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As we gratefully celebrate 30 years we keep the spirit of our founders alive by being the Other Voice and Keeping Hope Alive. Jesse left us 5 years ago but his vision and dream and all who were part of this vision over the past 30 years continues. We thank you and we do not forget!

1989 TWENTY YEARS OF HOPE 2009

As we gratefully celebrate twenty years of Hope it is appropriate to remember our history and those who made it happen, our founding brothers. There is none better to guide us in this than Jesse Morrison, co-founder of our organization, and so I asked him to help us to remember and here are his notes:

"In May of 1989 Jesse Morrison and Wallace Norrell Thomas got together a committee of five, which included Johnny Harris, (Danny Siebert after Harris was transferred), James "Bo" Cochran and Joe Duncan. This committee worked for 4-5 months getting the structure together.

Around September we had the structure in place, along with the name of Project Hope to Abolish the Death Penalty, and began open membership, setting up study groups, classes and different committees.

Around December, the officers of the organizations held the first meeting on the visiting yard with potential members of outside board of advisers and supporters.

The very first initiative was Wallace and I writing two articles, *From Alabama Death Row and Black America and the Death Penalty*. We sent out over 300 copies to black churches, black colleges, black newspapers nationwide, death penalty organizations and friends and families.

As our membership grew, we expanded the committee, and had to replace some. The new members were Brian Baldwin, Gary Brown, Leroy White and Ward Gentry."

I asked Jesse to say a little something about our founding brothers and here it is:



Wallace Norrell Thomas, executed 1990: "the political and legal mind of the group. On death row, he was the constant voice for change in conditions as well as the legal system."

Johnny Harris, "mentor/advisor, knew Alabama prison system officials and had outside contacts and support system but was transferred soon after the beginning."

Bo Cochran, exonerated in 1997 and still supportive of phadp, "solid supporter who had the respect of all death row inmates."

Joe Duncan "solid supporter, willing to take a stand against the system, eager to get involved."

Danny Siebert, died in 2008, "knowledgeable about organizational structure and running a campaign. Got involved only at my request."

Gary Brown, executed 2003, "was asked to come aboard to help recruit whites and Christian inmates. Proved to be a very hardworking and totally committed member."

Brian Baldwin, executed in 1999, "my most valued co-worker; took on the job of building our newsletter; acted as my confidant and advisor on all the important decisions I had to make; brought a lot of outside members into the organization. Brian was very popular, fun-loving, outgoing but also had a quick, intelligent mind, which allowed him to not only grasp an issue but to see it from all sides."

Jesse Morrison gave me the task to write about him. We have been close friends for the last ten years, ever since my dear friend Brian Baldwin's execution. In recalling the birth of phadp he wrote: *I was only doing what I thought was right and necessary at the time, and I was mad as hell.* If ever there was an example of channeling anger into positive action, our organization was it. 1989 was the year of four executions, a record, which we are unfortunately likely to break this year. (In 2009 when this was written we had 6, number 2 in the nation).

In writing about Jesse I could talk about his natural charisma, his leadership qualities, his fighting spirit, but all of those would mean nothing if they were not about what *was right and necessary*. Jesse sees a problem and wants to address it for the sake of those around him. After his sentence was commuted to life without the possibility of parole, he tried to found the Lifer's group, and when that was denied, start a NAACP chapter in the prison, all ways to bring hope and meaning to a place where there is little of either. It is the loss of the Department of Corrections that it denied permission for both.

Jesse is famous for his admonition to *be the other voice*. He lives that and is at his very best when he can inspire, motivate, work hard and bring people together for the common good. He wants to make a difference and he has in so many of our lives, even in the lives of some who do not know him because they came to death row after his re-sentencing.

I know I have repeatedly attempted to explain the spirit of Project Hope to Abolish the Death Penalty, which still endures now that we are 20 years old. When I read Bo what Jesse had written over the phone, there was silence and then I heard sobs and the words, *we were family*. Yes, you were and we still are and we thank our dear friend Jesse Morrison and all who were part of the beginning for this vision. We thank you for daring to dream a bold dream and for not counting the cost. We do not forget and we love you!

Jesse Morrison and Esther Brown



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Greetings to all,

Being that this is my first time writing an editorial (oh, I have seen plenty of them written, smile- just didn't have the responsibility of doing it), and this being the 30th anniversary of Project Hope to Abolish the Death Penalty, I found myself under self-inflicted pressure to write something spectacular and profound. Which in turn caused my mind and my pen to freeze up, and with the newsletter deadline fast approaching, that was not a good thing. So after a few deep breaths, and some mind clearing, it hit me. I don't have to write anything spectacular nor profound, as this organization is both spectacular and profound all on its very own merits. 30 Years!! Wow!

