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I Wish

I wish that there were
more black men like you
Who is always honest and
true.

I wish that you can stay
with us at Madison High
And because of you G.I. To A
will never die.

I wish that one day I
could marry a man with your
personality.
And that most blacks can
wake up and face reality.

I wish that black men
could do what they need to
do
And that they all could be
just like you!

By: Bianca L. Johnson
Dedicated to: Mr. K. Everett

G.I.T.A

GOD IS THE ANSWER

There's a man in this world. He's a great man, that's very close to God. He taught me a very important saying that really changed my life? His name is Mr. Everett. Each and every day I see him; he says to me, "G.I.T.A, God is the answer." That's what gets me through the day, knowing that he is the answer. Those four words keep me doing right and on the right track in life. G.I.T.A., the G.I.T.A. club, and Mr. Everett have really made an impact on my life.

The G.I.T.A. club and Mr. Everett have really brought me closer to God. I remember one day in the G.I.T.A. club Mr. Everett said "When you are trying to change your life, and become closer to God, the devil will try to throw you off track, anyway possible, even with your family". That's what's going on right now in my life. I feel that my mother doesn't love me and regrets me being her child. I feel alone and unwanted. The only thing that keeps me going is knowing God will make it better. There is so much evil in this world.

We need someone positive like you to show us the right way in life, and be a living example of what God can do for us. To preach to us the right word and break it down so we can understand is so meaningful. We all need to know that God is the answer and the right way in life. We all need to know that God is the answer to becoming a better Christian and being in heaven with our father. We all need to know that God is the answer to everything in life.

Mr. Everett you have taught me that God is the answer and so much more. I really appreciate all that have done and taught me. You have made an impact in my life and so many others. You're a blessing to me and this world and I thank God that I was blessed with your presence. God is the answer to your loving spirit. Mr. Everett you are my best friend, you're like a father to me. I thank you for that and I hope that one day that I could change someone's life and plant a positive seed in their life like you have done to my life.

*Thank you Mr. Everett
G.I.T.A my brother,*

Josh Edwards

G.I.T.A

G.I.T.A means a lot to me. If I had not come to James Madison and met Mr. Everett I would have no clue about what G.I.T.A means. G.I.T.A has changed me a lot. It has made me realize that you have no time to play and joke around with your life and god, because god is the answer. G.I.T.A. is very easy and simple; all you have to do is pay attention and continue doing what's right. I feel like everyone should know about G.I.T.A because it's the truth and as they say "The truth should set you free." Believing in G.I.T.A. will take you along way and help you change, like it has changed me. This is my essay about G.I.T.A and what it means to me but, I would like to also ~~also~~ thank Mr. Everett for helping me learn what it meant. Just believe that G.I.T.A is what to believe in, because God Is The Answer.

Shonquale White

Lavonya Brown

May 16, 2005

What GITA means to me

What GITA means to me is more freedom from others things and the peacefulness from all hatred that is out there, knowing yourself and knowing that there is more out there than having all the anger and know that when you in a situation that you can't get out of or trying to get out of but you can't the only person that you can count on of getting you out of a problem is God, just put your trust and faith in him and I assure you he will come through for you. What GITA to me is looking beyond the hatred and the violence and seeing what this world can really be and the good that will come out of it if we all realize that Jesus didn't rose from the dead for us to let loose and do what they want to do but to do what God wants you to do and the reason why you have to do what God tells you to do because he have a plan for you and for all of us on this beautiful earth. What GITA means to me is placing trust in the Lord and realize that you and everybody on this earth sins

and that you have to come through Jesus to get to God and establishing a relationship with God, if any situation you in and you don't have no one else to talk to, Jesus is the only person you can count on and know that Jesus will help you if you just place trust in him and Im sure you will make it through life if you do.

G.I.T.A.

