

Pastor's Notes

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Our tour of historically black colleges in Washington , DC , Atlanta , Georgia , and Tuskegee , Alabama was a resounding success. This was the first opportunity that many of our youths had to visit Howard, Tuskegee , Clark , and Emory Universities , and Morehouse and Spellman Colleges . They were fascinated with Atlanta 's metropolitan vastness, southern hospitality, economic development, cultural richness, and sheer beauty; they fell in love with Atlanta . Our youths worked very hard to raise funds for this trip, which cultivated their dedication, discipline, and teamwork to accomplish an important goal. I am very proud of our youth.

I must thank the following people and institutions for their generous donations: The Congdon Street Baptist Church's Deacons' Ministry, The Ministers' Alliance of Rhode Island, Lifespan and Mrs. Gertrude Jones, Mr. David Waxman, Ms. Linnear Horne, Deacon Harold and Trustee Dayus Metts, Mr. Richard and Mrs. Betty Rogers, Ms. Paula Ollivierrie, Mr. Gene and Trustee Phyllis Powers, Deacon Dennis and Mrs. Gloria Price, Ms. Sharon Metts Skruggs, Deacon Nicholas and Mrs. Betty Walker, and Ms. Bettie Washington, Ms. Ruby Williams.

We give a special thank you to Deacon Honor and Mrs. Lillian Woodard for their generous donation of \$2,150, which helped us to reach our financial goal and gave several youths the opportunity to go on this trip.

I must personally thank Dr. Raymond Jackson, a son of Congdon Street Baptist Church and Providence , for his extraordinary hospitality during our tour of Howard University . Furthermore, we thank Howard University for allowing us park our four vehicles in its parking lot for more than a week.

We thank Rev. Dr. Isaiah Waddy and the Saint Peter's African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church family of Atlanta for their hospitality and a spiritually uplifting worship experience. We were richly blessed in our worship experience at Saint Peter's AME Church .

We thank Rev. Dr. Creflo Dollar, his mother Emma Dollar, and the World Changers Church family for a great lunch and an informative tour of its huge facilities, including the World Changers Dome, which seats over 12,000 people.

The *Got Jesus* Ministry is planning a block party for our Summer Ministry Extravaganza! We must make it an astounding success, which means we must introduce our friends to the Christ who can meet their needs during difficult economic times and can give them hope. We must reach out to our community with the evangelistic spirit of love!

We look forward to our upcoming visit to Harlem , New York on September 26 when our youths will get the opportunity to visit different cultural sites, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art; we will worship at Saint John Missionary Baptist Church in Harlem , where the Rev. Dr. John Scott is the Senior Pastor. It will be another educational an inspiring trip!

God recently blessed us with the funds to install an air conditioning system throughout our church. This summer has been extremely hot and it is great to be able to worship in a cool sanctuary for the first time in our 189-year history. To God be the glory! God gave us the vision and the provision to accomplish this goal.

We will resume our inspiring Thursday morning prayer ministry, *Mornings Before the Throne*, in the fall. This is a powerful prayer ministry that elevates us into the presence of God and before the throne of God. This ministry gives us healing power, strength to get through life's struggles, discipline and focus to continue to grow spiritually, and the opportunity to intercede on behalf of our relatives, friends, community, and nation. Please continue to pray at home, at work, and during your travels. This fall I hope that you will join me at our *Mornings Before the Throne* for prayer and meditation. Your life will be enriched!

To God be the glory!

Your Pastor

