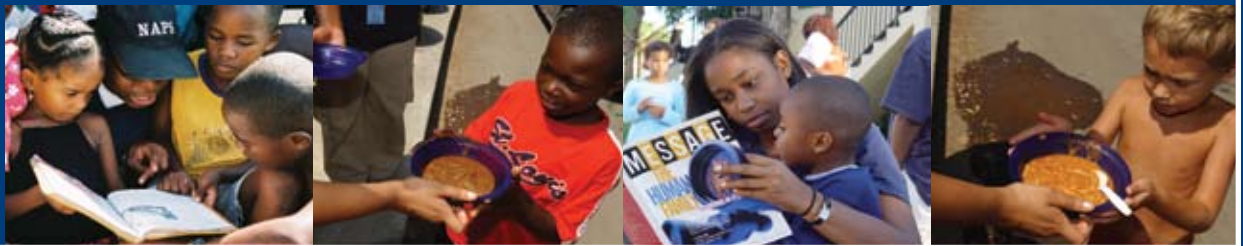




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## From House Arrest to College Freshman - John's Story

After diligent planning and prayer for the mission to Lake Charles, LA, the call was made: "NAPS is on the move!" We quickly loaded into the NAPS vans to claim the souls we had asked God for. While working in the community, I noticed a young man sitting alone in front of his house with a unusually large black bracelet on his ankle. This was a sign that he was in trouble—probably on house arrest. His name was John; a brief conversation with him confirmed my assumption. By God's providence, John lived in the same area in which we worked. He spoke with a sense of regret for the wrongs he had committed. I told him about NAPS and asked him if he would be interested in receiving Bible studies; and he consented. After several weeks of hearing God's Word, John decided to give his life to Jesus Christ and to be baptized. He began to talk and look differently, and wear a contagious, joyful smile. *(continued inside)*

*Below left: Taurus prays with John (left) and his family while he was on house arrest. Below right: John takes notes as he attends the NAPS evangelistic meetings.*



## Youth For Jesus



NAPS teamed up with ASI's Youth For Jesus (YFJ) for a fruitful harvest in Dallas. The YOD 2 Bible workers had been working the area prior to NAPS' arrival and had conducted church training. There were nine sites involved this mission; NAPS worked the Dallas City Temple church site. We are now looking forward to Summer 2007 when we will again work alongside the YFJ in Louisville, Kentucky, to tell the world and tell them NOW!

## ASI Convention in Dallas, TX



*Above: President Young (ASI) interviews NAPS at a Dallas convention*

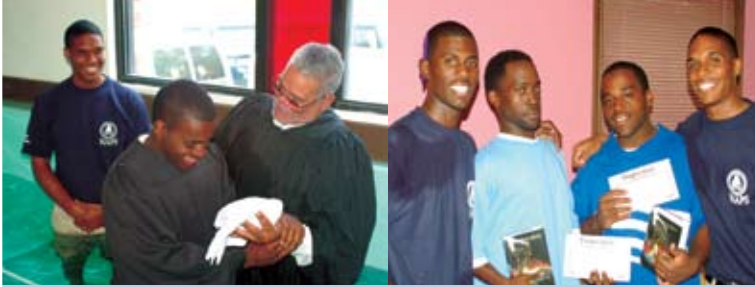
Debbie Young, president of ASI Ministries, interviews three NAPS volunteers at the August 2006 ASI Convention in Gaylord, Texas: Taurus Montgomery from Mobile, Alabama; Jean Lubin, Miami, Florida; and Brian Irby from Springfield, Illinois. The group shared testimonies and gave a charge for other young people to be actively involved in community service. Jean and Brian are currently leading the YOD3 team.

# From House Arrest to College Freshman

(continued from front) John began to work with us to help victims still affected by Hurricane Rita. Finally, after weeks of being on probation, John had to appear in court. He asked us to pray earnestly for him. He wanted to leave Lake Charles and go to Oakwood College. Not only did we pray, but we went to court with him and spoke privately with his probation officer and judge. The hand of God moved in John's behalf and we left the courthouse rejoicing in the Lord.



