

Dear brethren,

“Change” elected President Obama. Change is our theme also. But this is in relationship to how we do ministry not what we teach. Our goal is to “teach, baptize and teach” the good news—Jesus arose from the dead and lives today. I want to tell you of the **changes**, the **challenges**, the **needs** we face and the **role** you can play in these.

First, the **changes**. In selecting a place to open a business it is the most important factor is “location, location, location.” That is a major problem for us. Our historic campus was taken for development. We vacated it September 30, 2008. Our temporary quarters are at **2133 Garland Avenue** here in **Louisville**. Pray for us a home!

Second, the **challenges**. These are two-fold: building on our past and moving into the future. Our basic mission is the same as every Bible College and Seminary. Our unique mission is to focus on minorities: first, African Americans and then other minorities. We have no more than 110 African-American congregations within the Christian Church (Independent) fellowship, which means a limited source of supply of students of African-American descent. But we can utilize all races in ministry. Pray for students committed to the ministry; we need young Black preachers.

Third, the **needs**. Your prayers, without them we will fail. Second, is your financial support. No ministry succeeds without these. As a result of moving we have lost \$950.00 monthly income from ministries we were supporting through allowing them use of our campus. In addition, we have lost another \$450.00 per month from churches hit by the economic slump, as well as the passing on to the Lord of faithful supporters. That totals \$1,400.00 support lost, could you pledge a monthly sum to help us both recover this loss and help us increase our monthly support, currently about \$1,500 to \$2,000 per month. A one time donation would help us too. Third, we need permanent quarters. Pray specifically that the Lord will provide a new home for us.

Fourth, what is your **role** in our future? Prayer, finances, sending students, helping us evangelize in minority communities are all roles you can help us with. We have expanded to the internet with online courses plus correspondence courses with which we can support you in your ministry. You can also host us in your congregation for seminars, in-depth Bible studies and college course work. Please contact us about this or visit our website, “collegeofthescrptures.com” for more information.

Yours in Christ,