

# Kenya Project Report

## HUNDREDS GATHER FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Eldoret, Kenya - August 26-30, 2009



Sheila teaches on Faith

On the Acknowledgement page of my book REAL FAITH, I made the statement, "My wife is the most amazing woman I have ever known." Well, after recently watching her in action for four days as she taught at the International Women's Conference in Eldoret, Kenya, I am not sure that my statement is strong enough. Sheila has sat and listened to me deliver evangelistic messages thousands of times over the years, and now it was my turn (and my joy and privilege) to sit and listen to her. I can honestly tell you that I was not only impressed by her teaching, but I was even moved through one of her "messages" to make a new and fresh commitment of my life to Jesus.

Sheila and I were joined for part of the project by our long time friends, Keith and Joan Cook (On The Go Ministries - Springfield, TN). Joan shared the teaching ministry with Sheila and together they were greatly used of God to touch the hearts and lives of hundreds of women, many of which had traveled long distances at great sacrifice to be there. It was amazing to watch so many of the women balance a baby on one knee, and their note pad on the other, while listening intently and taking notes as fast as they could. What a of God with those who are so hungry to receive.



The women listened intently

The conference, which has now become an annual part of the GFE Kenya ministry, was organized by Mary Bahati. As most of you know, Mary and her husband Ben are the National Direc-

tors of the rapidly expanding ministry of Global Field Evangelism Kenya. Mary (who is only 38 years old), and her team of volunteers from their church in Eldoret, did an amazing job of organizing the event. Not only did they arrange transportation for 600 women to travel to the conference from other cities, they also provided food and lodging for them after they arrived. The women slept on foam mattresses on the floor of a nearby school building and meals were provided by the church. Can you imagine 600 women sleeping on the floor (many with babies) in the same building? Well, not only did they do it, but they did it gladly. Most of the women have to plan for months and go to great lengths to be away from their homes and husbands for five days, but they do it because they are hungry for the things of God. After the conference concluded Mary told us, "These women have received so much from these meetings and from the teaching they have heard. They are not going home disappointed. They have truly heard from God."



Joan Cook teaches at the Conference

Having sat through all the sessions myself, I was not surprised to hear that. Joan shared tremendous messages on how to truly be a woman of God, and Sheila taught on three

subjects that all Christians desperately need: how to be filled with and led by the Holy Spirit, how to know and do the will of God, and how to live by faith. As you all know, I just published a book that deals with those subjects, but as I listened to Sheila I felt like I was hearing a lot of it for the first time. I am not surprised that the women were blessed, because so was I. At the risk of sounding a bit prejudiced, let me suggest to those of you who are in need of gifted speakers for your next Bible conference – call Sheila Williams and Joan Cook. But don't call for August 2010 because at that time they will be back in Eldoret, Kenya speaking again at the next annual GFE Kenya International Women's Conference.



one of the Turkana woman attending the conference

One final request – please begin praying with us now for God's provision for this next event. Over 200 women were not able to attend this time for lack of funding for transportation. Also pray that next year we will be able to provide some clothing for some of the women who are in desperate need.