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Plainsboro Author Steps Out

Stephanie Thompson, right, of Plainsboro is the author of "Stepping Out!... Fulfilling Your Destiny." With hopes of healing herself and helping others, Thompson wrote her life story as an inspiration to other women. Born in Nigeria to a royal family, her books are authored by her pen name, "Princess Fumi."

In Nigeria, she earned an associate degree in French and a bachelor's degree in English. When she was 20, she received her master's degree in communications from New York Institute. She did work on her doctorate at New York University and is expecting her degree in Communications Arts from Columbus University in September.

She is the mother of **Adebola**, a fifth grade student at Upper Elementary School, and **Ademola**, a fifth grade student at Wicoff. They travel with their mother almost every weekend while she gives lectures.

Her parents, **Prince Ademola Theophilus Ogunleye** and **Mrs. Eunice Remi Alale-Ogunleye**, visit the U.S. often and are living temporarily in Plainsboro. They remain Nigerian residents. Thompson has five siblings including one brother in Plainsboro, three sisters in New York City, and one sister in North Carolina. All of them left Nigeria to attend college in the United States.

Thompson is the producer and director of the New York Christian show, "Straight Talk from the Heart of Jehovah God." It is a 60-minute show with music and speakers focused on women, their problems, drugs, parenting, and their situations. Her new show, "Stepping Out," is a 30-minute talk show about women and how they can "step out" from their problems. There are plans for both shows to be brought to New Jersey viewers.

She has coordinated social service programs for women and children in the New Jersey including parenting and empowerment programs for women at Womanspace in Trenton, and setting up life skill



classes for the Children's Home Society and West Ward family resources. Thompson is founder of the online children place, www.islandkids.com, where children have safe activities and games while learning culture and heritage about Africa and the African islands.

The book, published by Writer's Showcase, is available at amazon.com. Her second book, "Eve's Promise...a daily inspiration for the millennium women, a woman of excellence," is due to be released later this year by Barnes & Noble. She is now working on a series of booklets entitled, "Can You Dare to Dream?" A portion of the proceeds of her writings will be donated to the Miracle Angel Fund, an organization to reach women and families in crisis.

Thompson is planning to marry David Allen Hancock in the summer, 2002.

WW Quilter Exhibits

Alice Martch of West Windsor will exhibit a quilt at "2001: A Quilter's Odyssey," at the New Jersey Convention and Exposition Center in Edison. The show is the largest exhibition of quilts in the eastern United States.

Martch has lived in West Windsor for 30 years. She is a member of Hopewell Valley Quilters and an instructor at West Windsor Adult School and Princeton YWCA. With the help of **Barbara Bocchino** and West Windsor children, she was instrumental in creating three quilts for the West Windsor Library.

The second annual convention begins Friday, June 15, and continues through Sunday, June 17. Show is open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 732-591-0257.