

Rev Erlo Stegen

Introducing Rev Erlo Stegen – Founder and Director of KwaSizabantu Mission

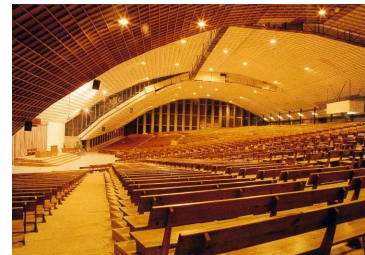


Rev Erlo Stegen has been preaching for over 60 years and is a highly respected Christian leader in KwaZulu-Natal (South Africa) and many other parts of the world. As a young man of 16 years he felt called into the ministry, and a bit later, the specific call to missionary work among the Zulus. He went to Bible School in Pretoria and immediately began his preaching ministry. In 1966 his ministry was dramatically changed when he, together with a small group of Zulu colleagues, experienced revival. The story of the revival has been documented in many books and articles. In 1970 the mission obtained a farm called KwaSizabantu = the place where people are helped.

The mission is a constant source of help to the needy. At least 1,200 people can be found at the mission at any time and sometimes there are many more thousands. A number of drug addicts and those with social and personal problems have been helped at the mission.

Erlo Stegen often preaches at the Mission station, but he also travels internationally to all the continents in response to invitations at different churches, conferences, etc. He preaches fluently in Zulu, English, German and Afrikaans.

Various conferences are held in the KwaSizabantu Auditorium which can seat about 10,000 people. Among these conferences is a regular Ministers' Conference which brings together preachers and Christian workers from over 50 denominations and organisations from all over the world.



Since 1974 Youth Conferences have been held twice a year at the mission. Up to 8,000 children and teens attend these one week meetings, free of charge.

Rev Stegen founded 2 educational institutions, namely a school and a college of education. He also founded a number of agricultural and industrial projects which support the mission in providing food and accommodation free of charge and which provide skills training and employment.

As director of the Mission, 180 full-time co-workers as well as 150 part-time volunteers assist him.

He was married to Kay (who passed away in 2002) and they have 6 daughters.