

Biography of Lillie Mae Heman-Ackah

Lillie Mae Heman-Ackah is the oldest of nine children born to the Late Reverends Dewitt and Mattie Hathcock. As the first in her family to attend and graduate from college, she became an encouragement to others. She is happy that today her family includes numerous professionals such as doctors, lawyers, accountants, nurses, and various others. God has blessed Lillie with five wonderful children, Lillian Stewart, Yolanda, Samuel, Selena and Sabrina Heman-Ackah six stepchildren and five grandchildren.

For as long as she can remember, the name of Jesus has been as familiar to her, as her own name. Jesus was and still remains the welcomed unseen guest in her home and in her heart. She accepted Him as her Lord and Savior at the age of six and joined New Bethel Free Will Baptist Church of Raiford, Florida. As a member of this congregation, Lillie through the years served in various capacities.

Upon coming to this area, she established membership with Mt Zion Baptist Church on 14th Street NW Washington, DC; in 1977 after years of service there she joined the Good Hope United Methodist Church in Silver Spring, Maryland and sang in the choir. She later returned to Mt. Zion Baptist Church where she served on the Epistle Ministry, Sanctuary Choir, Pastor's Aid Ministry, flower club, praise team, and a constant ambassador for the Lord.

The Spirit led Lillie to Full Gospel Church of the Lord's Missions International Incorporated in 2000 where she served as the Coordinator of Outreach Ministry. In this capacity she was the Spiritual Leader for Intercessory Prayer, organizer of evangelistic activities within the community, initiated an Epistle Ministry, implemented a Sister to Sister Program, and started a Vacation Bible School.

In August 2004, God led Lillie back to Mt. Zion where she is currently serving on the Ministerial Staff, a member of the Epistle Ministry, and a member of the Pastor's Aid Ministry. God called Lillie into the ministry in 1964, but she resisted the call until June of 1997 when she became submissive to the call of the great responsibility God had placed on her life to preach the Word. She was licensed and ordained in November 2000 by Bishop Judy Fisher at Howard University's School of Divinity Thurman Chapel.

She is grateful to God for his continual faithfulness to her in spite of her initial resistance to her call; because God did not abandon her. He continues to make His presence known to her in many ways. She is totally committed to do the will of Him that sent her. She lives to serve the Lord through her service to others. She is guided by the Holy Spirit and inspired by the Word of God.

She has delivered the Word of God to churches in New Jersey, Florida, Minnesota, as well as in the metropolitan area to include her membership church,

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, New St John's Missionary Baptist Church, Third Street Baptist Church, Full Gospel Church of the Lord's Missions International Inc., Johnson Memorial Baptist Church, God's House of Prayer Baptist Church, the Miracle Prayer Band Church, Bethel Outreach Ministries and New Christian Outreach Ministries.

After receiving the Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics from Bethune-Cookman College in 1965, she taught school for three years in the state of Florida. Later she attended the University of Florida where she received training in the field of histopathology and became certified as a histotechnologist by the American Society of Clinical Pathologist and worked as electron-microscopist and a histopathology technician for several years. She has served as an Equal Employment Opportunity Counselor for the Armed Forces Radiological Research Institute, where she is currently employed as a histotechnologist. She has co-authored many articles with doctors with whom she works. She is a life member of the National Council of Negro Women. She serves as an on call Chaplain for the Washington Hospital Center and as a volunteer Chaplain for the Manor Care Health Services on Musgrove Road, Silver Spring, Maryland.

She is the first recipient of the Evans E. Crawford Scholarship Award at Howard University School of Divinity where she graduated with honors in May 2001 with a Master of Divinity Degree.

Lillie's motto is, "I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall continually be in my mouth. So magnify the Lord with me, let us exalt His Name together, I sought the Lord and He heard me and delivered me from all my fears. I know that my steps are ordered by God."