

## **PASTORS ADDRESS AT THE FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF 'OUR GOD HEARS'**

**Date: 29th of June, 2014**

OURGODHEARS KW-Foursquare Gospel Church (OGH) is a family of FOURSQUARE Gospel Church, an inter-denomination and international organization which started in 1922 by Aimee Semple McPherson a native of Stafford, near London, Ontario. OGH began as a tiny seed out of a simple act of obedience and service in Christ on **September 10, 2005** as a home-cell prayer group based on **Psalm 65:2&5**. We are a branch of Ontario South-West Unit, of the Foursquare Gospel Church of Canada which is a part of the International Foursquare Church of United States with branches in over 140 countries of the world and one of the fastest-growing Church worldwide.

Our first fellowship had two people in attendance. We grew to an average of eight for every weekly meeting for the first year. **By summer 2006**, a lot of our regular members relocated to take up new jobs. This led to a toll-free telephone prayer conference on Saturday mornings tagged "Morning Dew" (**Psalm 133:1-3**) for participants in Canada, United States and United Kingdom.

The desired vigil prayers by the group started in **March 2007** while the youth musical concert of March 2008 gave birth to the 232 Princes of God's kingdom (*1 Kings 20:13-17*) initiative.

**The 2007 end-of-year** prayers being our first public outing was at 685 High Point Avenue, Waterloo and has remained our current location for Tuesday meetings, vigils and the **Sunday Evening of Praise** which started on **September 14, 2008** based **Psalm 65:1**. The weekly Bible Study commenced at the initial location of the prayer group in **June, 2008**. **Beginning January 2009, the Bible Study** is now from "house-to-house" called the **Acts 20:20 initiative**. **The Sunday evening meeting was replaced with a morning (near noon) service in January 2012.**

The supervisor of Ontario and then Senior Pastor were present in our 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Sunday Evening of Praise in September 2009. Thereafter by November 2009 the National Board of Foursquare Canada approved to register us as a chartered church. However, this was not announced until April 2 2010 during the Easter rally which we hosted. Later that month, we submitted application as a charity to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) and by divine intervention, it was approved on **27<sup>th</sup> May 2010**, 3 days after the application was received from the National Office. Some churches wait for months for such approval.

Finally, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary on **September 19 2010** the church was formally presented as a chartered ministry as being able to stand on its own. On **March 13 2011, we held our 1<sup>st</sup> AGM.**

In 2011, we started what is now tagged the God of Elijah programme (TGOE), billed to be an avenue for evangelism and prayers. We also started a welcome programme for new-comers tagged **The Rehoboth** (meaning there is enough room here in Canada to settle). The 2014 edition is currently in the planning stages. The Music School produced early last year the OGH Melodies and OGH Voices are going stronger and show of love is increasing among us. It is worthwhile to mention the tremendous progress of OGH Voices as the South West Ontario Unit Supervisor recognized their prodigy and dedication and allowed them to solely conduct the Worship session during the Easter Rally in April 2012 and 2014 and to form

the nucleus of the SWON Unit Worship Team during 2012 Foursquare National Convention in Toronto and Unit Easter Rally in 2013. *(A time is coming that the National Office we ask OGH Voices to perform at the National Convention outside Ontario)*. The OGH Voices most watched video on YouTube is Oseyiye (Thank you). Thank you, Jesus. In appreciation of their contribution, we sponsored a two-day retreat for them and their patrons and matrons in beautiful Hidden Acres, New Hamburg, Ontario. This year Summer retreat/camp in August 22-24 is in that location. Last year's summer retreat was judged by the Council to be our most successful program. This year should be better. Our prayer retreat was also very impactfull we went without a theme and we came back with Holy Spirit inspired theme- **God is good!**

Through the dedication of two brothers, OGH website was redesigned from scratch and through the site you can follow up on our programmes, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube and Prayer Phone Conference Recordings, the yearly, monthly and weekly declarations. I urge you to use these avenues to catch up or refresh yourselves.

Key members relocated this year and to the glory of God they are all maintaining relationships with us. For example, Brother Tomiwa joined us as delegates to the National Convention in Calgary last April. The Atsenuwas, Okolos, Crispin Ajagbona, etc. are in regular communication with us. OGH aim is to build lifetime relationships with people.

Earlier this month, we were part of the take-off of the Brampton Foursquare Church initiated by Pastors Jide and Joke Akinyemi who were Staff Pastors here for over one year.

OGH remained focussed on her vision and mission as we continue to meet regularly on Sundays, Tuesdays and Saturdays with emphasizes on praise, prayers and the Word. The Sunday meeting recently added a teaching component called Jesus Everyday Manna (JEM) in two groups – adult and teenager. By God's grace, we plan to add another class, Next Level focusing on topical issues. The children group is already in place as God blessed us with three babies last year and more children through our brethren whose spouses are still in Nigeria. If God wills, they will join their parents here soon.

All meetings have witnessed steady increase with committed people. The Ministry have not been lacking in outstanding divine connections supporting community people in times of need. The mechanic servicing OGH Toyota van is doing it almost free of charge you literarily had to beg him to give you the bill. (Let's pray for George). The annual bookmark calendar since 2011 has been a good evangelistic tool. Through the benevolence fund we have reached out through Shoeboxes, African-Canadian Association, Billy Graham My Hope outreach, Sick Children Hospital, Grand River Hospital and individuals. *Please, connect us with whoever is in dire need from wherever, and we shall do our best.*

The Ministry placed on record testimonies of salvation, Holy Ghost baptism and miracles – healings, deliverances and breakthroughs. The Holy Spirit has been given us weekly, monthly and yearly words, many of them with confirmations. The Lord is blessing the Ministry financially and with committed and dedicated people.

Due to the increasing need to bring fellow worshippers to church, on February 19 2013, the Ministry procured a used 2013 Dodge Caravan purchased by the initial owner on **September 10 2012** (OGH Anniversary – Another providential confirmation of the presence of the Holy Spirit).

We must join hands together to move the Ministry forward by building relationships in the community.

### **Vision and Mission**

**VISION:** To walk with people working together in Christ Jesus to fulfill destinies. Ephesians 2:10

**MISSION:** Getting and grooming people to get others for Christ. 2 Timothy 2:2

**APPROACH:** Steadfastness in Praise, Prayer and Fellowship. Acts 2:42

**SLOGAN:** Be of Help Today. Proverbs 30:27

Before we concluded the putting together of our Vision Statements in December 2008, a brother Deji Fajebe who was the deputy Bible Co-ordinator presented a cup as a Christmas gift and on it was inscribed our Vision statement.

From what we have witnessed thus far in 2014 and especially the second half starting July 1, I prophesied to your lives that it will truly be a year of Marvelous Wonders for everyone connected with Our God Hears in Jesus name.

Here we are today, few as we are, holding the 4th Annual General meeting. Little flock, do not fear for it has pleased My Father to give you the Kingdom (Luke 12:32).