

Press Release

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National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. Prison Ministry and Criminal Justice Commission “PROJECT VILLAGE: Mentoring Children of Prisoners” program representatives from South Louisiana, recently attended the National Mentoring Summit to hear First Lady Michelle Obama give Keynote Address at the U.S. Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

What: Nearly 300 guests were in attendance for the announcement of a National Mentoring Initiative through collaboration between Federal Departments of Government, National Mentoring Organizations, and Corporate entities. As an attendee, the NBCUSA Prison Ministry and Criminal Justice Commission had a MENTOR and MENTEE matched through PROJECT VILLAGE present, with First Lady Michelle Obama and other mentor/mentee matches from across the nation. They were recognized for the success of their mentoring relationship designed to help children to adjust from being separated from their incarcerated parent, do well in school, and prepare for the future.

When: Tuesday January 25, 2011 from 1:00pm -3:00 pm

Where: United States Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Who: NBCUSA LOUISIANA PROJECT VILLAGE honorees were: *Mrs. Anastasia McPherson* (MENTOR) and 10 year old *Kaelan Harris* (MENTEE) both members of the Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Chauvin, LA. Their travel arrangements were provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services which partially funds PROJECT VILLAGE through the National Alliance of Faith and Justice located in Washington, D.C. The NBCUSA Project Village (MCP) program is headquartered in Baker, Louisiana at the Greater First Church-Baptist.

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“Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them” –Hebrew 13:3