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EVANGELIST GARRETT CRAVEN SURVIVED FROM THE GHETTO -- BECAME STRENGTHENED-ANOINTED

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Evangelist Garrett Craven is a young man with one-hands-knowledge that "If God Can't Do It, It Just Can't Be Done". For Good has done it all for Garrett.

Born May 19, 1964 this 21 year old youngster has done a lot of living in his short time. His life has been saturated with physically and mentally oppressive situation, but Garrett Craven will tell you without hesitation as Psalm 136 says, "O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; for his mercy endureth

taught him to box for self-defense. When he was nine years old, his family left the Ghetto in San Francisco and moved to San Bruno, which was really a big step for them. They lived in a nice house in a very good neighborhood. For all practical purposes everything should have been fantastic, but looks can be oftentimes confusing.

Things were bad and getting worse as the years past. The child saw his mother beaten and left bloody and bruised on many occasions. He also saw his father move this woman's children from the orphanage

into the cars).

From San Francisco the family moved a second time to Daley City, CA. His father was getting worse. For the next two years they lived in motels, moving constantly. Finally they moved into a 2 bedroom apartment with eleven people and two beds.

Still in school Garrett was working with his mother from 12:00 midnight until 7:30 a.m. His grades began to deteriorate. He was falling asleep in class etc. He developed hatred, anger and bitterness. He joined a local mob at age 14. He began beating and robbing people, selling all kinds of drugs and taking them himself.

He forgot about his prayer and vow until he was about to sell drugs one day a police man appeared from out of nowhere and arrested him and handcuffed him. At that time he related that God spoke to him reminding him of his broken promise. Still handcuffed Garrett related that he yelled as loud as he could the name of Jesus and the handcuffs popped off his arms and the officer was thrown about 15 feet. He ran for a little way and the police looked at him and said goodbye.

God saved and filled him and gave him a teaching, preaching and prophetic ministry under the leadership of well known Evangelist Pastor Ernesting Cleveland Reems of Center of Hope Deliverance Church in Oakland.

Announcements

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Evangelist Garrett Craven

forever".

Evangelist Garrett Craven was born in San Francisco, California to Fred and Elizabeth Craven. His life was much more than stormy.

He lived as a young child on South Park Circle in San Francisco. It is a ghetto area that is worse than terrible. When he lived there the dopers and drunks who would lay in the middle of the street and the cars would have to be driven off the streets to keep from running them over. From there his parents moved to what he calls "project housing".

The neighborhood was tough. It wreaked of dope traffic, murders, vandalism and fights. Garrett related that everytime he walked out of the house, he had to fight. Because of that his father

into their home, gave them everything, while he and his three siblings and mother had nothing. Evangelist Craven relates that as child, he and his mother operated a successful janitorial service with service to large companies as Coco Cola Bottling. His father would take the money spend it on the other family and buy drugs for himself. It got so bad that they lost their home and had to return to the ghetto projects in San Francisco.

This young man stated that because of those times, he suffered many emotional wounds in his heart. He stated that he began to hustle to buy food. (His hustling definition was stand in front of the stores and help the patrons put the grocery

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her willingness to encourage students to enroll in non-traditional occupational classes. She reported to me that "counselors spent a lot of their time with college preparation because it has been traditional. Here at Eldorado, we try to spend a lot of our time talking about a student's vocation. This will mean that we encourage students to enroll in classes that were once either male or female oriented. I have female students in carpentry classes and metals technology, and I have male students attending our home economics classes."

Mrs. Crawford emphasized that students are encouraged to participate in non-traditional programs to prepare them for enrollment in the Area Technical Trade Center, and, "if you want to participate in the Leisure and Hospitality program there, then the best place to begin would be in the home economics classes at Eldorado."

This comprehensive high school has developed a strong vocational education program for their students; one which is built on job market need. Any program can train students for the world of work; however, it is far more important for such programs to train individuals for the world of work today and for the future. Eldorado High School has such a direction. Students who are interested in reviewing one of these programs or concerned about future program opportunities should contact their school counselor.

Eldorado High School is a place for educational opportunity in vocational education, built upon the dedication of the staff, interest of the students, and support of the community.

PEOPLE TO KNOW

While visiting Eldorado High School, I had the opportunity to talk with Mr. Evans Rutledge. Evans is a graduate of Tennessee State University, and a past

principal of a junior high school in Alabama. He has been in the Clark County School District for the past six years, and has served as assistant principal at Eldorado during this time. In talking with him, he suggests that many black students today are looking for jobs in the high technology industries "because the media has indicated this is where the jobs are." Mr. Rutledge continues by saying that while students look to the future in high technology, many more jobs go suffering.

This perception has been verified in recent national articles which shows that many occupational areas lack student interest and enrollment. Mr. Rutledge refers to education as being a hope and an opportunity — an opportunity for a worthwhile and meaningful life, hope for future success and a choice between being a productive or non-productive citizen. Evans Rutledge, a

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