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Introduction: Call this what you will, a movement, initiative, crusade, or campaign. We call it strategic evangelism. It is missions work. It addresses a national crisis, including a matter of national security. The question is what or who is the answer? And what can each person do?

Design: This document is designed as a resource to share, discuss, and take action. If copies are desired, or requests to make pamphlets and similar media, the user only needs to state, "by approval of A3CEES, Lewisville, Texas" on the new document.

Let's begin with facts and research, then actions to help:

Fact Check 1: President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation in 1863 was not law. Nearly four million slaves were freed by law ratified by the states in December 1865. They could not free themselves. The Civil War was about slavery from a Biblical perspective, and God operated on the heart and mind of President Lincoln and others who were not of African descent to sign the 13th Amendment of the Constitution making slavery unlawful, and freeing the slaves. Negro Spirituals began during this period, and Fredrick Douglas was the nationally recognized black preacher calling for freedom among others.

Fact Check 2: Freedom would not be secured for a century. Another 100 years after the Emancipation Proclamation and 13th Amendment of the Constitution, descendants of the slaves and others continued to suffer segregation and other atrocities in the south and discrimination throughout the nation. President Lyndon B. Johnson with powerful influence from Black Christian leaders (i.e. The Southern Christian Leadership Conference and masses of others led by black and white Christians) gripped the nation through the power of God almighty. The Civil and Voting Rights Acts were passed in 1964 and 1965 (amended). It marked the first time in the nation's history that anyone of another race or gender born after 1965 would have all the same rights as their white-male cohorts. It is estimated that more than 70% of people attended church at the time. It may have been as high as 80% for African Americans.

Fact Check 3: It is 2015, and fifty years after the passage of landmark Civil and Voting Rights legislation. How have African Americans done with the freedom and laws? There's no question there have been advances in nearly every segment of society. Perhaps the pinnacle statement of national progress happened in 2008 when the nation selected the first African American president and re-elected him in 2012. No, it has not been without the ugliness of racism, but it is a remarkable achievement for African Americans and the nation. African Americans largely went from slavery to representatives who would lead the affairs of the nation from the highest office in the land. Compare this to 1965 when there was not even a black representative on the president's cabinet.

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Fact Check 4: However, concerning the Christian faith instrumental in freeing the slaves and securing rights, how have African Americans responded in proportion to the quest for freedom and civil rights? As with the nation, estimates are that less than 20% of people even attend church. While African American churches litter urban communities, attendance is not significant nationwide at all. This is not only based on polling, but also anecdotal evidence witnessed by anyone. Observe traffic patterns on main thoroughfares Sundays at church hour. Compare Sunday's church traffic to Monday's rush hour traffic. Other than right in the locale of the church, the comparison is stunning.

Fact Check 5: One researcher has found more than 270 studies on the impact of faith on young people. More than 240 of them showed the positive effect of religiosity on disadvantaged young people. He found that they are insulated. This is more powerful than being delivered by sports or other extraordinary gifts masses of children do not have. The return-rate (recidivism) to prison among persons who were involved in religious programming while incarcerated compared to those who were not involved in religious programming is dramatically less for those who engaged in religious programming.

Fact Check 6: While the pains in the African American community are well documented, few sociologist, criminologist, or public officials are connecting the dots to religious faith, and particularly the fifty year decline from the Christian faith as the "root cause." You'll see after Fact Check 7 some of the documented statistics if you are not aware of them.

Fact Check 7: Publicly posting the crisis information to raise consciousness, we have seen comments such as, why do you hate black people? This is understandable. We owe an explanation about overcoming illnesses social or otherwise.

Essentials to overcoming illness: No person are people are healed ignoring illness. Private matters are discussed privately, but public matters needing everyone's attention must demonstrate the gravity of the crisis. Take the cure for cancer campaign. The public is well aware of it. There are major campaigns concerning the disease, while years ago it was viewed as something people did not desire to share. More recently AIDS stands as an example. These diseases are being defeated because people are facing the circumstances with courage and taking action.