*Above left: NAPS went to petition the judge on John's behalf. He was then released to NAPS and (above right) volunteered with NAPS during their youth program in Dallas, TX, weeks later.*



*Left: John and Francisco share smiles as Pastor Lee gives words of blessing. Right: Taurus, Jerome, John and Francisco pose with their new Bibles and baptismal certificates.*

John, determined to give back to society, joined the NAPS team in Dallas to help with the Youth for Jesus Crusade. Just as a youth had reached out to him, so did he to other youth. Today, John is a freshman at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, majoring in Business Administration. Whenever we see him on campus, he is a constant reminder to us that what we do is not in vain. There are many youth out there just waiting for someone to lend a helping hand.

## AmeriCorps and NAPS Rebuilding Lake Charles

In May 2006, some of the citizens of Lake Charles were still in need of assistance in rebuilding their homes and clearing debris from their yards. Also fallen trees had become safety hazards for children in the area. Working alongside **AmeriCorps** (a relief-motivated organization), NAPS was able to help. Each group

spent hours together in the hot Louisiana sun cutting down trees, painting, and singing to the weary workers who had been volunteering their services in Lake Charles since Hurricane Rita struck. Together the two teams were able to aid the people by helping to rebuild homes and lives.



*NAPS and AmeriCorp smile together after meeting to discuss the work they would do together in Lake Charles. They united on several projects.*



## Baptism in Lake Charles



*Lakicia smiles as her student, Shasheena, gives her life to the Lord.*

While in Lake Charles, NAPS conducted motivational and spiritual seminars with the youth. The talks were geared toward inspiring the youth to attend college and be positive role models for youth younger than themselves. They also gained an understanding of how the Bible plays a role in their lives today. The seminars were presented at Lake Charles Boston High School. NAPS thanks Principal Solomon Cannon and Linda Ceasar for their help and support!



**Elmany Saint-Fleur**  
Dallas, TX 2006

## Elmany's Testimony

This summer, we were privileged to go to Dallas, TX, to preach the gospel. Weekday afternoons were used for children's programs and the children were always eager to meet us. In my class were five young girls, whom I taught about the love of God, the Bible, and other wonderful Bible truths. One day while visiting their home, their mother told me that the girls had shared with her everything

they had learned from us, oblivious of the impact they had on their mother. Through their testimonies, the girls were slowly taking their mother by the hand and leading her to Heaven. It is an extraordinary feeling for me to know that our work will continue—even when all the people with the blue shirts have left.

# NAPS LOCAL MISSIONS

## Reaching our Own

In preparation for the 2007 summer mission to Zimbabwe, NAPS is currently engaged in multiple evangelistic efforts in local communities in and around Huntsville. Every week, the troops conduct children's programs and feeding programs in the Alabama A & M University area (AMTRAK), Mason Court, Butler Terrace and two areas in Decatur, Alabama. These local missions provide training for the new freshmen volunteers and reinforce the importance of soul-winning for veteran members as well. We are able to cover more territory through this type of outreach and will divide into the same five groups during our mission to Zimbabwe. Also, NAPS has been able to honor our local Oakwood College retirees. Several volunteers periodically visit these distinguished heroes in their homes and fellowship with them. Included in this group are: Dr. E. E. Rogers and Mrs. Inez Booth, both former professors at Oakwood.



## Dedicating a Year to the Lord: YOD 3



**Top:** YOD 3 with Boston City Council officials.

**Above left:** Brian showing a poster of NAPS work to raise funds in Connecticut. **Above right:** Brittany high-fives a student after conducting a motivational program at a New York elementary school.



YOD 2 traveled from Huntsville to Africa and ended the year-long mission in Dallas, TX. Because of YOD 2's passion, the Year of Dedication 3 (YOD 3) team was formed. Since their departure in August, YOD 3, has ministered to broken communities and presented the Word of God to all who will hear it. Throughout the Northeast, they have appealed to youth in schools, juvenile detention centers, and churches. After hosting a successful Week of Prayer in Boston, MA, YOD 3 was presented with official Certificates of the State, recognizing NAPS for its work locally and abroad. The group was allowed to speak boldly about its spiritual mission for the community during a City Council Meeting. In October, YOD 3 held a Week of Prayer for the youth of New Haven, CT, and ten young men and women accepted Christ. The group will continue to hold meetings like these as they travel down the East Coast for the next several months. They are preparing for a mission in Brazil in the summer, and will end their year in Louisville, KY, at the ASI Convention. God has continued to open doors for YOD 3 and they ask for your prayers as they continue to follow His lead.

