

February 15, 2013

Mr. Colin Neal, DD

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Dear Mr. Neal:

I asked to return to GROW, because I want to assist Participants in obtaining jobs. There are some Participants that can be helped by giving them 8-10 week training, in computers, welding, for example, and this is an important success of the GROW program. The disadvantage is that some of the jobs that the Participants can get paid is only \$8-\$10/hour, which is not enough to sustain their needs, (and, can I get up every day, take the bus to someplace that is too far away, or shall I stay home, instead).

Some of the Participants come with the hopes of at least going to a 2-year college, where they can get a career that pays them enough to live on, buy a car, and live a life that has more possibilities.

When I went to UCLA in the '60's, tuition was \$57.50/a semester. Tuition for a "junior colleges" now is \$46.00/a unit. I don't know what folks paid through the years, but we know that with prices today, we'd be doing great to get a junior college education today.

Right now we are forced to hide the training under a job search component, if we, the GCM's support the 2-year college students, who generally are want and need the support and financial help

March 19, 2013

Dear President Obama,

I know that you are heading to Israel and the Middle East shortly, so I doubt that I'll be able to catch you before you leave. Sending letters to you has always been a little awkward for me, because I don't know who you trust to retrieve the letters, or the faxes that I am able to send. I appreciate the letters that you have sent, asking me to email you. I'm not good at the email, and after the hacking of Michelle's personal files, I really am skeptical now. Recently my husband had the computer serviced, and my whole Words' component is missing; all the letters that I've written since I've had the computer came up missing. Someone told me that if the letter file was somehow gone, that a technician can still pull them up again—I'm hoping that is the case.

What energy drink do you all take? It is amazing to me how you can keep going with all of the meetings, interactions and travel that you do.

They seem to show your consultations and conferences during the day on television, while I'm at work, at the GROW program, so I have to be satisfied with what I see on the evening news.

Incidentally, I just want to brag a little. Shortly after returning to GROW (General Relief Opportunities for Work), I was honored with the numbers of GR that I had through my work. The second month I was here, 18 of my Participants became employed, and last month I helped 20 find jobs. I'm probably more excited than my Participants! But, I think the success is based on taking the time when you first meet them, to explore their assets, to provide job leads worthy of their strengths, and be accessible and respectful to them. I know that you already know these success tips, since you know people so well, but I thought I'd just throw them in.

I want to send some of the poems and letters to you, some of which I may have already sent, but I just don't know which ones you have received. I looked at the recent news release of you and the Israeli Prime Minister. The photographer gave a full view of the expression on your face, as he spoke. When you have a few minutes, could you review Lamentations 2 in your Bible? Sharing this with you is one of the reasons, that I don't trust communications, in general. But I think it should be shared anyway.

In any event, I pray for your health and well-being, and that goes for the rest of your family, as well as for the rest of your cabinet and supporters.

Always keeping the Faith,

Through Christ Jesus,

Althais J. Aka



May 17, 2013

Dear President Obama,

I marvel at your handling of so many issues at one time; and issues of such importance to the survival of the entire world. I don't believe that anyone else could handle it, almost as if you were the only one, chosen by God to do it. It may seem a little lofty of me to believe that, but I am being completely honest in my belief, and pray that God has placed a hedge of protection around you and your family, that cannot be infringed upon.

This time, I cannot site the passage in the Bible, but I know that it is in there, that God is over everything on Earth, and beyond, and that if we are striving for Peace on Earth, we must use every method we can think of, and imagine how to work toward that Peace! The West, Europe and the United States, has dominated the world for centuries, if not longer, causing great wealth in Western countries, and great poverty in the rest of the world. It is not those struggling countries that have been idle and slothful, that have made them so poor; my experience in Africa (Kenya, Congo, Mali, Togo, Niger and Chad) showed me the most hard-working people in the world, (as I am sure is the case in Central, South America, Asia and the Islands).

