

# WHY I BELIEVE IN MIRACLES



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One of my greatest heroes is the world's most famous political prisoner-turned president, Nelson Mandela. At 90, this renowned freedom fighter spent nearly a third of his life, 27 years, locked up in a South African prison. In addition, he spent another 15 years running and hiding from the law he was fighting.

What manner of man would take on such a task—the overthrow of an illegitimate government that once put a million dollar price tag on his head, dead or alive?

And how did he manage to stay sane for 27 years? What kept him from losing his mind? And just how

did he go to prison as a lowly inmate only to emerge decades later as the President of the country and of a government that once tried mightily to kill him?

The incredible journey of Nelson Mandela, from prisoner to president, should remind all of us of the awesome power of God who is still in the miracle-making business.

The same can be said of Barack and First Lady Michelle Obama as they  
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# GOD IS STILL WORKING MIRACLES PLAY COMING TO WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY



Arnold "AT" Tyler, Roy Williams, Audrey J. Williams

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If you believe in miracles but have never seen or experienced any, then an abundance of "real-life miracles" will be on display at Winston-Salem State University, 7pm, Saturday, November 1, 2008, it was

announced today.

You can see and experience a number of real life miracles when the award-winning gospel musical play, "Is God Still Working Miracles" hits the stage at the KR Williams Auditorium at WSSU, this first Saturday in November.

Written by popular playwright, Eugene Beverly, the play is a fast-paced, action-based and spirit-filled musical that examines and celebrates the miracle-making, redemptive powers of the Holy Spirit.

Directed by Donald Gray, "Miracles" is a rousing, soul-stirring gospel musical that will lift you right up out of your seats, according to Roy and Jean Williams, one of the play's three producers.

"When you come and see this play, you will actually feel the kind of power, glory and insight that can only come from having had a real-life miracle experience", Williams said.

"Everybody will be able to relate to the events depicted in this play because in the world today lots of people are in need of a miracle. I know because there was a time

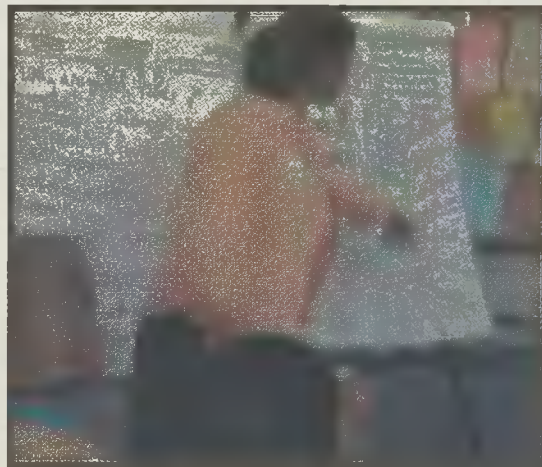
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# PREPARING FOR POST-ELECTION CHANGE

WINSTON-SALEM, NC-Neighbors for Better Neighborhoods (NBN) will hold its fall installment of The Neighborhood Institute for Community Leadership (NICL) beginning Wednesday November 5th- November 8th. The Neighborhood Institute, which will take place at the Goler Family Enrichment Center, will be geared specifically at continuing post election organizing efforts in Winston-Salem/Forsyth County.

The purpose of the conference will be to train and prepare new community organizers for the ongoing work of being active change agents in community. The NICL conference is a biannual event designed to inform community leaders, neighborhood groups, community development representatives and small non-profits of the techniques of organizing, mobilizing communities, and creating positive change.

This year's fall Institute will feature three continuous days of training devoted to community organizing, community asset mapping, and conflict resolution, among other sessions. The formal theme for the fall Institute is: "From Mobilize to Organize: Building Positive Change in Your Community."



Ms. Deena Hayes of Greensboro, NC

"The idea is to shift communities from a mobilizing mentality that occurs during an election year to preparation for long term change," said Dee Washington, Program officer for NBN and coordinator of the conference. "The most important realization for anyone this election year should be that, after the ballots are cast, their continued involvement will be needed in order to maintain and galvanize the work in our communities."

The community organizing sessions will be offered in both English and Spanish.

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