



# The Letter Of Hope News

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## Pastor Underwood’s 2009 Greeting to RHM Members

Dear Hopians,

Grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. On behalf of Kathy and myself we give God thanks and praise for you, always mentioning you in our prayers, lifting you up before the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are excited about your faith in the Lord. We know that 2008 was a challenging year for all but by the grace of God we made it. Robert Schuller once said, “Tough times never last but tough people do”. Your faith withstood the challenges of 2008 and the same faith will lead you to victory as we launch into 2009. The Psalmist said, “The Lord knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be forever” “They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied. He also said, “I have been young and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread”. (ref. *Psalms 37: 18-19, 25*)

Our key to overcoming victory in today’s economic times is to lay aside every weight and sin that beset us, unify with brotherly love, in honor, esteeming others higher than ourselves, when it comes to our relationship with God. (This Year 2009) we must stay focus, not slothful in God’s business; fervent in Spirit; serving the Lord; \*if we the Renewed Hope family practice those things putting God first and others second. The Word of God says, “The Lord will perfect that which concerneth you: it is in these times that God will test our faith to allow us to see if we truly trust him”. The scripture says, “Faith without works is dead” (ref. *James 2:17*)

Not only has history been made by election our first African-American President; President Barack Obama. Just as our fore parents, former slaves and farmers had a vision a dream that one day a African-American could become President of the United States, they put their faith into action through prayer, unifying, marchings, demonstrations, being tortured, ridiculed, put to death, and because they refused to be refused, God raised up a young man by the name of Barack Obama with the faith in God that he could become the first black President of the United States, thus making the dream and vision of our parents and fore parents become a reality. Renewed Hope, we have been given a task a vision to build God a new house for “Great is our God above all other gods”. *Psalms 13:22* “A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children’s children.

God has given us a vision to build him a new house not only for us but for those who are to come. We who are small in number at this time, have been called by God to make history and to put our faith into action to make this vision become a reality to the glory of God. The law of physics says, “Anything in motion will have opposition”. Even though we may experience some opposition it will not be anything like our parents and fore parents had to endure in order that we could share and enjoy in the prosperity and the freedom we are experiencing today.

We do understand “except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it. (ref. *Psalms 127:11*) Our time Renewed Hope Ministries, has come and it is at this time we the Renewed Hope Ministries family look to the hills from whence cometh our help realizing that the task is to great for us to accomplish by ourselves but our help cometh from the Lord”.

Two important things our history has taught us:

- (A) For without God we can do nothing.
- (B) With God all things are possible to him that believes.

Again on behalf of the First Lady Kathy and myself, we look forward with great expectations this year for you. Let us all seek to glorify God, we love you, Let go and Let God!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

In his service;

*Pastor A.L. Underwood*

PS: “YES WE CAN”

## The Future Renewed Hope Ministries



Example of the new Renewed Hope Ministries

All RHM Helps Ministries we need your help in keeping us informed of activities going on in your department. Contact a member of the PM when you plan new events, meetings, activities or announcements.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS  
**FEBRUARY 2009**

Happy birthday to ya,  
happy birthday to ya,  
happy birthday.....



- SIS. CASSANDRA BELL 2/28
- BRO. ZACH BURTON 2/9
- DORIAN DODSON 2/11
- BRO. GARY HARRIS 2/28
- BRO. JAMES KING 2/25
- JAQUIECE SLAUGHTER 2/24
- TIARA TOMPKINS 2/12
- DANIEL WOODS 2/20



**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

It's your anniversary.....

- GARY AND MONYUA HARRIS**  
February 12th
- KELVIN AND LATRICE JONES**  
February 17th

If you need to add birthdays or anniversaries for this month, fill out a update form from the church administrator or update your information online at [www.rhmonline.org](http://www.rhmonline.org).



**THE INSIDER with Tasha**

**SPOTLIGHTS: Sis. Latrice Jones**

**Q: How long have you been a member of RHM?**  
**A:** 5 years

**Q: What made you join this ministry?**  
**A:** I loved the family atmosphere, I can wear whatever I want to wear, and we have a down to earth Pastor. I have also learned a whole lot about God since I've been a member.