30 years ago, a handful of men had a purpose thrust upon them, that soon turned into a mission, of which they accepted, and so have the many like-minded men who followed. For 30 years and counting Project Hope has sought to inform and educate the public of the numerous injustices surrounding the death penalty, with the goal of helping to bring about the abolition of such an archaic, and barbaric tool of revenge that has no place in our modern society, and that mission continues!

On May 16th, the state of Alabama murdered Michael Brandon Samra, the day after its Governor proclaimed that "ALL LIFE IS SACRED, and PRECIOUS." Our thoughts go out to both families.

Our work is not done! And with that said, I would like to point out a few ways of which we continue to try to educate the public about the injustices surrounding the death

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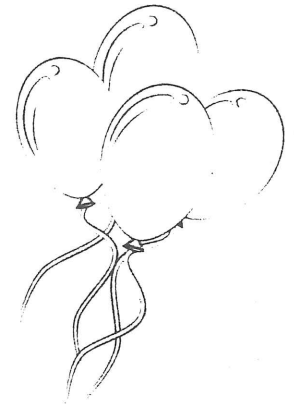


penalty, and pass along a few thank you's as we go. We would like to say thank you to freelance journalist Lauren Gill, for her hard work and dedication to her story on Project Hope that was published in the magazine The Nation. It is very thought provoking and inspirational. Her article continues to touch and motivate many. Thank you, Lauren. We also continue to work with Professor Katie Owens-Murphy (UNA), on correspondence with her students (as they are the future), and trying to get a book published. We have also embarked on a new and hopeful working relationship with Dr. Dennis Sansom at Samford University. We are also starting a rejuvenated effort to garner moratorium support. So, we are asking all family members, friends, and allies that have not already done so, to please go to our website and sign up. (Pass the word)

Well, 30 years and as you can see, we continue to be the other voice, and we continue asking all of you to join with us in being the other voice. We still have work to do...

Be Blessed, Be Strong
and Be the other voice

Anthony Boyd
Chairman



A side note from our previous Chairman,

As we mark our 30th anniversary, I wanted to acknowledge some former members:

Former and great Chairman - Jeff Rieber, member of PHADP for over 25 years.

Former coordinator and chief artist - Carey Grayson, member for over 20 years.

Arthur Giles was groomed and brought up under the teaching of Jesse Morrison and a member for all 30 years.

Kenny Smith former board member and legal mind, member for many years, and close friends with many of our board members.

Nicholas Acklin former Sec/Treasurer and member for nearly 20 years.

These men and others that are here, such as James McWilliams, our in-house legal scholar. Larry Dunaway former board member and close friend to many. Ulysses Snead, Brent Martin, all these men have played a vital part in the 30 years of building Hope. We have too many outside supporters to name, but we have not forgotten any of you all, and we thank you for all that you have done, are doing, and will do in the years to come in support of our cause. Thank you, and we celebrate you as well.

Anthony Tyson

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° Michael Brandon Samra was executed May 16, 2019. Our hearts are with the families at this difficult time. Thank you to everyone who contacted Gov. Ivey to voice their opposition to this and all executions.

° Anthony Boyd was elected as Chairman of the Board, and Nicholas Smith was selected to replace him as Sgt. at Arms in our April election. We look forward to utilizing the talents that these two bring to the table.

° New Hampshire appears poised to repeal their death penalty law and California has halted all executions by executive order of the Governor. Meanwhile, HB 273, a bill that calls for a 3 year moratorium on executions in Alabama has been introduced in the House Judiciary Committee by Rep. Merika Coleman.

° May 30, 2019 is the execution date set for Christopher Lee Price. Check our Facebook page for any developments or updates.

° We began our renewed efforts for a moratorium on executions with our first batch of mailings going out this month.

° Dr. Katie Owens-Murphy, Professor at UNA, conducted several hours of interviews with Board members. We hope we provided her with useful information, and we know she will make the most of every opportunity to share our message. For that we are extremely grateful.

° Our new Chairman, Anthony Boyd, and our Executive Director, Esther Brown, were interviewed by Melissa Brown of the Montgomery Advertiser. We will keep you posted on what comes from that.

