



SET FREE MINISTRIES Celebrates 10 Year Anniversary

It was 1996 when a group of men and women came together to pray and seek God's face about starting up a new ministry that would carry on the mission of Jesus Christ as stated before a Jewish congregation in Nazareth.

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
Because he has anointed me to preach
Good news to the poor,
He has sent me to heal the broken hearted.
To proclaim liberty for the captives;
And recovery of sight to the blind;
To set at liberty those who are oppressed;
To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord;
To heal the broken hearted"
(Luke 4:18-19).*

We picked the name "Set Free" for the ministry taken from the very words of Jesus:

"So if the Son sets you free you are free indeed" (John 8:36).

The Set Free Ministries board then commissioned Dr. Jeff Stam to be the director of SFM where he faithfully served for many years.

Since those early days, people have been Set Free in Christ all over the world and continue to bring others the joy and freedom that only comes through Jesus Christ setting us free.

Ten years ago we had less than 10 volunteers willing to encourage others through their freedom appointment.... Today,

in 2006, we have over 400 trained volunteers in USA, Africa and India who minister to literally 1000's of people every year.

We could write volumes of books annually if all the testimonies were recorded of what God is doing in and through the body of Christ at Set Free Ministries.

God has richly blessed us as he has also used us to bless others. When SFM started, we had just one office having less than 200 square feet. Today we have a ministry complex of 3,000 square feet with 11 offices and 2 conference rooms. This office is often times bubbling with activity as teams of volunteers and ministry recipients come from miles around for Biblical counsel, prayer and love in the name of Jesus Christ.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who have supported us at SFM through prayer and gifts for 10 years now.

God truly has done more than we could have asked for or imagined. We look forward to all God has in store in the years to come, God willing.

Praising God!



Dean Vander Mey
Executive Director

CELEBRATION DINNER

“COME AND LISTEN TO WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE!” was the theme for the SFM 10 year celebration dinner which was held at the “Rock” in Byron Center on Monday evening, the 4th of December.



“He has done marvelous things” is what the 170 people present heard from several people who gave their testimony. Many a tear was shed as they shared stories of how God transformed them from being in bondage to being set free. The National and International aspect of the ministry was shared through an explanation by Dean Vander Mey, Executive Director, and a short video showing how God changes lives in India and Uganda.

The evening was an inspiration to all, as we heard guest soloists and the closing worship songs of “Great is Thy Faithfulness” and “Bless the Lord.”

As we went home, many of us could do nothing but say, thank you Lord for your great love in setting people free from their bondage.



WELCOME TO DR. PAUL MPINDI



Paul Mpindi

We are pleased and grateful that the Rev. Dr. Paul Mpindi has consented to be our newest SFM board member.

As the French Language Minister of the Back to God Hour Radio program, Dr. Mpindi has a very busy schedule.

His broadcasts are heard by 150 million people in 27 African countries and other parts of the world, such as Haiti, Belgium, and France. His participation at the board level will give us another valuable voice and insight in ways we can best minister in Africa. We look forward to his contribution of expertise, time and effort.

Paul was born in the Congo Kinshesa where he also received his early training. He received his M.Div. in Central African Republic and his Th.M. and Doctorate from Calvin Seminary in Grand Rapids, MI. He taught Theology in Bangui, Africa from 1990-1993.

He became the BTGH French Language Broadcast Minister in 1999. He is married to wife Charlotte. They have 3 sons: Karis, 17; Don, 15; and Reitsma, 11. They make their home in Grand Rapids. A warm welcome to the Set Free Ministries family, Paul.

Paul Taming, Ph.D.
Pres. SFM Board



2006 HIGHLIGHTS

SFM INDIA

- 2,500 prison inmates in India received ministry from SFM volunteers. 250 prisoners received Jesus Christ as Lord in 2006.
- Dozens of prison inmates in India were baptized and set free from all kinds of bondages. They responded with praises to God and started a prison choir, which has been featured on local TV stations.
- SFM/India started two new SFM offices in two different cities in India. Hundreds of people were set free in Christ with the army of 294 volunteers.

SFM EAST AFRICA

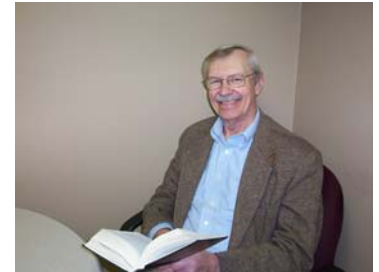
- In January 2006, SFM helped establish a small Christian school for orphans in Rakai, Africa with 40 children. By September 2006 there were 244 children being disciplined daily by 7 teachers and other volunteers from the community!
- SFM/Africa is now becoming a reality as there is a steering committee formed and legal issues are being addressed for establishing an SFM office in Kampala, Uganda.
- SFM hosted two conferences in Uganda in September 2006, with many elders and 36 pastors receiving personal teaching and training. Several hundred people were also trained.
- In 2006, over 180 pastors were discipleship trained. Over 1,000 Bibles were distributed to those without one.
- Pastor Bernard from Kampala, Africa, conducted mass weddings of couples who lived together, but are now making covenant agreements with one spouse after hearing God's instructions at a SFM conference.



SFM USA

- SFM trained dozens of pastors and missionaries in USA and Africa in freedom ministry principles. Men are now training their congregations who are being set free in Christ and then helping others.

- SFM USA commissions Arnie Dykstra to head up marriage discipleship counseling at SFM.



- Hundreds of people have been set free in West Michigan from addictions, fears, lies, voices, torment, and suicidal thoughts. Marriages have been restored, lives saved and people now walk with new found faith, hope and love.
- SFM/USA has trained 100's of people in 2006 from various churches all over the world. God is building His church and the gates of hell cannot stand against it.
- SFM volunteers gave some 10,000+ hours of ministry to 225 people from 7 states and Canada.
- SFM volunteers visited many who have been held captive in prison and walked them through to spiritual freedom in Christ.

Set Free Ministries Giving Opportunities

- \$10,000 gift is needed for SFM/India for a van to transport SFM volunteers to area prisons for ministry.
- \$2,000 needed monthly for office rent.
- \$15,000 needed to help fund SFM/Africa office for the first 3 years.
- \$6,000 needed to send a SFM team of two to India to help train the new volunteers in two different cities.
- \$.22 needed per day to feed, clothe, and educate an orphan child in Africa.
- \$5,000 needed monthly for SFM staff salaries.
- \$5,000 needed to help establish an office in Russia.
- \$4,500 for establishing SFM women's jail ministry in Ottawa County.
- \$3,500 for improving www.setfreeministries.com website so anyone can download articles and ministry tools that will "set captives free" worldwide.
- \$6,000 needed to send a SFM team back to Africa in the near future to help establish SFM/Africa office and discuss building plans for orphan children.
- \$5,000 needed for various publications and literature for distribution.

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