



Juvenile Court of Mobile County

JAMES T. STRICKLAND YOUTH CENTER

Edmond G. Naman
Circuit Judge

August 21, 2009

Mrs. Mary Hopkins
3106 40th Avenue
Meridian, MS 39307

Dear Mrs. Hopkins:

On behalf of Judge Edmond G. Naman, Juvenile Court Judge; Jim Chinnors, Superintendent of Detention; and the residents and staff of the James T. Strickland Youth Center, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the National Baptist Association, and, most of all, the 5 Loaves of Bread and 2 Fist Youth Outreach Ministry, for taking time out of your busy schedules to visit the residents here.

Your mission and purpose was well-received by more than 70 residents and staff. The program was so enlightening and spiritual that at least 30 of the residents accepted Christ as their personal savior. In my 20 years at Strickland, your program and presentation ranks among one of the very best. The stepping exhibition carried me back to my college days and the praise dancing took me back to Sunday morning worship service. But what was just as profound were the testimonials given by the ministers and others from your group. I watched in amazement as how well the residents reacted to the entire program. It indeed was very important for our residents to see other young people like themselves who are making the right choices and decisions. To be productive teens and young adults.

Enclosed you will find several letters of thanks from some of the residents who attended the program. If I can ever be of any service to you, please contact me. It is my sincere prayer that God continues to smile and grant favor on all your future endeavors.

Sincerely yours,

Lister C. Portis
Special Programs Director
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P.S. I look forward to hearing from you whenever you are in the area.

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