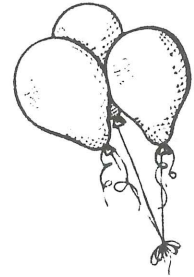
° Nicholas Smith was elected as Sgt. at Arms, and Jamal Jackson was added to the sub-board.

° Unfortunately, The execution of Christopher Lee Price took place on Thursday, May 30th. We will regroup and keep moving forward in our mission. Thank you to all who spoke out against this, and all executions.

HIS DYING WISH

AS ALL WAS QUIET
AND LIFE WAS COMING TO AN END
HE THOUGHT OF HIS LIFE
AND HOW IT WOULD END
HE THOUGHT OF HIS LOVED ONES
WHO HE WOULD LEAVE BEHIND
THEIR SORROW AND SADNESS
IS WHAT CROSSED HIS MIND
AS HIS BODY FELT WEAK
AND AT HIS FINAL BREATH
HE MADE A DYING WISH
THAT HE KEPT TO HIMSELF
HE MADE A WISH FOR OUR CHILDREN
BOTH YOURS AND MINE
THAT THE WORLD WOULD SEE LIFE
AS PRECIOUS AND DIVINE
NOT TO TAKE LIFE
INSTEAD TO EMBRACE
AND AS HIS LIFE WAS THEN TAKEN
A TEAR STREAMED DOWN HIS FACE
A TEAR FOR OUR CHILDREN

BY NICHOLAS ACKLIN



Woke up
early dis mornin'
Neighbor holla-
he hungry
Some otha' cat
talkin' bout
who fake, who phony
50% of us
dreamin' & hopin' of freedom
while the
otha' 50%
scheming on
who gon' feed 'em
Everybody got a hand
so how u gon' play it
do you
hold or fold
r do u strategize (favor)
Understandin' is key
cuz life is a lesson
do you
learn from it
or do you squander ya' blessin'
Just a lil'
prisonology talk
if it's fa' ya'
address it
if it's not
(salute)
Ima continue my walk

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30 Years and Running

Over the past 30 years, we have seen many advancements of the human race! The advancements of technology in ways only dreamed about. The advancement of infrastructure and the advancement of transportation. As I sit and think on the advancements of our nation. I can't help but to see the widening gap of advancements made by man!! And the advancement of man himself!! Our phones are smarter, our homes are smarter, even our cars are smarter! But can we truly say that we are smarter!!! We invest more time, money, and willpower to build up the physical things of our nation. But what about "We the people?" Why isn't there an awe inspiring advancement of man himself!?! Why do we kill instead of rehabilitate? Why do we imprison instead of educate? Why do we condemn instead of correct? But all in all, Project Hope is determined to rehabilitate! We are determined to educate! We are determined to abolish the death penalty in the advancement of mankind!

30 years and running!

Jamal Jackson
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HAPPY 30th BIRTHDAY PROJECT HOPE TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY

Wow! As I look back in retrospect, it doesn't seem like it's been thirty years that Project Hope to Abolish the Death Penalty has been in existence.

Congratulations! for reaching another milestone, I would like to pay honor and respect to the founding fathers, for their vision and desire to help bring awareness to the injustice that happens to the men and women on Alabama's death row.

Also, without leaving anyone out, I would like to dedicate this article to all the board members, the group members, the support of family and friends.

Who have been a part of the struggle and disappointment for the last thirty years. Thank you! Thank you!

Even though I never became an official board member, I still supported and respected the men who did.

At Project Hope's beginnings, I had the opportunity of being a part of a Christian sub-committee that met on Saturday, sometimes Sunday nights, which soon fizzled out. But how fortunate I have been to see the birth of Project Hope and have known all its board members, thirty years ago, and still be alive to see the fruit of their vision and labors.

I believe that if the founding fathers were still alive that they would have mixed emotions, first being that the death penalty in the state of Alabama still hasn't been abolished after thirty years of protest. But proud that there are still people like yourselves, who are supporting their vision, and showing your care and concerns by being the other voice to the public, the state, the nation, and to the world.

May God's blessings and favor be upon you all.

Earl "Pete" McGahee
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MILK OR MEAT

If you asked the average person, "what transcends all?" Most likely you will hear money, women, and power. Perhaps there's some small truth to this. But for me, nothings greater than a testimony. For example: Both of my parents were born in the early and late 40's. And because of the color of their skin a special water fountain was designated for them. But because of their will to fight for humanity, along with many other sacrifices, I didn't have a special water fountain. I can go where I want to go. They molded and shaped new horizons for the next generation.