There was this lady sherry. She was bad and very sad, and everytime I see her doing something bad I always say G.I.T.A. She always looked at me funny like she didn't know what that mean. So she just kept on doing what she was doing. Then when the next day came she came to my house and she asked me what does G.I.T.A. means and why do I always say that to her. I told her that means God Is The Answer, and the reason why I tell her that is because I always see her doing something bad. Then I told her everything you think about doing something bad or stupid just think about G.I.T.A. and then you probably wont do nothing bad or stupid. Now from what I know G.I.T.A have changed a whole lot of people at the Great James Madison, because most people have said they will stop smoking because of G.I.T.A. Most people don't use profanity any more. See, if it hadn't been for Mr. Everett, people would be still doing most of the stupid things they used to do. I think that everyone at James Madison High

*should give Mr. Everett a thanks for bringing G.I.T.A. I think
that it means something that we should use against people to tell
them their doing wrong.*

By Ashley Rider

Kevin Lewis
5-16-05
G.I.T.A.

Unlike the other people who are entering into this contest for the money, I am entering because it has really changed my life. I was a bad sinner before I got into the G.I.T.A. program. I use to steal just to steal and lie just to lie. I now am in another group L.O.U.D. (Living out Ultimate Dreams). It is a lot like the G.I.T.A. program except we act like missionaries praying and serving others. The G.I.T.A. program was like a spiritual step towards Christ. At this new program we went to camp where I was baptized in Fire the Holy Spirit (I can now speak in tongue). I'm not in this for public praise, for I am only praising and glorifying our god. I use to be spiritually blind, until god led me to the G.I.T.A. program, and now to the L.O.U.D. program. It was no mistake that I am in these programs it was an appointment by god. This is not the 1st time I wrote a letter to this program. I know if I didn't join this program there is no way I would have been brave enough to go the one I am in right now. Mr. Everett would always say You Just Don't Understand. Well now I understand. I'm not writing for the money although I would like to win it. Our new group and I are doing a play The Valley of Dry Bones.

I would like to thank the G.I.T.A. program for getting me started on a mission like no other, a mission to help other believe in Jesus and the one who sent him.

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Lindra Jackson
May 16, 2005

G.I.T.A: Just Pray

In its simplest form G.I.T.A. means God Is The Answer but beyond this four-letter abbreviation lives so much more. To any question we may ask, God is the answer. Albert Einstein, Aristotle, and Socrates three of our greatest thinkers may be speechless when asked a question but, in that same context we can ask God and easily receive an answer. As I try to put into words the many questions God have answered for me over the years I think remember a young child and seeing my mother being abused and degraded by the man I held so dear to my heart ; my own father. The abuse went on for years and once my mother decided to leave we didn't know what was going to happen but my mother was not discouraged because she knew God was the answer. I remember having painful memories of being homeless and sleeping on the floors of different family members' home for two years. Painful wounds tainted my spirit; as I grew older I allowed my distrust to stay with me and I would question God the ways I was always taught not to. "If you are so giving and known for second chances, when are you going to give me and my family our second chance?" I would ask.

"There are no endings, only new beginnings"

After those two years we finally moved into our own apartment and started to rebuild our life. I began school at Billy Earl Dade Learning Center where I found positive life role models. Through my assistant principal, Ms. Moseley, I attended a program called Girls Night Out at St. Philips School and Community Center where I was reintroduced to the giving God that I had abandoned years ago. I had no worries, I was a carefree pre-teen that was enjoying life, and God had answered my prayers. When I reached this point in my life I realized I was vengeful of the past, those parts of my life were over it was time for a new beginning.

G.I.T.A. at James Madison High School

In times where high school has become a fashion show no one is looking for role models instead it's about who has on the latest shoes and creased-down jeans. Because of the lack of role models in the African- American & Latino community more minority youth are engaging in risqué behavior such as, selling drugs or gang-related activities. TYC's statistics show that 64% of their youth come from low-income homes, 46% are Hispanic, and 31% are African-American. Statistics also show a child who have a parent in prison or has been in prison have a 3/4 chance of going to prison themselves than a child whose parents have never been to prison. These numbers describe the life of so many students at James Madison High School, including myself! G.I.T.A challenges students to put their faith in God and trust that He will come through even when they have doubt. This is asking a lot from kids who have witnessed people in their community even in their family do this very thing and give into drugs and alcohol. G.I.T.A. gives faith to young people who have given up on believing in

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others to show them the way. Some students feel obligated to protect themselves because they have no one to confide in.

