

# Seminar Presenters' Biographies

## Luri, Dana

*Maranatha Community Church; Kempton Park MECO- Middle East Christian Outreach*

Dana Luri is a member of Maranatha Community Church. He was born in the Middle East and has studied the ancient religions of that region. He is a devout follower of Jesus Christ. He is married with children, and is currently the director of the Middle East Christian Outreach.

## Mahlangu, Elijah

*Cornerstone Assembly of God (Northside)*

Dr Elijah Mahlangu is Executive Pastor of Cornerstone Assembly in Pretoria and holds a Doctor of Philosophiae degree with the University of Pretoria. He is a Bible teacher, preacher and leader of national and international reputation. His passion is adequately translated in training workers for evangelism and missions.

## Marx, Gerhard

*Moreleta Park Church, Pretoria  
Bussionary.com; Marketplace Alliance;  
Mega Voice International*

Gerhard Marx has been serving the Body of Christ for the past 13 years in the fields of mission, business as mission/ministry, discipleship/coaching and orality. His involvement in these fields has taken him to 40+ nations and he had the privilege of personally experiencing the impact of the Word of God in frontier areas.

## Meinema, Aukje

*Christliche Gemeinschaft (Christian Fellowship) in Ilanz Switzerland  
WEC International e.V.*

Aukje is Dutch but grew up in northern Germany. While studying to become a social worker, she felt the call to be in children's ministries. She has been working since 1982 in the areas of child evangelism, kids clubs, leading camps, holding seminars and leading outreaches with kids and teenagers. She has been in several Eastern Europe nations especially in new planted churches helping them set up Sunday schools and child evangelism.

## Morrison, Gerald

*Emmanuel Church; Westbank, BC, Canada  
Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada*

Gerald & Ruth were called by the Lord in 1960 to the mission field to further His kingdom. In 2003 they completed 43 years of active ministry in Africa and shifted to another phase of ministry - seeing retirement not as a time to stop working and rest, but a time to change gears and continue the call of the Lord! God is leading them back to Africa in a teaching and mentoring capacity. This allows them to share their experience and enables them to pass it on, thereby strengthening the church in Africa.

## Mwanza, Sunday Sannie

*World Mission Christian Centre, Pretoria*  
Sunday was born in Zambia and at age 16 he gave his life to Jesus and witnessed the changing power of the gospel in his life. He then went to a missionary school in Durban after which he worked with Liberty for Africa Ministries for a few years. Sunday then began ministry as a missionary in East,

Central and Southern Africa and some countries beyond. He is the founder and president of World Mission Christian Centre in Pretoria. He is married to Venice with three children: Emmanuella, Gyifo and Joshua.

## Ndala, Sam

*A.F.M Atteridgeville Revival Centre  
Mozambique Missions*

Sam Ndala has been the presiding pastor of A.F.M Atteridgeville Revival Centre in Pretoria for over 33 years and has been involved in missions around Africa for more than 20 years. He has planted churches and trained more than 300 church leaders in Mozambique. He is also currently serving the A.F.M National Missions Board and mobilizes local interdenominational churches for missions.

## Pullinger, Jackie

*(see Plenary Biographies page 6)*

## Ralekholela, T. A.

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## Snyman, George

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## Stone, Dereck

*Constantia Park Baptist Church*

Dereck served as a pastor in Baptist churches for 36 years. He is an international pastor with the missionary organization SIM. He conducts mission and cell group seminars, travels to African countries to teach and encourage pastors. Dereck writes Bible study and related material.

## Swart, Noëline

*Lewende Woord, Pretoria  
Ethne*

Noëline has been in missions for the past 26 years through Campus Crusade for Christ and last year worked with "Ethne" Harvest-linked Prayer Strategy Initiative. Together with her team, she developed a strategic Prayer journey strategy in 1997. Many prayer journeys were sent from South Africa to some of the most unreached areas in the world. She has been involved in prayer training for more than 15 years. In November she presented a "Strategic Prayer Journey" seminar at the global conference of Ethne in Bogota, Columbia.

## Theron, Kobus & Sarie

*Dutch Reformed Church, Miederpark,  
Potchefstroom  
Interserve South Africa*

Kobus Theron is a pensioner with a BSc Degree in Agriculture. Kobus and Sarie spent two years in Kyrgyzstan and recently in Tibet, where they shared their faith and agricultural knowledge with the nationals there. They are presently mentoring emerging dairy farmers and represent Interserve South Africa, in the Northern provinces.

## Thulare, Abraham

*Mamelodi Community Church, Pretoria*

Abraham Thulare served as missionary in Japan with WEC International and in South Africa with Operation Mobilisation. He taught Missions and World Religions at Tshwane Theological College. He is mar-

ried to Mesele. They have two daughters-Pelo and Tumi. They are planting a missions church in Mamelodi, Pretoria.

## Vumisa, Peter

*Central Baptist Church Pretoria  
Institute for Strategic Services (INSERV)*

Peter Vumisa is the Research Director at Institute for Strategic Services (INSERV). He has been involved in missions for more than 15 years. After graduation from Bible School he was involved in cross cultural missions in Zambia where he worked for six years among one of the least evangelized people groups in the Gwembe Valley. In 1998 he came to South Africa and joined INSERV as Research Coordinator. For 11 years he has been involved in research projects, training and curriculum development.

## Wainwright, Alan

*Laudium Baptist Church, Pretoria*

Alan has served in missions since 1987. He served in India for 12 years reaching out to Hindus and Muslims and also trained Indian Church Planters to do the same. He is currently the Pastor of the Laudium Baptist Church where he is actively involved in reaching out to Muslims.

## Walter, Colleen

*Highway Assembly of God, Edenvale  
Safe and Sound Learning Association*

Colleen is a qualified Mathematics and Science High school teacher. She also has 10 years experience in teaching mentally and physically challenged children. She was a co-founder of Safe and Sound Learning Association in 1996 (operating originally out of Highway Assembly of God premises.) She is passionate about ensuring that a solid foundation is laid in the early years to equip children to break the cycle of poverty in their lives. Colleen Walter has been married for 33 years to Colin and they have two daughters.

## Watt, Charles Peter

*Cornerstone Assembly of God, Pretoria*

Peter has been in pastoral ministry in South Africa since 1968. He earned his Masters and Doctoral degrees in Missiology from UNISA and authored books related to his studies and ministry: 'From Africa's Soil' and 'The Eternal Purpose of God'. His ministry has taken him to Indian Ocean Islands, France, Scandinavia, USA, the United Kingdom and various countries in Africa for preaching, teaching and lecturing. Peter is currently leading Cornerstone Assembly in Pretoria and also serves as Chairman of the General Executive of the Assemblies of God. He is married to Lesley and they have three sons, Steven, Charles and David.

## Wedepohl, Pierre

*Christ Church Horison (Church of  
England in South Africa), Roodepoort  
INSERV (Institute for Strategic Services)*

Pierre Wedepohl has a Master's Degree in Geography and Environmental Management and is currently the Mapping Director at INSERV where he serves the Lord in the areas of mapping and missions research.