My current situation here on Alabama's death row made me to reflect on those who molded, shaped, and changed my ways of thinking. Back in 1989 a small group of men decided themselves to form their own organization called Project Hope to Abolish the Death Penalty. And what those men brought to the table cannot be duplicated. First of all, in my opinion, it takes courage to say no more. Especially when the odds are against you. Society, or should I say most of society believes if you're here, you belong here. But these men decided to fight for humanity.

Take Brian Baldwin who was executed in 1999. He was one of the men who founded Project Hope. When I got here in '92 and met Brian, he was a tall lanky giant. He asked me to write an article about the death penalty. And boy what did I do that for. I gave it to him and he said "man what in the hell is this?" "This is garbage!" At the time I was young and full of milk. So I took offense to it. Years later, I understood what he meant. He taught me that in order to connect to society that I must speak from my heart, and not in anger. That society connects to those who admit their flaws instead of hiding them. How can I ask for humanity but not show it? Humanity is a balanced diet, not a selfish one.

Then there's Darrell Grayson, who was executed in 2007. Now this guy was on a whole 'nother level. He reminded me of a college professor. He stayed reading just about anything he could get his hands on. But what he brought to Project Hope was order. His leadership commanded calmness. He taught me that distractions kill what you can offer Project Hope. And even if your ideas were'nt the best ideas, express them and fight for them, not with arrogance, but with intelligience. He shaped my thinking.

Then there's Jesse Morrison who died of natural causes. Now Jesse, simply put, reminded me of a black activist. I remember going to a project Hope meeting. This man motivated me so much. He made me believe that no matter the circumstances. Fight for my life. The way he spoke made me call everybody in my family.

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He taught me that your strength is in numbers. People fear numbers because if they didn't, they wouldn't ask for your vote.

I mean, I'll keep it real, I wonder how many times I was an agent of the state because to me that's what we are when we don't help one another. Let me give y'all some real meat. A man gets an execution date. Project Hope immediately requests that we contact our family and friends to contact the governor to protest. So when the governor asks how many protestors were on the state capitol, and they say about 13. They smile and probably say I'm not threatened by 13. They just secured my seat. Because if you ain't helping us, you're helping them.

How many times have your loved ones asked while on visitation is that the guy that has the date? You will say yes, but stop staring. They immediately begin to ask questions about your appeals. Do not think this is just a conversation. that same face they see who 's about to be executed is you. And if you don't feed them the true meat, one day somebody might be staring at you. In other words, they came hungry, they left hungry.

Then there's Gary Brown, who was executed in 2003. Now Gary Brown brought sharing to Project Hope. He taught me that it's not what you share, it's that you share. For any organization, this type of format produces unity. He was a good Christian man in my opinion. He had his flaws just like everybody else, but what I saw was his heart. My mother, at the time, didn't have transportation to see me. Gary would immediately tell his folks to pick up my mom. I will be forever grateful for this multitude of kindness.

Then there's each other. Out of all the names I spoke of, I want to give a special thanks to Project Hope. The growth and truth men have demonstrated. For example, many hate progress, but I applaud your growth. I seen it first hand and can testify. The same one's who displayed negativity were the same when an execution date was set for them. Instead of rejecting them, you all said, what can we do? Then sent word to write the governor to ask them to spare his life. Like I said, nothing more is greater than a testimony.



Black Laws
Black flaws, I don't think so-
or we aware of
or are we ignorant therein.

Black Laws

Black Laws

institutionalization, white fraud, racism, disenfranchisement,
prison industries__the new slavery of black men__

Black Laws

90% of black men have convictions

the right to vote, nonexistent__"caste system"

Criminal laws, made for blacks

this realization comes from waaay back

So, "Y" u ask, is every black man on edge?

it's bcuz he's not trying to lose his head__

it's like a jungle sometimes, it makes us wonder
how to keep from going under__

Black Laws

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Dear Family and Friends,

First, let me welcome our new readers and thank those of you who have been keeping up with what's been going on with the death penalty in Alabama with us over the years. I think this edition in particular has a variety of content that showcases the creative, analytical, and philosophical minds that are a part of Project Hope.

This month has been a difficult one, with the state setting execution dates just 2 weeks apart. May 16th was the execution date for Michael Samra, and since he had been housed at Donaldson Correctional Facility, it wasn't until just a few days before his execution that I got to meet him.

