



October 25, 2017

CELEBRATING REV. PASH OBENG'S MINISTRY

This Sunday, October 29, we will honor the ministry of Rev. Pash Obeng, who has served as a minister of the Hills Church for over twenty-eight years. With a grateful heart, I join with the multitudes whose lives have been touched by his ministry to say that I am thankful, and I am blessed because of our time together, and I can attest that his life reveals the presence of God.

The New Testament is focused on following the example of Jesus. Jesus gave a new commandment "to love one another as I have loved you." Paul wrote about seeking to become "imitators of Jesus." James wrote about becoming "doers of the word."

Through Pash's ministry at the Hills Church, we have been learning to follow Jesus together, and we have learned much from the example of Pash's life. We have learned that laughter, humor, and light-heartedness are ingredients to being serious about our faith and calling. We have learned that God's love is revealed in meaningful, interpersonal encounters, as Pash has visited with us not only at church, but also in homes and hospital rooms and unexpected places. We have seen how the compassion of God is not contained by boundaries.

This Sunday, Pash will retire from his position of Minister of the Hills Church and from congregational ministry. After this Sunday, Pash will continue his work with the Siddi people of India as a Missionary of the Hills Church. In this role, Pash will continue his leadership of the non-profit African Indian Alliance (AIA), and travel to India at times during the year. As he and Vida continue to live in this area, he will provide leadership to AIA, and he will return to the Hills Church on occasion to preach and to speak about his missionary work.

I hope that you will join us to worship together this Sunday. The Bell Choir, Children's Choir, and Chancel Choir have prepared special music to give thanks for Pash's ministry. Pash will give his final sermon as our minister, and we will observe the ritual to release him from his vows of ministry to our church. After worship, we will continue to give thanks for Pash and Vida at a special reception.

I'll see you in church.

Peace,

Rev. Dr. Matthew Wooster
Senior Minister