

NATIONAL CONVENTION 13 – 15/7/2012

Friday 13/7/12

Our National Convention convened with a concert prayer for God's blessings on the proceedings following which our National Overseer officially opened the Convention and welcomed all who were present. The theme of the convention was **'they were all with one accord in one place.'** A scripture was read from Joel 2:28 – 32 by Sister Joan Taylor followed by the Church of Prophecy Marker Association and Bible Training Institute programmes able moderated by Brother Stuart Brown. He highlighted a number of things that could hinder our progress in the Lord that we needed to put in the trash basket. Evangelist Taylor – Harrison preached a good message entitled **'And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost'** in which she emphasised the need for unity in order for us to have the power of God with us. The evening was closed with an altar invitation where all were encouraged to seek the Lord.

Saturday 14/7/12

During the Assembly Band Movement programme on Saturday morning, Sister Wilhelmina Brown used the example of Asa, king of Judah to remind us that the battle we are engaged in belonged to the Lord. Pastor Frances Prince preached a timely message entitled **'till we all come in the unity of the faith.'** She encouraged us to go on to perfection, to humble ourselves and to lay aside the things that will hinder us like being short tempered. She said that a storm was coming but after a storm people are sometimes surprised to see what structures are still standing and which have been blown down. She encouraged us to ensure we will still be standing.

The Women Missionary Band program had as a theme **'Always Abounding.'** The National Secretary, Sister Claudia Brown encouraged us that there was much work to do and we needed to be busy doing the work of the Lord and not our own. Sister Cynthia Opoku preached a good message on the subject **'that they may be one as we are.'** She emphasised that the Trinity is always united and that we too must be united. She said at the building of the Tower of Babel God could have simply destroyed the tower but the men would have rebuilt it because they were united in a cause. Instead God confounded their language to the point where they no longer understood each other. She said that the devil was using the same tactics against us today to destroy our unity.

The Evangelism program which included the healing line was directed by Brother Jason Prince. He encouraged the seekers to exercise their faith as they passed through the healing line and was anointed and prayed for by the Ministers.

Pastor Angela Clarke preached on the topic **'But ye shall receive power.'** The question was asked as to where the power was that we needed to do the work? We were encouraged not to wait but to seek the power.

It was then time for the Victory Leaders Band programme which commenced with the youth marching into the auditorium wearing their uniforms. The VLB theme was **'Unmoveable, Unshakeable.'** The National Director Sister Claudine Brown showed us some aerial photos of well known landmarks which were generally unrecognizable to us and commented on how different they looked when viewed from a height. She encouraged us to get to higher levels where the devil could not get to us. The programme concluded with an altar service where one confessed salvation.

Sunday 15/7/12

We began with a congregational prayer followed by a scripture reading from Ephesians 4:11 – 16. The Sunday school programme was moderated by Brother Ray Prince the National Secretary using the general theme of **'Walk in the Light.'** There were presentations from all the local churches. The Holy Ghost could be felt throughout and a special outpouring took place as we worshipped the Lord with the chorus **'Holy Lord, Holy Lord are You.'**

There then followed special singing from the National Choir after which our National Overseer Philip Bennett gave his annual address. He spoke on the convention theme and examined the process that brought the 120 who were in the upper room to **'one accord.'** He outlined the importance of prayer and the effect that prayer has on us as individuals.

After a time of testimonies and appreciations there followed the appointments for the new convention year.

All too soon the 58th annual convention was over but it was very evident that God had been with us throughout. All the messages were pointing us towards perfection and everyone was saying the same thing.

To God be the glory.

Submitted by Philip Bennett – National Overseer