He certainly made an impression. He reminded me of someone I know, but it wasn't that or his sense of humor that struck me the most. It was the strength of his faith. We spoke briefly about his appeals, and he was realistic in his expectations for the courts. But he was sure that if nothing came of his appeals, he would be happy reuniting with his family in heaven and awaiting those he left behind. He only had two prayer requests, for the safety of his family, and that their grief would not be too much.

I often think about that reunion in heaven, about all the loved ones I've lost, but in the context of marking 30 years of Project Hope's mission, I can't help but think of the new people I will get to meet in heaven for the first time. The man who came before me who set the standard for this organization.

After all, if there's one good thing about knowing when your time on Earth is up, it's being able to get all your ducks in a row.

I thank God for the testimony that He has given of His Son. "And this is the testimony: that God has

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given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son."

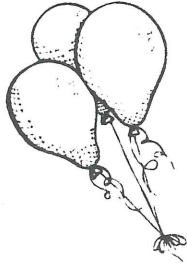
1 John 5:11 (NKJV)

The second execution this month is scheduled for May 30 for Chris Price. We won't know the outcome of it before this goes to press, but we do know that there are problems with midazolam as the first drug in the lethal injection cocktail. Chris' attorneys have been fighting to stop the state from using it to kill him for years, and the evidence keeps adding up with every problematic or "botched" execution. We're hoping that the courts don't turn a blind eye this time.

When the state says one thing (that the executions have proceeded as planned) and do another (enact legislation to create a new execution method), you know that there is more to the story. This is just one of the many reasons that the state should not be in the killing business.

Sincerely,

Bart Johnson
Vice-Chairman / Editor



Greetings!!

For almost two decades, I have resided on Alabama's Death Row. I became an active member of PHADP once I was on group walk. Within a year I voted on the sub-board and shortly thereafter, moved up to the Board as an Assistant Coordinator.

Being a part of PHADP, brought about a great change in my life. The men of the board, including those who are no longer with us: Gary Brown, Darrell B. Grayson, Leroy White, Ronald Smith Jr and Derrick Moon, just to name a few, Played a major role in my transformation.

To Me, PHADP was not just about educating the general public about the biasness, unjust and barbaric practices of the death penalty. It was about the togetherness, integrity, hope, peace, forgiveness and being the best man that one can be despite what we were/are facing.

PHADP also taught me how to be a leader through my actions. It's easy to 'talk the talk', but walking it is not always so easy.

The men outside the board also played a key role.

A brotherhood that's unbreakable was developed.

It saddened me deeply when I left for my new trial.

I knew I would not be returning and couldn't bring my brothers with me. If society knew these men the way that I do, there would be no death penalty in Alabama.

In closing, My fight is not over - nor is my hope and prayers for the eventual abolition of capital punishment.

We must all continue to strive for True Justice and not injustice.

Happy 30th Anniversary.

I Remain,
Omar D

FLIGHT OR FIGHT

In times like these the character of a man is revealed. The good in a man will be shown only how he responds to the atmosphere around him. Fear is the fuel to flight. While Faith will enable you to Fight.

-Jeffery Lee

The ability to run away from our problems or situations has given us the opportunity not to face them. It takes a strength to always want to escape from ourselves. We called it fear. Fear has a way of enabling you to cower away from circumstances. Eventually we become accustomed to fear, it becomes ingrained in the fibers of our nature. We live with the fear, we make room in our lives to be fearful. After we have downloaded fear into our minds we begin to look for things to be afraid of. In our case here at death-row some of the guys here are afraid of death. So the fear of dying is felt every time one of us is executed or receives an execution date. So being on death row, death isn't something to be afraid of.

There's multiple ways to initiate a fight, most of you all are thinking a physical brawl, well that's wrong. Our strategy to fight is different than most. First there's limits to what we can do here to engage the public about the battles we face each and every day. One strategy we have developed into a powerful weapon is the ability to voice our ideas and opinions about prison and about death row through writing articles. Also we create and publish a newsletter called "On Wings of Hope" to get our voice out. The strategies we often use is essential to swaying the public opinion about the fairness of the death penalty. Yet over the years a lot of the guys here have grown weary in the fight against the death penalty. Some have become complacent and others have become comfortable in this situation. Some have lost the hope needed to have the strength to see this fight against capital punishment end. That's our ultimate goal, the end of capital punishment in the world.

