

## **Operation Sunrise 2002 Launched**

### **200+ African-American College Students Accept Invitation from African Leaders to Spread Gospel in Motherland**

**ORLANDO, FLA., June 25, 2002** – More than 200 African-American students from campuses around the United States have responded to a challenge by their African brothers and sisters to participate in Operation Sunrise 2002, the largest single evangelistic outreach ever held in the Southern and Eastern Africa region. The goal is to reach 50 million people in 50 days in 50 major cities with the Gospel.

This event provides African Americans an opportunity to join with fellow believers in Africa to share the gospel with a substantial portion of the continent. “As far as we know, this will be the largest number of African Americans returning to Africa for such a task”, said Vaughn Walston, the Operation Sunrise coordinator for The Impact Movement.

Operation Sunrise will take place July 1 - August 20, 2002. An estimated 140,000 people will be involved in the outreach, with 4,000 people coming from places outside of Africa. Of those 4,000, more than 200 are African-American students involved in the U.S.-based Impact Movement. These students will travel to one of four countries this summer to help reach a major city with the gospel. The countries include Kenya, Botswana, South Africa, and Ethiopia.

One such student is Naima Hopkins, who just completed her junior year at Vanderbilt University and plans to make a trip to South Africa this summer.

“I am excited about being apart of this tremendous project. I am going because I want to be obedient and fulfill Christ’s great commission to ‘go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation’ (Mark 16:15),” Naima said. “I am also going because of the rising number of HIV victims and AIDS suffers in South Africa, and with so many facing deaths, I desire to ease their fears with the hope that the gospel gives.”

“Our vision is certainly to see African Americans going to the world, and that’s what Operation Sunrise represents – African Americans getting involved in going to the world,” said Charles Gilmer, director of The Impact Movement. “Our desire is not just to have people go for a summer but for God to raise up those who would commit their lives to going long term.”

The Impact Movement, a part of Campus Crusade for Christ, is a movement of evangelism and discipleship among African Americans on the campus, extending into the community and ultimately to the world. For more information about Operation Sunrise 2002 or The Impact Movement visit [www.impactmovement.com](http://www.impactmovement.com).



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