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**GRAMMY®-WINNING ARTISTS & WORLD-RENOWNED
SPEAKERS JOIN BISHOP T.D. JAKES IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR
MEGAFEST INTERNATIONAL**

**Yolanda Adams, Israel Houghton, Mary Mary and Other Celebrated
Guests Take Center Stage in Johannesburg**

DALLAS, September 24, 2008— For the first time, **Bishop T.D. Jakes** will take some of America's most celebrated musical artists and speakers to South Africa for the debut of *MegaFest International*, one of the world's largest Christian events. The two-day, family-oriented fellowship takes place at the Expo Centre in Nasrec, Johannesburg on October 11-12.

The lineup of musical guests include: **GRAMMY®** award-winning artists **Israel Houghton** and **Yolanda Adams**, along with **GRAMMY®**-winning urban gospel superstars **Mary Mary**. Musical artists hailing from Africa include the multi-award-winning ensemble **Joyous Celebration** and many others.

Joining Bishop Jakes on the schedule of speakers are: **Pastor Paula White, Bishop Noel Jones, Dr. Mensa Otabil, Pastor Benjamin Dube** and **Bishop John Francis**.

"I am so excited about this year's lineup of local and international speakers and entertainers," said Jakes. *"We have brought together what we think are the best representation of people who not only capture the excitement of this conference, but who truly epitomize the essence of this international event."*

Previously held in Atlanta in 2004, 2005 and 2006, *MegaFest International* offers many of the elements that made the original *MegaFest* convention the world-known, record-setting gathering it has become. In addition to featured speakers and entertainers, *MegaFest International* will provide outreach to the people of Africa through medical, educational, empowerment and humanitarian initiatives. Guests can take advantage of **health and wellness events, empowerment seminars, opportunities to learn about the rich heritage of South Africa and African excursions.**

For more information about *MegaFest International*, visit www.Mega-Fest.com.

About MegaFest International:

Since its 2004 inception, *MegaFest* has been recognized as one of the largest religious gatherings in the United States and has reached more than 700,000 people from around the world. Created by Bishop Jakes as a festival for fellowship, spiritual rejuvenation and personal growth, *MegaFest* combines Bishop Jakes' most successful conferences for men and women pairing them with youth events, live concerts and activities for the entire family. Guests for *MegaFest International* can choose among several customized packages between the dates of October 6 – October 20. Please visit www.ThePottersHouse.org as well as www.Mega-Fest.com for more information.

About The Potter's House of Dallas:

A globally recognized church of more than 30,000 members located in Dallas, Texas, The Potter's House strives to be the voice and the hand that encourages people of all creeds and cultures to change their lives with hope, comfort and peace. The church is led by Bishop T. D. Jakes, twice featured on the cover of *Time* magazine as "America's Best Preacher" and one of the "25 most influential evangelicals." Jakes is the visionary of the historic *MegaFest* and now *MegaFest International* which will be held **October 11-12 in South Africa** at the **Expo Centre in Nasrec, Johannesburg**. The other 2008 conference is **Pastors' & Leadership, September 10-13 in Washington, DC**.