*"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments,
but what is woven into the lives of others"-Pericles*

Mr. Everett has taken on the difficult task of being a role model to youth who society sometimes frown upon. It's comforting to walk down the halls and hear the students yelling to each other "G.I.T.A" and genuinely believing that God Is The Answer. Mr. Everett has taught us that when we feel that the world has failed to provide us with someone who understands where we are coming from, someone who has answers to any possible question we ask to just pray and God will answer.

To: Mr. Everett
From: Bianca Johnson

I am writing you this letter to tell you how I feel. I feel that you shouldn't leave because we need someone like you. Someone who is always smiling and someone who thinks about the positive and not the negative. I don't want you to leave, but I understand you want to make a difference at another school. Most of these schools in Dallas need teachers just like you. Mr. Everett, you are the only teacher that I have not seen you yell or scream at anybody in despite of what they have done. No matter how much they try to wreck your nerves it still didn't work. You never gave up on any of us. When you told me that you believe that I can score higher than a 1040 on the SAT test, that made me believe it too. It feels really good to know that you have faith in me. When you told me you were leaving I was hurt. I cried a little, but now that I know that I will see you again I want to

keep in touch with you for a long time.
Even when I'm in college and when
I am grown. When I get married
I want to marry a man just
like you. I think you are a real man.
You didn't walk out on your family.
You were there for your daughters and
you are not abusive. That's why I
think you are a real man, a wonderful
father, and a great husband. I wish
my dad was just like you. My dad
hasn't earned the privilege of being
a father he's just my daddy to me.
I know that he is going to for-
ever be my daddy, but until he
steps up and decide to be a real man
and take care of his responsibilities
then he would be a father. If my dad
needed someone to show him how to be
a real man and a father, you would
be the perfect person to show him.
It's so hard to find a good black man
like you. I just want to say thank
you, thank you, thank you, for every-
thing that you have done. I don't
know if you know this or not, but
you have helped me a lot. I love you.

had family problems and I would call you, you listened and told me think about the positive things. I am glad that God created someone like you. I have learned a lot from you. I hope that the next algebra I teacher is just like you, but he or she won't be better. Mr. Everett it won't be the same without you and I will miss you very much. I'll never forget you Mr. Everett and may God be with you every step of the way.

Love, Bianica Johnson
G. I. T. A.

Warda Abadi

G.I.T.A Just Pray Contest

The G.I.T.A Club is a meeting held every morning from 7:15A.M. To 8:45A.M to discuss the holy words of GOD. Every since I started attending the G.I.T.A Club I have learned many things. I have learned that no matter what I might go through, I need to stay strong and constantly pray for God's mercy and blessings. Even though I have been through so many ups and down, and smiles and frowns I have learned to keep my faith strong. I have learned how to turn my problems over to GOD and ask him for his help. Attending the G.IT.A Club has given me wisdom courage, and hope to continue my dreams. It has given me the courage to speak out and motivate other people to do right. By attending the club I get to share my problems, and learn from other people's mistakes. We can talk about anything our hopes , our dreams or even or deepest fears. We the young adults of James Madison have so many distractions and false devilish imitations to fall into, but

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by attending the G.I.T.A meetings we are taught right from wrong and up from down. We are taught how we can please the lord and still have joy. Mr. Everett always says that "In order for a tree to grow you must plant a seed." By attending the G.I.T.A Club the seed is planted and frequently watered, so it can grow into a beautiful tree.