If anyone chooses not to stand and fight for what's important, you might as well give up. After almost nineteen years here on life row, there were thoughts to throw in the towel and give up the fight that I had battled alongside my brothers. The first group I was a part of called the Dark Faces of Justice under Project Hope to Abolish the Death Penalty, quitting wasn't an option. So when we're faced with all the adversity and injustice, we have to be the voices of hope and change. We need to put fear aside and continue the fight we have been commissioned to do.

Jeffery Lee
Secretary / Treasurer



The Coming, The Birth and Longevity
Of Project Hope To Abolish The Death
Penalty

My name is Arthur Giles, I am a former board member. But our motto is 'Once a member of the family, always a member'. Anthony Tyson, asked me would I write something for our up coming special occasion; As this year marks the 30th anniversary of PHADP, and our involvement in the struggle in putting an end to state sanctioned killings. This is my 40th year of being on death row. I was 19 years old when I arrived in 1979. I was placed two cells down from Jesse Morrison, who was one of the first to befriend me. Being an illiterate contentious individual, he took every opportunity he could to stress and instill in me the importance and value of education; while inspiring brotherhood, hope and unity among those around him. How committed was Jesse to the things he believed in and stood for? Jesse an african american and Henry Hays a caucasian, who was accused in 1980 of capital murder in the hanging of a young african american man in Mobile AL. And of course there were a lot of racial overtones, even that Henry was a member of the KKK! In 1986 Henry was convicted and sentenced to death. Just before Henry arrived, Jesse went around and asked everyone both black and white not to bother nor try to harm Henry in any way. Because he was in the same boat with the rest of us now. That's how totally committed and brave he was and the respect he had among his peers. In 1987, twenty two of us - Including myself, were transferred to Donaldson Correctional Facility, the A.D.O.C. plan was to move and house death row death row inmates there; though after a few months there plan was halted. In 1995, Jesse was transferred there, of course I was elated to see my brother again and we quickly caught up on things. Including him sharing with me how our brother Michael Lindsey, who was mentally retarded and in early 1989 had a date set, came to him in tears and totally despair pleading with him not to let the state kill him. Jesse went on to say, though teary eyed himself, it took everything within him to keep his composure for Lindsey's sake because he felt that if he did not, it would have made the situation worse! He was executed a couple of weeks later... Jesse went on to say, in sharing the disturbing episode with friends on the outside, that some started to tell him that he should start a group to help the brothers on the row. And with the encouragement and help from both friends on the outside and some brothers on the inside, that's how PHADP was born here on Holman Death Row. Several months after Jesse arrival at Donaldson, he started up a PHADP group and appointed me as co-leader and coordinated our efforts with the board members at Holman. In the fall of 1996, Jesse sentence was reduced to LWO -- (Life Without Parole) and he asked me would I take over the group, in spite of my great fear of not wanting to, but because I owed my brother a debt I couldn't repay in this lifetime! I said yes and about two weeks later, he was moved to another prison. After leading the group for nearly a year, I was abruptly sent back to Holman and there the board voted me on, where I served for several years and then passed my torch to a new school/generation brother and I am glad that I did! I say this in closing, I pay homage to my brother Jesse who passed on Feb. 12, 2014 and thanks for being a big brother and mentor to me. To his outside friends and the brothers then, for creating PHADP that gave me an opportunity to be a part of something good and meaningful for the first time in my life. Also, my deepest thanks to the Pres. Anthony Tyson, the new school board member and brother. Last but not least, Sister Esther Brown - Executive Director, for her diligent efforts in carrying on Jesse dream and goal to bring an end to the death penalty. Remember, there's no noble cause and struggle than for Humanity!!

Eternally Grateful,
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I would like to take this time and congratulate all my brothers on Holman Death Row in Atmore, Alabama for being the heroes they are. Chaos all over the prison, but not only do pastors feel safe on Alabama Death Row, but also the officers know they are safe. It's like this, for you whom don't know reality. If someone tells you "key words!" Someone tells you a tree is producing bad fruit is one thing, but if all you see is good fruit falling, whom do you believe?

I acknowledge and congratulate these guys on Holman Death Row in Alabama at this time for being the outstanding group of guys I ever saw, despite their flaws. Every family member represented by one of these guys consider yourself blessed because they bring blessings to lives every day.

Truly you can feel the one true God of Isreal here, and that's what's most important. God, Love, Living, and Family.

Let's not forget that.

Jovon Gaston

