

## **Maria Mindeva**

Maria was born in Sofia, Bulgaria in an atheistic-communist home. Her father was a Colonel in the Bulgarian Army and ruled the house like a military camp. When the communist government was going down, she felt as if the foundation of her whole life was crumbling and she experienced deep depression. Being the secretary of the communist party in her region, she was devastated and felt that her whole life had been lived as a lie. Then in 1989 she was in a service of the underground church for the first time and heard a simple gospel message of God's love and accepted the Lord as her Saviour. This is when she met Tim and Betty Cornett and Betty began to be her mentor and disciple her. She already had her Master's degree in History and was a teacher in the local high school, so when Tim and Betty received the vision to begin a Bible College she was an excellent choice to be the Director. Maria is fluent in four languages.



After studying in the USA and receiving a Doctorate degree in Theology, Maria returned to her homeland to be the Director of Open Bible Fellowship Bible College. The college has already had three graduating classes of the 3 year program.

In the year 2001, God gave favor for Cornett Ministries to purchase a complex with two buildings for the Bible College, Ministry Center, and Church. Also they have purchased four vans and a car for the evangelization of the nearby villages. They have already organized over 30 churches with some of the graduating students serving as Pastors and Teachers. A home church was begun in 2000 and Maria accepted the position as Senior Pastor with over 250 members. Now in 2002, Maria was appointed Overseer of all the missions work there.

Maria is a woman of prayer, faith and power having studied the Bible diligently for the past 13 years. She is noted by all who know her as a vessel of honor to be used in these last days to declare the glory of God and prepare people for the return of Jesus Christ. When you meet her you will immediately sense that she has a genuine close relationship with the Holy Spirit.