We are so blessed to have Mr. Everett. Without him we would have no G.I.T.A Club or meetings. He is a kind and wonderful man with a huge heart. He is always assisting us and make sure we do right. I'm personally so blessed to have his guidance and motivation. G.I.T.A has become so popular at our school that everyone knows what it means. It is so important for us young adults to have GOD in our lives. When we attend the G.I.T.A meeting the lord is constantly brought up and talked about. There is so much peer pressure around us and most of us fall into the wrong crowd at the wrong time. Mr. Everett tells us to make the lord our friend. We can talk to him about anything, our secrets, our problems, and even our emotions and he will never go back and tell anyone.

Warda Abadi

The G.I.T.A Club has truly made a difference. It has assisted so many students at James Madison and we are truly thankful.

G.I.T.A ! God Is The Answer

Trojans will strike, and strike untill the job is done!



Dallas Independent School District

May 26, 2005

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To whom this may concern:

I am writing this letter to inform you of the difference the G.I.T.A program is making at James Madison High School under the direction of Mr. Kenneth Everett.

First of all, the students are learning what it is to respect and trust each other. God being the answer to all of their problems have given them a better outlook on life. The catchphrase "G.I.T.A" all day everyday has become a motto for them and can be heard as they walk through the halls. It allows the students other means of releasing negative energy rather than fight to try and solve their issues. The students here at Madison face far more problems than youth faced just a decade ago. Mr. Everett not only possesses great teaching skills but he is a true man of God and has the ability to reach the students.

The students love for new things, and the qualities and morals they learn from the program have become a vital part of the learning process here at Madison. They have benefited from its structure. The students realize that we are all human and whatever issues arise they can be handled in a more positive way.

The G.I. T.A t-shirts are worn throughout the building. I make it a point to ask the kids what does that mean and they instantly say "GOD IS THE ANSWER" and my response to them is "ALL DAY EVERYDAY" and some of them look surprised, that I know what it means also. We can all learn something new everyday and work toward a common goal.

In closing, the program has made a BIG difference and I would like to see it continue to grow and benefit our students as well as our faculty and staff.

Respectfully,

Bridget Horn
Business Manager
James Madison High School

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May 26, 2005

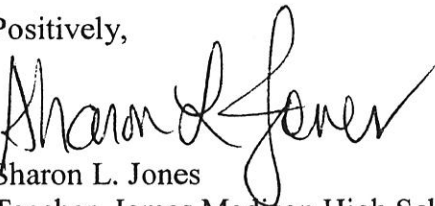
To Whom It May Concern:

I am typing this letter in support of the G.I.T.A. (God Is The Answer) program. I am a teacher at James Madison High School and I have seen the G.I.T.A. program work in so many kids' lives. Mr. Everett is committed the program; he takes time out of his schedule to meet with the students early in the mornings. Students will walk around the halls saying G.I.T.A. and because of the G.I.T.A. program, students will think twice before saying curse words and they will stop another student from saying something derogatory. Mr. Everett had a G.I.T.A. contest and so many kids wrote letters stating what G.I.T.A. meant to them and how it has changed their lives. The letters were beautiful and inspiring; it really touched my heart.

The G.I.T.A. program is working here at James Madison High School. We are privileged and blessed to have the program among our midst. Students and faculty have benefited from the program, spiritually, mentally and emotionally.

May the spirit of the living God fall fresh on Mr. Everett and the G.I.T.A. program.

Positively,



Sharon L. Jones
Teacher, James Madison High School

May 26, 2005

To whom it may concern:

We have had such a good year at The Great James Madison High School. Things were a little different 2004- 2005 because we had a new program with the initials GITA. This program God Is The Answer made the students think before reacting to a lot of situations. Thanks to Mr. Kenneth Everett our students got along better and were more pleasant to work with.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. E. Boyd". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "D".

D. E. Boyd

May 27, 2005

To Whom It Concerns:

This memo is in reference to the positive effects of the GITA program at James Madison High School. It is refreshing to hear students greeting each other with the name of God instead of profanity. Mr. Kenneth Everett works diligently to share the words of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, with the children at James Madison High School.

Sincerely,

Deloris J. King
Reading Teaching
James Madison