Just one example--all of the gold, diamonds and minerals are controlled by Western and Middle Eastern countries, probably based on treaties made when those counties first made contact with South Africa, treaties that are ancient in practicality, but still in use today. I have known several South African students, over the years, whose relatives have worked for next to nothing, in diamond mines. And, while they suffered from poverty and separation from their families, rich Western businessmen exploited them and their country. This situation has been repeated again and again, around the world.

God's plan, as I understand it, is to bring PEACE to the world. I don't know a single person who would not like to play "tit for tat," when something goes wrong for themselves or their family or friends, but how effective is it in the end? I understand the need to take a Stand against impending danger, but it seems to create a never-ending circle of hate and distrust, that cannot be positive.

The only suggestion that comes to mind is a move toward true talks, where it is understood by everyone involved that PEACE is our objective, where everyone on Earth is eating, and living in adequate housing, educating themselves and their children for the future of Mankind, and producing what God has given them, with His blessings, to make this World the BEST place possible to live.

Please give my love and admiration to your family, Michelle, the Girls and Bo.

Thank you for all of your hard work. It could only happen through the Blessings from  
GOD!

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Through Christ Jesus,

Althais J. Aka

September 16, 2013

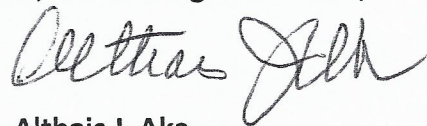
Dear Mr. Tim Watkins,

Yes, it is me who called you today, wondering what we can do about the gang problem. I'm Althais J. Aka, who used to go to the MLK Hospital meetings, organized by Maxine Waters. I'm the one who always wore braids and my beret. Well, I don't know if you might have received my letters also from Ms. Mollie Bell, but whatever... I'm still here and writing, though not as much as I used to.

The Maya letters are to Dr. Maya Angelou, one, that I had at work was to Bishop T.D. Jakes, and the rest are to our President, Barack Obama. I still have most of my letters, but my husband took the computer to be serviced, and all of my letter, on the computer were erased.

In any event, I hope that you enjoy reading the letters that I'm sending. I know that the work seems overwhelming, at times, but I'd like to compliment you on the good work of WLCAC, and the positive effect you are having in our community.

Stay well, under the grace of God,



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*President Obama  
wrote me &  
said read.  
Romans 5:  
4-5  
It helped.*



October 24, 2013

Dear President Obama,

I know it seems like ages, since I wrote to you last, but it hasn't been that you were not on my mind. For all of your struggles, both internationally and at home, all I can say is that, as you wrote, "read Romans 5: Verses: 4 and 5." It really did help me to feel better, and to the number of friends and acquaintances that I've come into contact with, since receiving the verses. Still, I know the pressure is great on you and to those of us who pray for the best possible outcome.

With all of the Bishops and Pastors that we are blessed to have, certainly we could have a national and international Prayer Meeting, to ask God for assistance with the many problems that we face. I know we have the means to ask God for help, but do we have the will? I personally don't know how to organize such an effort, but we all know those who can handle it.

Recently my husband bought me a picture of photographs of First Lady, Michelle, Dr. Maya Angelou, Coretta Scott King, Dorothy Dandridge, Shirley Chisolm, and others that have raised my spirits to new heights.

The men in our lives have led the way, but let us just consider all of the sacrificing and reinforcing Women who have supported the Men. It really is quite a workforce that needs our call to action.

My father, Donald F. Jones, Sr., was a Regional Secretary with the NAACP in the 40's and 50's, in charge of 3 States at a time. His co-worker, Thurgood Marshall, stayed at our house, when travelling, as a necessity—no motels or hotels were open to Blacks in the South—as well as Marshall's being close friends with our family. But, my mother and other NAACP wives worked equally as hard to bring about the changes, that we were all fighting for, at that time. Even the children had a role to play, attending meetings, stuffing envelopes, and canvassing the neighborhood for NAACP memberships. At present, especially the Youth, are being robbed of even the knowledge of our early victories.