Therapy and healing barriers: Denial or failure to admit illness is terminal. Projecting the cause for illness on others has no therapeutic or healing value, and it is fatalistic. Threatening those who attempt to address the issue is a defense mechanism leading to deeper pathology. Marginalizing an issue as not significant allows progression and sure death. And being a talking or shouting head is nothing but show. We cannot overcome, what we do not know. Here are the documented facts outlining the depth of the condition:

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--Less than 50% of African American males graduate from high school

--While the rate of having children is on a decline, 70% of African American children are being born out of wedlock.

--Below the poverty level, 80% of African American fathers abandon their children.

--Presently more children are born to unwed mothers than wedded mothers. African Americans are the only race with this distinction.

--African Americans are 14% of the population, but responsible for more than 50% of the homicides in the nation.

--African Americans represent about 14% of the population. They are 37.5% of the prison population.

--While the whole prison population has increased dramatically since 1960, the African American prison population has outpaced all other races combined.

--The cultural music and entertainment enjoyed by the youth and young is so violent and vile both the Journal of Black Psychology, American Academy for Pediatricians and Teen Link report, it has devastating consequences.

--African Americans lead in almost all of the critical health signs such as obesity, high blood pressure, and diabetes.

-- We can vote if we will, and select the political official we desire, but they cannot and will not answer the African American's greatest need. This we know!

--This is a social nuclear bomb. Consider 70% of broken African American families with black males absorbing violent and vile music daily. More than 50% do not graduate from high school. They are not employable. What are they doing? Many replicate the condition producing an ever-increasing pipeline of humanity to crime and prison. This is why the African American fatherless home and prison "rates" keep soaring. Their condition is also fertile for potential terrorists. *The federal government knows this.* Now, you can understand in-part why local police departments-- as witnessed--in Ferguson are equipped with military hardware. "This condition is occurring and growing while you read this fact sheet."

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Fact Check 8: Who does not believe that a chain is only strong as its weakest link. This is a national crisis. Anyone desiring to see the nation improve spiritually and in all other ways must work to save the black family.

Fact Check 9: Nothing stated here is without a conviction to action. No question, the circumstance is daunting and dire. Truly what can be done? Everyone has a part:

1. The goal is one person, and one family at a time.
2. Don't waste time arguing over minutiae. Arguing has no value, and retards progress.
3. Whatever the discussion is, move from talking to action in whatever small way. Here's what we all can do as believers in Christ:
 - a. Share this fact sheet or parts with everyone you can. Let them know these facts are accurate, and it means the extinction of the black family should they continue.
 - b. Let people know the African American's road to freedom and rights in this nation were paved through the Christian faith. This is powerful, accurate, and undeniable.
 - c. Let them know the conditions, as shared here. They may be living it. Can it be reversed? Absolutely! It can be reversed by returning to the same faith that saved us in years pass. God is the same forever (Hebrews 13:8).
 - d. It would be great if the person or family would attend a local church. We realize the damage concerning the perception of the local church in many locales, but all churches are not the same. However, there is no excuse. They can visit ReturntoHim.info with any device having internet access.
 - e. Particularly share the necessity of becoming a part of the greatest success program for young people, the Church. If for some reason this is not possible locally, please contact us at ReturntoHim.info. We will prepare you to provide what your children need. Or we'll contact a local church in your area to assess their program and help you get acquainted.

Church programming: Churches can play a far greater roll with a missions budget to launch complete public information campaigns throughout the year. Some brief ideas are as follows:

1. Regularly, distribute pamphlets and fact sheets in the community. Expect a lengthy campaign.
2. Be sure the church offers a curriculum-based program for young people with Biblical and social objectives.

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3. Hold community town-halls to discuss the research, and share the answers. As with an evangelist, this often is best accomplished by a third-party.

4. Remember, this is not about building a membership. This is about kingdom building one person and one family at a time.

The primary program ministry (A3CEES) will be investing in national advertising among other activities. If you would like to give to this effort, you may do so at cbaltarplace.org

The resource links for this document can be found at ReturntoHim.info or CBCentral.info
Any additional information:

NOTE: This program will continue to develop. Please check the ReturntoHim.info web site for updates and resources.

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