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Starvation in Zambia 2006

For the past four years, there has been drought in Southern Africa. As a result, the people have been unable to grow corn, their staple food. The conditions have steadily worsened, and presently the people are faced with starvation. In February 2006, NAPS journeyed into Zambia to bring much-needed reinforcement to the NAPS Zambia group, which was working hard to meet the needs of the people. They trucked in more food and offered additional manpower. Each day NAPS provided a meal; and people walked from their villages, miles away, to receive their only meal for the day. The need was so great that the NAPS Zambia group dispatched a second group to another location. This allowed twice as many people to be fed. In addition to filling their physical need, NAPS provided spiritual food. Before the feeding programs began, they shared the love of God with the children through songs, skits, Bible texts, and best of all, hugs!

Far Left: The NAPS Branch in Zambia uses their new bikes to transport food and supplies to those in need.
Right: There is much joy as Aminta Bullard feeds a Zambian child affected by the famine.



The Home Mission



This summer, NAPS will be hosting not just one, but multiple evangelistic crusades in the U.S. The locations of these crusades will be in Lake Charles, LA, and in Dallas, TX. We are in need of financial support, volunteers, choirs, medical professionals, supplies, and bible workers. If you are interested in assisting, please contact us as soon as possible. We are confident the Lord is going to bless our efforts.

Relief Continues Following Hurricanes



NAPS has continued the relief started months ago in hurricane-stricken Lake Charles, LA. They have visited schools encouraging both the displaced students and teachers to be strong and not to give up. Their main focus has been to empower the youth to follow in the footsteps of Christ. At several schools, appeals have been made and students have taken a stand for Christ and are helping in their communities.

Inner-City Missions

NAPS volunteers also bring God's love to the people of Huntsville, AL. The primary focus of this mission is to teach and train the youth of Huntsville to serve their community. This program begins with the NAPS children's program consisting of songs, crafts, and Bible studies, followed by children going into the community with NAPS to feed the homeless. One volunteer stated that "I have not experienced a greater joy than that which comes from doing service for others."



Left: Over 50 children from various areas in Alabama come together for a day of learning more about Christ.

Right: Jaysson Brooks and child see God through a microscope.

Close to Home



Left: The children are taught to share God's love with their neighbors as they deliver literature and decorated hearts door-to-door.

Right: Jhuamia Dial teaches a child a Bible Text.

Each week, NAPS goes into the community of Decatur, AL and shares God's love. When we first began, we had to knock on the doors and wait; now the children run to greet us. These weekly programs designed for the children teach them about the Bible, God's Love, the Sabbath, and much more. We taught the children Bible texts that supported these topics and watched as they had fun learning. We also started a children's choir.

Equipping Others for Service - Guyana '06

NAPS volunteers sacrificed their Christmas break to bring relief and support to Guyana. NAPS provided aid to the community, including the construction of houses for victims of a flood. Along with providing individual assistance in the region, NAPS also catered to the overall well-being of the community by providing daily

programs for adults and children. These programs consisted of Bible stories, crafts, games, and also included information on HIV/AIDS, drugs, social welfare, and the Bible. The culmination of the mission was marked by a baptism which resulted in people making a public declaration of their love for Christ.



Left: Angela Spooner teaching the children songs about God's love.

Right: Troy Levy & Ronald Walker help build a house for an elderly woman.

Public High School Mission: The Lord Opened Doors



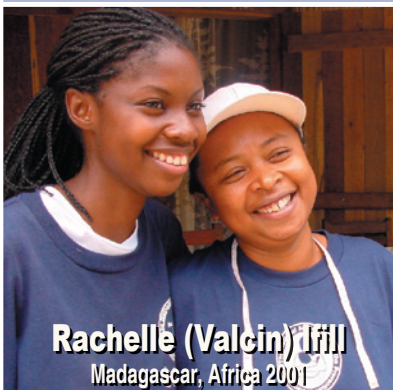
Above: Charles Penick listens attentively as a child responds to a question.

During spring break, NAPS ministered in schools and communities of Dallas, TX. They traveled from school to school conducting assembly-type programs for students. During these assemblies the volunteers gave messages of academic and spiritual encouragement to the students. NAPS will be hosting evangelistic meetings in Dallas, TX, this summer and is in need of volunteers.

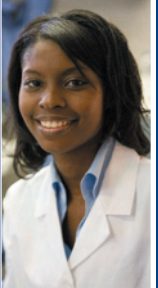
Featured Alumnus: Rachelle (Valcin) Ifill

Rachelle Ifill, DDS, lives with her husband Christopher Ifill (NAPS Alumnus) in Michigan. She graduated from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry, and currently works as a dentist where she "treats the patients, while witnessing to their souls." She is also involved in AMEN, a ministry comprised of medical professionals dedicated to mission.

"I thank God everyday for NAPS and the tremendous impact it has had on my life. I decided to become a dentist because of my first mission...I hope to accompany NAPS on a mission to use the skill and talent that God has given me not only to attend to the physical needs of the people and to share God's love."



