



October 5, 2013

My Dear Friend,

First, thank you for enabling me to establish the Sarah and Sammy Stevenson Endowment Scholarship at Johnson C. Smith University. I am overjoyed to report that because of you, our goal of \$25,000 has been reached and the first scholarship will be given next year. What a great accomplishment.

But you know me, there is always more to accomplish for our children. I took a trip to South Africa in March of this year. The trip was arranged by Geri Brisbane of the Brisbane Academy. We visited Brisbane's sister school in Johannesburg where I met the most wonderful children. They are the students shown on the left. When they learned that I personally know Dr. Carter, the president of JCSU, they asked me if I could arrange for them to spend just one semester at Johnson C. Smith University. Looking into their hopeful, smiling faces what could I do but tell them I would try my best.

My birthday is October 26th - I'll be 88 and going great! I decided for my birthday I would have a birthday bash. I'm asking all my dear friends to come to my party and help to reach my goal of \$20,000 by giving \$88 or whatever your heart desires to help me bring these nine students to Johnson C. Smith for one semester as a cultural and educational experience.

My friends Don and Mary Jo Johnson graciously offered to host the party at their home; 1800 Queens Road West from 6 to 8 pm on Saturday, October 26th.

Mark your calendar and come and celebrate my 88th birthday with me. If you are unable to attend you may mail your check to me at 2000 St. Paul Street, Charlotte, NC 28216. I thank God everyday for His blessings in bringing me this far and putting great friends like you in my life.

Love and blessings to you and yours,

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