

## Readers' Forum

### New Book on Mission Work to be Completed

Hello, my name is Jessie Lee Jones. On December 31st 1982 the Lord saved me. A lot of things have happened in my life within these past 11 years and 7 months. One of the greatest of these was the opportunity to go as a volunteer in Missions to the state of Sao Paulo in the country of Brazil, South America. There's a lot to tell about this trip and the most important is that there were 113 confessions of faith recorded in the two weeks that we were there.

Since this trip I have begun to write a book. Also I have founded Jessie Jones Missions, a non-profit also perpetual organization. The Lord has been very merciful, kind, loving, and forgiving to me all of my life. And it took me 36 years to acknowledge this I would like to help someone in any way that I can to recognize and acknowledge this for themselves. So as I write this article I am praying and asking you as a reader of this article that at any time or in any way that I can share this experience with you to write to me at the address given at the end of this article.

I have visited in some of our local churches and schools and shared this

with them. Also the Lumberton Prison camp where I visit with area ministers in having services. South Broadway Baptist Church in Baltimore, Maryland also gave me an invitation to visit with them and share this experience with the congregation. The people were very receptive and generous with their offerings. On May 11th this year I was also given the opportunity to appear on WOCN Channel 7 to share this experience.

The Lord is blessing lots of people in a mighty way. And I thank them Him that I am one of these. I have been ask to return to Brazil on September 15th of this year to help build a church. The cost of the church of \$7,000 and the cost of travel is \$1,600 and I am asking you, as a reader of this article that if you can help in any way whether it be through your prayers, your money, or just an opportunity to come to your church please contact me at this address. Jessie Jones Rt. 2, Box 19 Red Springs, NC 28377 or you may call me at (910) 843-8107 if I am not at home please leave a message. We Love you in the Lord and we need your help. Jessie Jones Missions. All Donations are tax deductible.

### Constitution Assembly Not Endorsing Candidates

As Chairman of the Constitutional Assembly of Lumbee Tribe, I felt it appropriate that we share the spirit within which this document was formed before the upcoming elections on August 27, 1994.

This document recognizes the individual rights of all our people and their communities. Therefore this Constitutional Assembly as a body will not endorse any candidate. It is our intention to protect the integrity of

this document so that all candidates and communities can freely express themselves and come together as we have done and build a government that is right in the sight of God and man.

I encourage every eligible voter to go to the polls and express your voice and take an active part in this great upcoming endeavor.

Earney Hammonds, Chairman

### Traditionally Speaking

Loca' E Esik'ik' (Painted Turtle)

### Tribal Chairman Will Require Full Time Commitment

Dear Madam Editor,

As a concerned Lumbee Cheraw member, I feel compelled to write this letter concerning the candidates running for the office of Tribal Chairperson.

As I listen to the rhetoric that is being generated on all sides of the issues, I feel that some persons are not totally aware of the duties of the Chairperson with respect to their time. As I understand the role and duties of the Tribal Chairperson, this individual will spend much of their time serving as an ambassador of the Lumbee Cheraw people. In my own mind, I feel that this position will occupy a minimum of 50% and more likely 75% of the successful candidate's time. It will require this amount of time, because this person will be meeting with the following groups on a continuing basis: (1) the Lumbee Cheraw people located in Robeson, Cumberland, Hoke, Bladen, and Scotland Counties as well as distant cities with sizeable Lumbee Cheraw populations such as Charlotte, Greensboro, Baltimore, Raleigh, Detroit, and other cities. (2) Tribal leaders of other Native American Tribes throughout the Southeast and the United States. (3) North Carolina State Government officials. (4) Federal Government officials, and (5) Possibly officials from foreign governments. When one considers the magnitude in numbers of our people alone the demand for the Tribal Chairperson's time will be great. Therefore, whoever is elected to this position needs to be able to make this kind of commitment of their time. Any candidate that intends to make this a part time job in my opinion should withdraw. I, as a

tribal member, will demand that our Tribal Chairperson provide this kind of commitment.

Additionally, our Tribal Chairperson should be aware of tribal customs of other Native Americans and not judgmental of these customs. Our Tribal Chairperson should not present us as a people as typical Southerners of the United States, because we are much more than that picture would indicate. We have a rich heritage and a major portion of this heritage is uniquely Native American. Those candidates who are unaware of our Native culture should become knowledgeable of our cultural heritage for the sake of our people.

Lastly, I have been told that there are some tribal members who have a personal agenda and are trying to unduly influence the people instead of presenting facts only to the people and letting them make a decision based on their own conscience.

**WE ARE A TRIBE OF ELDERS, MIDDLE AGERS, YOUNG ADULTS, CHILDREN, FARMERS, TEACHERS, BLUE COLLAR WORKERS, WHITE COLLAR WORKERS, SPIRITUAL PEOPLE, NON-SPIRITUAL PEOPLE, WELL TO DO, MIDDLE CLASS, POOR PEOPLE AND MANY MORE TYPES. THEREFORE LET US NOT FORGET THAT THE TRIBAL CHAIRPERSON NEEDS TO REPRESENT ALL OF THE DIFFERENT FACETS.**

May we all seek guidance from GOD THE CREATOR

Loca' E Es'ik'ik' (Painted Turtle)

### A Thank You Note

We thank you so very much for helping Camell Locklear return to Nashville to discuss the recording contract. He met with the producers of several record labels and he feels very positive that a record contract will be forthcoming.

Camell would like to personally thank everyone who has supported him in the past and recently.

Camell's primary goals are to be a successful musician and make the people of our county proud of him. Again, we thank you for your words of encouragement and generosity.