**Q: What do you do for a living?**  
**A:** I have two businesses, I am a Senior Manager for my Cellphone Business with a company named Lightyear. I have a Curve's Fitness Center in Homewood that is scheduled to open up sometime in March. I am currently working my job that I've been on for 11 years.

**Q: What does your job consist of?**  
**A:** Which one...LOL... I help people save money on their bills, I help women have a better health and well being, and I do data entry at the job.

**Q: Where do you see your future role here at RHM?**  
**A:** I see myself becoming more involved in the PM and fundraisers.

**Q: Where do you see RHM in 3 years?**  
**A:** Oh, we are without a doubt in my mind, will be in our BRAND NEW FACILITY with a 100% growth rate!

**Q: What is one piece of advice you can give to inspire someone?**  
**A:** Always, always keep God first! This is not our battle. Let go and let God and I promise, God promises everything will be alright!! He will never leave us or forsake us. I had to learn that myself. Now that I've done that, I've been blessed with two businesses, and more on the way.

**Q: In closing, tell us something most people don't know about you?**  
**A:** Most people don't know how close I've gotten to God and how big of a heart I have.



**Sis. Latrice Jones**

If you would like to submit someone to be spotlighted, contact Tasha or email [pm@rhmonline.org](mailto:pm@rhmonline.org)

**PUBLICATION MINISTRY** **BIBLE SCRAMBLER**

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**THIS MONTH'S SCRAMBLER**  
(Verse is in order)

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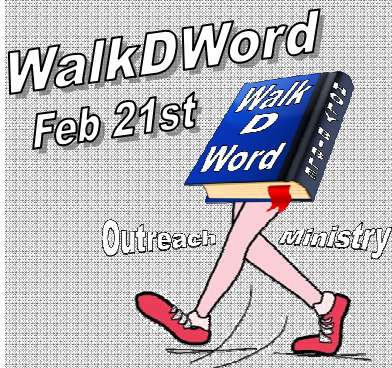
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**WEBSITE UPDATE**

The PM continues our mission to keep the members of RHM informed with the latest technology and features. For 2009 we have upgraded our church website to be more interactive and user friendly. We've recently released the new RHM Live Chat feature where you chat with other RHM members, friends or family on many different topics. We're also in the process of

Updating the RHM Blog feature. RHM administrative officers can now view, change and update their church email accounts anyway they like. You can now listen and purchase sermons, videos and music right from the website as well making donations. We hope to have our RHM TV feature up and running by next month. Check out the features online today.

**RENEWED HOPE**

**1 PHASE VISION PLEDGE DRIVE COMPLETE**

This issue will be released on the exact day we are to complete the first phase of our Vision Pledge Drive. Sunday, February 8, 2009 was date chosen for the submission of our \$200.00 per member pledge, which consist of the first \$5,000.00 of our \$50,000.00 goal. Hopefully on today, we surpassed the set

\$5,000.00 goal for the month of January. Thanks to everyone who has made good on their pledge and to those who went over and beyond to support our Vision Pledge Drive. The VPD amounts will be updated monthly in the LOH and weekly on our website to keep you inform of our progress to build our new facility. The next phase of our pledge drive, if not

Already started, will begin this month. Since this issue was published before the scheduled VPD Saturday meeting, more information about the next phase will be available online. Many fundraisers will be taking place each month to assist us in reaching our goal. Don't forget all Black & White Ball ticket money must be turned in by March 1, 2009. See you next issue.

VISION PLEDGE AMOUNT  
RAISED TO DATE

**\$0.00**

This figure is updated monthly in the LOH. Visit us online for a weekly update of our Vision Pledge Drive amount. [www.rhmonline.org](http://www.rhmonline.org)

**FYI PM MONTHLY MEETING**

The Publication Ministry monthly meeting will be Feb 21st right after our Walk-D-Word Outreach. The meeting will be at the McDonalds in Bessemer for 1 hr for all PM members. Lunch will be provided.