

## **NATIONAL WELFARE CONFERENCE 2008**

Each year since 2006, we have had a welfare conference. Each conference has been aimed at teaching the leadership in our regions some of the things that can make an impact on the lives of people who are confronted with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

This year our theme was "Together let us make a difference in our country." This was a conference with a difference. It was the first time that we had speakers from Church of God and our delegates said that they were blessed by their ministry.

We also decided to extend our conference so that local assemblies and members of local churches could also participate and be a part of this ministry and here we were fortunate to be hosted by New Bethesda in Chatsworth, and Bethsaida Ministries International in Phoenix Durban.

It was also an opportunity to witness a demonstration of an accident safe stove that could put an end to the fires in informal settlements and shacks that result in the loss of lives and property.

I would like to thank our sponsors ABSA Bank for the way that they have supported us, as well as sponsoring us so that we can make a success each year. Above all else I thank the Lord Jesus Christ for blessing this conference.

As you make your plans for next year I would like to invite you to make provision for our welfare conference in 2009. In the past it has been limited to three delegates from each region in our denomination. Next year you can be a part of this wonderful time of challenge.

Once again we will have speakers from Church of God as well as provide you with the opportunity to get information on ministering to your community. You will also be able to experience social development on a first hand basis.

Expect your life to change and your ministry to be enhanced. Please feel free to contact our welfare department if you wish to be considered as a delegate for our next conference. God will open your eyes to a wonderful opportunity to spread the gospel and make an impact on the lives of the poor, widows and orphans.