Sincerely,  
Marilyn Teague  
Chairman Camell Locklear  
Support Committee.

### The Way I See It

by Dr. Dean Chavers, President  
Tribal American Scholarship Fund  
August 1994



#### Unrecognized Tribes by Dr. Dean Chavers

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The Lumbee Tribe is not the only Indian tribe which is not recognized formally by the federal government as an Indian tribe. The last time I checked with the Bureau of Acknowledgement and Recognition (BAR) in the BIA, which was in 1985, they had received 93 applications from groups purporting to be Indian tribes.

At that time, they had processed only 13 cases. Since then, they have processed another half dozen cases. So they have now done less than 25% of the total number of applications.

The Director of BAR, Bud Shapard, told me in 1985 that the majority of the applications, about 65 of them, had so little documentation that he could not determine if there is a valid claim to tribal status or not.

I have wondered ever since if these isolated, rural communities of Indians and mixed bloods had sought or gotten some expert help with their applications. They are certainly dealing with expert bureaucrats in BAR.

Of the first 13 applications processed, and one more which sought to get legislation passed making it a tribe, eight were formally recognized and six were denied recognition.

The recognized tribes included the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawas, the Jamestown Clallam Tribe of Washington, the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana, the Death Valley Timbisha Shoshone Band, the Narragansett Tribe of Rhode Island, the Poarch Creeks of Alabama, the Umpqua Cow Creek Band, and the Mashantucket Pequot of Connecticut. The last two had to have special legislation passed to recognize them, as did the Ysleta del Sur Tribe of El Paso, Texas, later.

The BAR was created when different tribes started to petition for recognition in the early 1970's. The

main reason, according to Bud, was the Boldt decision in Washington, in which Judge Boldt determined that the Washington tribes were entitled to half the salmon catch. Several tribes which had petitioned before and had no action taken on their petitions, suddenly began to demand action.

The Maine decision, in which a judge ruled that the Penobscot and the Passamaquoddy Tribes of Maine had been wrongfully deprived of about two-thirds of the land in the state, led even more tribes to seek federal recognition. No doubt the Lumbee actions starting in the early 1970's also caused more tribes to seek recognition.

There are over 30 tribes in the U.S. which are recognized by a state, but not by the federal government. They range from California to North Carolina. How many of these have filed petitions for federal recognition I do not know, but I do know that several of them have filed.

Bud predicted that up to 150 tribes would file, when I talked to him back in 1985. As far as I know, the current total is only around 100. He said that over 200 could have been expected to file.

He predicted that about 30% of the ones who filed would gain recognition. I predict that no more than that percentage will be reached.

I just read in Indian Country Today that the Houma Tribe of Louisiana is nearing federal recognition. This is a large tribe, of 17,000 members, which used to be chaired by my friend Kirby Verret. They have been asking for recognition for decades, just as the Lumbees have.

If you, dear reader, have not written to your Congressman and Senators asking for federal recognition for the Lumbees, please do so today. We need to help one another.

### Jacobs Completes Program in Nursing

Pamela Sue Jacobs of Maxton has completed the 1994 Nursing Exploration Week at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Nursing.

Jacobs was among 36 rising sophomores, juniors and seniors from 30 N.C. counties who participated in the program, now in its fifth year. The July 17-22 program exposed students to the wide range of opportunities in the fast growing and ever-changing nursing field.

Participants were paired with nurses at UNC Hospitals, Rex Hospital, Rex Home Care and the Veterans' Affairs Medical Center to learn first hand about a nurse's daily life. They also took part in a skills lab at N.C. Central University, where they practiced preparing injections and measuring blood pressure. At the Veterans' Affairs Medical Center, they played "The Aging Game," in which players experience what it's like to be elderly.

Students also attended a presentation on career planning in

nursing at Glaxo Inc., toured Duke University Medical Center, where a panel of nurses discussed opportunities in the field, and met with current UNC-CH students and alumni.

Nursing Exploration Week gives students the chance to experience the many facets of the nursing profession, from hospitals to home care and hospice work, says Peggy Campbell, UNC-CH associate professor and program director. They also learn how nurses' roles are changing with health care reform.

More than 200 students applied for the competitive program. This year's participants were among the state's top students, with an average grade point average of 3.80. The group also reflected the diversity of the state, with 12 African-Americans, two Native Americans and one Asian American. Two male students attended.

New Exploration Week is a collaborative effort sponsored by UNC-CH, N.C. Central, Rex Hospital Corp. and Glaxo Inc.

VOTE



CAROLYN CORONADO

LUMBEE TRIBAL COUNCIL  
DISTRICT 11

(SOUTH/WEST PEMBROKE, DEEP BRANCH)

AUGUST 27, 1994  
DEEP BRANCH SCHOOL

I will walk softly among my people and feel their pulse. Then I will speak out boldly for truth and wisdom at council to make life better for everyone. C.C.

ELECT



Gary Wayne Locklear

District 10  
(North Pembroke)  
LUMBEE TRIBAL COUNCIL

Saturday, August 27, 1994  
6:30 A.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Vote For

Shelby Jane Lowery

Lumbee Tribal Council

District #10

(North Pembroke)

Saturday, August 27, 1994

6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Vote for and Elect an Honest, Ordinary Person to Represent Honest, Ordinary People



Vote For

McKeithan Jones

District # 12  
(Union Area)

Lumbee Tribal Council

Saturday, August 27, 1994

6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

"A Businessman's Approach to Tribal Government"



ELECT

Alfred Locklear

Lumbee Tribal Council  
District 19

Britts, East and West Howellsville,  
Wisharts

Saturday, August 27, 1994

6:30 AM - 7:30 PM