

## **Bishop Ishmael Charles**

### **Caribbean Field Director**



Born on the island of St. Vincent, Ishmael Prince Charles is the first of four children born to Arabella Simmons. He grew up in the village of Lowmans in the northern district of St. Vincent, under very subservient conditions. Even under these conditions it was evident to everyone who knew him that the call of God is on his life.

In answer to this call, he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and indwelling Saviour at the tender age of nine, and by the age of thirteen he was totally committed to Christ. At age sixteen he was filled with the Holy Ghost and soon after began proclaiming the gospel throughout the Island. Presently, Bishop Charles is fulfilling this call by preaching the gospel all over the world.

Bishop Charles is noted for a number of achievements over the years. A graduate of Lee University and the Church of God Theological Seminary, he is the Pastor of the New Testament Church of God International Worship Center in Tortola, British Virgin Islands, with over 800 members. In 1994 he was awarded Alumnus of the year from the Church of God Theological Seminary. He is also the Territorial Overseer of the British Virgin Islands, St. Kitts & Nevis, Dominica and Guadeloupe. In addition, he has served as a member of the Church of God World Missions Board for eight years. He has served in a number of other areas such as Youth Director, Missions Coordinator and Evangelism Director. He was elected at the 70th General Assembly as a member of the International Executive Council of Eighteen. He is presently serving his second term on the International Council.

A devout family man, Bishop Charles met his wife Patricia Simpson at the New Testament Church of God in Bilson, England in 1987, and was later joined in marriage in 1989. This union has produced two beautiful children, Ishika and Ishroy. A man well respected by his

peers, Bishop Charles is known for his remarkable personality, loyalty, integrity and love of God. He often says that three things characterize his life, and everything he does is a product of these three things: A strong faith, A Godly love and A consistent prayer life.

His personal scripture over the years has been Isaiah 54:17, “No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper...” Everything that he has accomplished over the years has been done to the honour and glory of God. For all that has been written about him Bishop Charles says like Paul, “I count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord... (Philippians 3:8a). Praise be to God for all his marvelous works towards men.