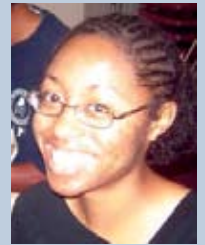


**Left:** Damion and Lenworth with students. **Above left:** A student tells Nicole his goals in life. **Above right:** Ron awards a young lady with a NAPS button for her participation.

## Testimonials

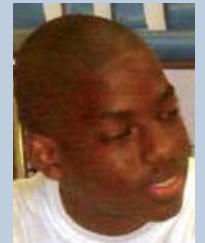
"Hi! I want to tell you about my experience with NAPS. Every afternoon, I help out with the children's program at Brackins Village. We teach the children memory verses and songs, and do Bible studies and crafts with them. About 20-25 children come out every week. They participate and are excited about coming."

**Helena Howard, 17**  
Nevada



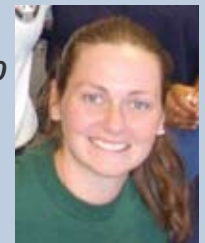
"I am Michael, the young man from the ASI Youth for Jesus Program who joined NAPS on their mission in Dallas. I thoroughly enjoyed my time with NAPS this past summer and appreciate your willingness to let me join you on other projects. God Bless."

**Michael McLennon, 16**  
North Carolina



Hello! I worked with NAPS in Lake Charles, LA, four months ago. The experience was amazing! I just wanted to check in and see how things are going with the group, what projects you all are working on and such. I think that our organizations would create an amazing partnership, and would love to discuss the possibility of having the group travel back down. Much love, and God bless."

**Andrea Birdsong, 20**  
Recent Graduate of AmeriCorps NCCC





## Thank You!

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

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## NAPS Projects Around the World



NAPS Zambia's Copperbelt Branch has been working hard in Ndola, Zambia. There, they have established the **Hearts Reaching Hearts Mission for the Blind**; taught children at a recent camp meeting; and was involved in a four-day Helping Hand Program where 5 villagers gave their hearts to the Lord.

NAPS Zambia's Choma Branch held revivals in Sikolyo, Kasiwe, and at the NAPS AIDS Prevention Training Center. A total of 162 souls were baptized. The team will continue the revival in Makalakala for three weeks.



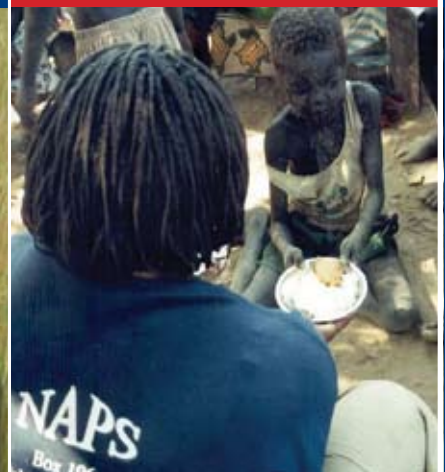
NAPS Guyana provided food and relief during floods in the Rupunnuni last summer. They are currently making plans for a factfinding mission in Brazil in preparation for a larger mission in Summer 2007.



NAPS Knoxville has been continuing children programs and Bible studies in their community. They recently held a crusade at which 3 of the neighborhood boys were baptized.



## Darfur, Sudan



NAPS is presently making plans to bring relief to the victims of Darfur within the next few months. Please support this project with your prayers and donations. **"The eyes of the children are fixed on us; the eyes of the Lord are fixed on us to see what we will do for them."** - Anthony D. Paul, Ph.D.

## 2007 Missions



**Brazil**  
**Darfur**  
**Kentucky**  
**Zambia**  
**Zimbabwe**

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