

OWEN URIAH

BIOGRAPHY

There was a time when Gospel artiste Owen Uriah thought God could never use a man like him. He began his musical journey as a DJ with local sound systems in his home town of Birmingham, England. Owen progressed into a more creative mode as a drummer, but found he had a vocal ability. He decided to use his vocals to lead his band URIAH, which he formed in the mid 1980's.

Owen was very successful as a secular artist, fast becoming one of the top artistes on the Club Scene and was in great demand. He toured the country performing classic Soul, RnB and Reggae. Owen came to the point in his life when he knew he had to dedicate the gift that God had given him to the work of the Ministry.

Owen gave his heart to the Lord in 1985, after attending a Nicky Cruz Rally at the Birmingham Town Hall in England. He then joined the Hockley Pentecostal Church where he was Baptised. He is currently a member of the New Testament Church in Edgbaston, Birmingham in England.

He has been involved in the Community for almost 20 years, working with disadvantaged and talented youths. He is proactive in church events participating in Outreach Events throughout the U.K. He also works as a mentor in local schools and for the Youth Offending Service, in an effort to help wayward youngsters receive guidance. He is a Martial Arts Instructor, and England Karate Judge. His Karate School has produced English and National Champions, which involves children of mixed abilities and Special Needs.

Owen is confident about his calling to the Ministry, and his position in the Body of Christ. He says, " My calling is to minister restoration and reconciliation, and to inform people that God has a purpose for **Everyone**. Every individual is precious to God, and every Christian must take their position in the Body of Christ, and I aim to encourage individuals to find their position and walk the path that is set before them."

Owen has an anointing to write songs that people from all walks of life can relate to, using familiar rhythms, songs of Praise, truth and reality, conveying the issues of life that we all face.

He directs the listener to Jesus Christ, the Author and Finisher of our Faith.

Owen is committed to the message that is promoted in his music, and conveys an uncompromising message about his Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

ALBUMS

In March 2004, Owen Uriah released his new album, "**MORE THAN A CONQUEROR.**"

This is a project consisting of 14 tracks, featuring 12 songs written by him. The songs portray his personal testimony and his life experiences.

He states, " This album is a presentation of who I am, where I am coming from and where I am going!"

It offers encouragement, praise, guidance and ultimately exalts the Lord Jesus Christ.

In March 2003, he released his debut EP, "HIGH PRAISES." This contained 4 tracks, and has become a favourite with listeners at home and abroad. It features popular tracks such as High Praise and More than a Conqueror, which receives airplay throughout the world.

He was also nominated for BEST MALE at the GEM AWARDS 2004.

Owen has gathered fans in U.S.A, Canada, West-Indies, Europe, Australia and Papua New Guinea.

MINISTRY

In 1992 Owen began singing at National and International Evangelistic Crusades and Major Christian conferences. He has toured the U.S.A, Jamaica and Europe.

He is humble and very approachable, and seeks to be a blessing wherever he goes. His ability to communicate and encourage has enabled him to be effective in the Ministries.

He has attended Bible College in Birmingham, England, and has also studied in the U.S.A.

He also has a Teaching Ministry. He has a grounded approach to his Ministry as he encourages others to adopt the motto: "KEEP IT REAL."

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Owen is also actively involved in prison ministry in conjunction with the United Evangelical Project visiting prisons throughout the U.K.

He has been a fundraiser for the National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children for over six years. He has organised major events, raising funds for numerous charitable bodies.

He also works with the Youth Offending Service as a Community Panel member, administering Referral Orders to young offenders in liaison with Birmingham Juvenile Court in England.

He is a Registered Learning Mentor, with youth at local schools throughout Birmingham, England.

He is a Black Belt Karate Instructor with the English Karate Governing Body. His Karate School has achieved Gold, Silver and Bronze medals in National and International Events.

He was also an International Association Coach and England Karate Judge.

His Ministry has been with the Africa Women's Ministry, Church Building in South Africa and India, Romania Support Group, Mothers Union in England, St Basil's Homeless Charity, Salvation Army contributing to Birmingham's Homeless.

AUTHOR.

Owen is also published his first book, entitled "Keepin' it Real" due to be available early 2005.

CONVERSION TO CHRISTIANITY

He was converted to Christianity at a Nicky Cruz rally in 1985 at the Town Hall in Birmingham.