



GRAHAM POWER

Graham Power is the founder and Board Chairman of the *Power Group*. Formed in 1983, he has taken a company that started with one staff person and one vehicle to become one of Southern Africa's leaders in the areas of civil engineering, development and construction.

In 2001 Graham was the visionary leader, for a gathering in Cape Town that saw 45 000 Christians fill Newlands Stadium to pray for the needs of this nation. Today this movement has become a global move, where **every** country in the world participates on an annual basis praying for the needs of our world. Visit www.globaldayofprayer.com

Graham is also the founder of the Unashamedly Ethical campaign – a movement that challenges individuals and groups in all spheres of society to values, ethics and clean living. Please visit www.unashamedlyethical.com

Graham is married to Lauren. They have three children and two grandchildren, all of who live in Somerset West. Graham bought Bergplaats in 1990 as an investment and due to his love for the bush & hunting. The entire Power family gathers at the farm annually for a family reunion. The farm has since become an integral part of the Power Heritage & History. Bergplaats has seen most of the family members learning to drive, hunt, horse ride & grow a love for the African Bush at a young age.

THE COMPANY:

The *Power Group* employs nearly 2000 men and women, with branches in Cape Town, Knysna, Port Elizabeth and Gauteng. One of the most visible demonstrations of its commitment to the upliftment and bettering of the lives of their people have been the co-ownership offer extended in 2007 to 420 of their long serving employees.

Tangible evidence of its purpose: *To improve the quality of life in Africa through infrastructure development.*

Flying in the face of the scourge of corruption and crime, the **Unashamedly Ethical Campaign** is an independent initiative founded by Graham to promote ethical, professional and values-based trading in both business and in one's private capacity.

As a corporate entity, the Power Group has aligned itself irrevocably with the philosophy and sentiment behind the Unashamedly Ethical campaign. www.unashamedlyethical.com

Inspired by his faith, and motivated by a personal and company vision that extends beyond his life Graham Power has clearly stated that the company's "100-year dream" is a commitment to uphold the purpose, vision and values, guiding and motivating the company to do everything in an "Unashamedly Ethical" way.

INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL AWARDS:

The Power Group's achievements have been acknowledged in several prestigious national and international awards. Each accolade and achievement is a testimony to the team and to the ceaseless grace of God.

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Graham's testimony

Graham and his 4 siblings grew up in the suburbs of Cape Town, and while his parents were religious people and Graham was exposed to the Christian faith, he did not come to make a 24/7 commitment to Christ until much later in his life.

Having grown up in a relatively poor environment Graham was determined not to live a life that was restricted by finances. There was no money for him to study towards a degree after leaving school, and so after completing his compulsory military training he joined a civil engineering company to start his working life. At the age of 21 he was appointed as Site Manager and a hunger for competitiveness set in. Realizing his potential for success, Graham and Lauren established their own company in 1983.

His early success was met with a number of unexpected awards. However, as is common with successful young people a measure of self determination and pride started to grow in the heart of this 'self made man'. For nearly 20 years he was caught in the 'bigger and better' cycle. But the accumulation of possessions and more wealth only lead to loneliness and emptiness.

In February 1999, alone in his study, he knelt on the ground, invited Christ into his life and committed his life to serving God 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Ed Siloso's book "Anointed for Business" radically altered his concept of marketplace ministry as Graham began to realise that God had anointed him to use his work as ministry – working for the renewal and transformation of both individual lives and his whole industry through seeking after, and obeying, the will of God in all that he did.

And so, God became an integral part of the workplace. It was important to Graham that God would not remain contained within the four walls of this Christian company. The Power Group needed to be a tangible expression of His love to a hurting world, and so the company was motivated to become actively involved in addressing some of the most pressing issues facing the nation. We are thankful that today the Power Group of companies is one of the largest and most respected leaders in civil engineering, construction and development in Southern Africa. We give God all the glory for this!

The Story of Transformation Africa, the Global Day of Prayer and Unashamedly Ethical

In July 2000, God woke me and gave me the first of a two-part instruction:

1. Go and hire Newlands Rugby Stadium in Cape Town. Invite the Christians from all denominations for a day of Repentance and Prayer.
2. Then challenge the other Provinces in South Africa to do the same.
3. Then, challenge all of Africa to join in this day of prayer, starting from the South up through Africa.

The second part of the vision came in February 2002, when under the anointing of the Holy Spirit I saw a vision of a huge cross over Africa and the whole of Africa in repentance and prayer, with the promise that Africa would become the “hope to the world”.

Year by year, God has faithfully watched over this prophetic revelation gathering His people from across the globe to humble themselves before Him. The vision has rolled out to encompass first Cape Town (2001), then the rest of South Africa (2002), sub-Saharan Africa (2003), and finally all 56 nations of Africa (2004). On 15 May 2005, Africa invited the world to join her for a Global Day of Prayer. More than 156 nations took part, with the repentance and prayers of more than two hundred million believers starting as the sun rose in Fiji in the East until it set 18 hours later over Hawaii. In 2008 almost the whole globe participated in the Global Day of Prayer on Pentecost Sunday, as 214 of the world’s 220 nations gathered in groups of various sizes, in diverse settings, to humble themselves, seek God’s face and pray. It is estimated that close to 350 million believers were involved in Global Day of Prayer events across the globe in 2008, and we anticipate that every nation on earth will be involved in 2009.

Late in 2006 God awoke me once again with a clear instruction to challenge persons to values, ethics and clean living. God showed me that the first wave He had started was the wave of prayer, the next wave would be the wave of ethics, and finally God would send a mighty wave of renewal and transformation across the world that would never end! The Unashamedly Ethical campaign has been rolling out ever since that vision, and currently members from all spheres of society, and all age groups (including heads of nations, business leaders, sports personalities, and Church leaders), are making the commitment to being ‘Unashamedly Ethical’. And so we long for the day when God’s transformation sweeps across the whole earth in a mighty wave of transformation and renewal!

God deserves all the Glory and the Honour for this miraculous work! Truly, the story of the Global Day of Prayer and Unashamedly Ethical are not the stories of one man’s determination, neither are they stories about mighty global organizations. Rather, they are a testimony to God’s Power and Grace!