visit South Africa, at the amount of building you see everywhere. Yet the poor who live in the Townships where we build churches seem to live defeated Lives".

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5. And David and His men went to Keilah and fought with the Philistines, struck them with a mighty blow, and took away their livestock. So David saved the inhabitants of Keilah.

13. Then David and his men about 600 arose and departed. (Once they became successful more people joined them, a 50% increase. If your church is out there doing Something for God, you will have increase.)

What I believe God is saying to us is: We can stay in our comfort zone, with all the problems we face or we can get out of the cave and do something for God.

Many of us have been called but we have not taken up the challenge. Romans 11:29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. (Once you are called you are called. You will not be judged on what you do in the market place but rather by what you were supposed to do to spread the word and enhance the kingdom).

Jesus spent only three years of his life in ministry yet he spent 30 years preparing for it. Most of his time was spent working in a carpenter shop. His daily life in that profession was working with wood, nails and a hammer. He knew what he was to do. Even in the garden he called out to the father and asked him to take the cup from Him. He knew exactly what he was to do and what he was to go through.

Many of us are waiting. Stop waiting. Do something. If it is praying for the sick, passing out tracks, getting involved with your local church in the men's group or women's group. Once you get started you will begin to find what it is you are best called to do. Remember, prayer is the most important ingredient. So begin to pray daily. My prayer is Not what God can do for my wife and I, but rather what we can do for Him. You have been waiting enough. Go and Do what you need to do. Time is running out.

Here are a few points to help you get to your Goal:

1. Pray more than you ever have.
2. Fast at least one day a week.
3. Read your bible.
4. Tithe and make offerings.
5. Attend church regularly.
6. Visit the sick, prisoners and hand out tracks.
7. Have a bible study in your home or organize a prayer meeting.

This will surely get you motivated. There is a dying world out there. They are waiting for us to bring the Good news. You must become evangelistically potent.

### Opening of Beteli Methodist Church, Cape Town

Thank you all for your wonderful contribution to the success of our Marconi opening this last weekend. It was a great effort and you all did wonderfully. Thanks also to all who have shown interest in this project in any way or have contributed to the funds

Here are pictures of the Sunday opening service which was also tremendous -- if somewhat packed and long.

God bless you all,  
Andrew Seeborg



### HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF 110 CHURCHES IN SOUTH AFRICA.

A donation of only \$5,000 is enough to get a structure launched. And every dollar contributed is graciously valued. Mail your donations to:

Pete Samra Ministries  
P.O.Box 7594  
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\_\_\_\_\_ I'd like to sponsor the erection of a structure in South Africa enclosed is my donation of \$5,000.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to make a donation to Ministry Fund to help with expenses and training

\_\_\_\_\_ I'd like to help in funding the building of 110 churches in South Africa.