Rachelle (Valcin) Ifill
Madagascar, Africa 2001



Dedicating a Year to the Lord



Left: Francisco Cross encourages a high school student to put his trust in God.

Middle: Tamarha Hilaire collects a donation that will assist with upcoming missions.

Right: NAPS hosts an AIDS awareness march in San Francisco, CA.

Fall 2005, a group left for California on a year-long mission. Arriving there, they provided meals for the homeless and brought encouragement to churches and schools. Youth were taught the importance of education, non-violence, AIDS prevention, and community service. NAPS also visited juvenile detention centers and hosted an anti-AIDS march in the city of San Francisco. One of the most powerful events of the California mission was the prayer ministry held on the streets of San Francisco along with the distribution of literature.

Into All the World - India 2005



Top Left: Francisco Cross performs dental work.

Top Right: Prisca Mabandla watches as one of her students make a public stand for Christ.

Above: Many stand in line to be baptized.

Below: Brittany Law creates laughs with friends.



Summer 2005, NAPS arrived in India to embark upon one of the most extraordinary missionary ventures many would ever experience. India, a place of remarkable beauty, strength, and diversity, is often also the scene of unimaginable social and economic turmoil. African India people, who were brought to India from Africa during the Arabian slave trade, are the relatively unknown and forgotten survivors of slavery. This group of people were subject to social segregation, degraded by menial labor, and widely denied education. NAPS lived and worked with the African Indians for five weeks providing food and presenting educational and evangelistic programs. This resulted in countless families forsaking idolatry to serve Jesus. One hundred and eighty three were baptized. Among those were 15 African Indian students who had been trained by NAPS. Today, they have started their own NAPS branch and are fervently continuing through the villages of India, spreading the Gospel, feeding the children, and also responding to national natural disasters.



Construction of the first African Indian school.

New Website!



Our new website is up and running. It includes new features such as:

- Discussion Boards
- A Guestbook
- An expanded picture gallery
- An online video gallery
- A Volunteer page for you to get to know our members
- Information on NAPS Branches around the world.
- Regular updates
- Ability to make donations to a specific project of your choice.

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Featured NAPS Branch: Knoxville, TN



NAPS has developed a group in Knoxville, TN! Each Sabbath they witness to others through prayer, Bible Study, and assisting with their needs. They also helped a church during its evangelistic meetings. Recently, God blessed them with a van. They are now able to pick up 20-30 children every Sabbath to join them at church. One member who works at a public school in the area said that a 6-year-old boy she does not know, came up to her at school and said, "Guess what! I'm coming to your church on Saturday!" Please keep this ministry in your prayers. For more information or to become involved, please call (865) 609-1183.



Special Thanks!

NAPS expresses special thanks to all individuals and organizations that have supported our endeavors. We especially thank you for your prayers and for providing us with the funds necessary to carry out these missions.

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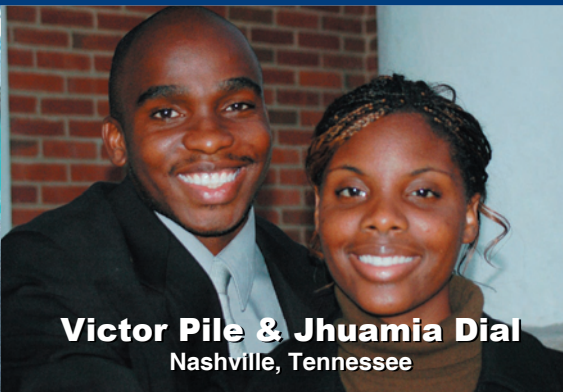
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Tying the Knot



Torrey Price & Darla Partlow
 Huntsville, Alabama



Victor Pile & Jhuamia Dial
 Nashville, Tennessee

Miss Darla Partlow & Mr. Torrey Price will be married July 9, 2006. Both graduated from Oakwood College in 2004 with degrees in Education. Torrey is currently teaching High School Science at Bermuda Institute. Both have ministered with NAPS as students and full-time staff for over 6 years, in Jamaica, Ethiopia, Zambia, India, and throughout the US.

Miss Jhuamia Dial & Mr. Victor Pile, Jr. will be united in holy matrimony on July 30, 2006. Jhuamia is a recent graduate of Tennessee State University, and has traveled with NAPS domestically as well as to Zambia, India, and Guyana over the past two years. Victor is an Oakwood College graduate and has been involved with NAPS as a student and full-time staff for almost 7 years.

Please Donate!



The NAPS Band is in need of instruments. Please donate trumpets, clarinets, saxophones, tubas, trombones, and tubas, even if they are not playable. We will take care of the repairs. Your donation is tax-deductible. For information please email vpile@napsoc.org

NAPS Projects Around the World



NAPS Guyana is renovating the SDA Church and feeding those in need.
NAPS India is constructing the first school for the African Indians.
NAPS Madagascar is repairing the exterior of the church while fighting sickness.
NAPS Zambia feed famine victims and recently baptized 47 people.

Order NAPS Videos



- Disaster Relief (Hurricane & Tsunami)
- Missions Around the World (Through 2006)
- Mission Archives (Specific Request)

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