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PROFILE

Accomplished urban ministry leader with background in ministries and church development. Experienced in establishing ministry, church, medical, educational and other community development initiatives from design phase to execution. A critically acclaimed and sought after singer, songwriter, speaker and teacher.

EDUCATION

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| Doctoral Work <i>University of New Orleans</i> Studies emphasis: The social construction of poverty in the city and the sociology of religion. | 2002-2006 |
| Master of Divinity in Missions <i>Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, MS</i> Studies emphasis: Christian Theology, Biblical Studies, Missions, Race and Poverty. | 1990 |
| Bachelor of Arts in English and Christianity <i>Mercer University, Macon, GA</i> | 1988 |
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PUBLICATIONS, RECORDINGS & AWARDS

Various Articles in Christian Magazines on Urban and Poverty Issues 1990-2006

CD Recordings:

For the Benefit of Desire, 1992; *Sacred Desires*, 1994; *Tendermercies*, 1996; *If You Know What I Mean*, 1998; *Sacrament of Life*, 2000; *My Last Song*, 2001, *Poetic Justice*, 2003; *Blades of Love*, 2005; *Of Orphans and Kings*, 2007.

Awards

One of Louisiana's Extraordinary Persons, WWL Radio & Hibernia Bank; *50 Persons to Watch*, New Orleans Magazine; *Angel Award*, Blue Cross & Blue Shield; *Community Service Award*, New Orleans Crime Commission.

EXPERIENCE

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| Founder & President <i>DESIRE STREET MINISTRIES</i> Founded DSM 1990 | May 1990-2006 |
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- Launched youth oriented ministry with leadership development focus toward holistic community transformation.
 - Planted *Desire Street Fellowship*, a mission church of the PCA and served as organizing pastor for 9 years.
 - Founded *Desire Street Academy*, a Jr. & Sr. H.S. for boys in Desire area. DSA's goal was the training of leaders by raising the standard of excellence in academics, athletics and the arts in a Christian environment.
 - Principal founder of *CURE* – Churches United for Revitalization and Evangelism – a church network dedicated to church-based community development and cooperative ministry efforts.
 - Principal founder of *Kid's First Medical Clinic* – A partnership with Children's Hospital, CURE and DSM.
 - Led in the development of a \$3 million multi-purpose community center, on an 11 acre tract directly across the street from the Desire Housing Project – one of the most distressed urban public housing communities in the U.S.
 - Founded *Urban Institute* – a training apparatus for indigenous leadership and future incarnational missionaries.
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| Adjunct & Guest Professor <i>Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, MS; Orlando, FL; Washington D.C. & Covenant Seminary in St. Louis, MO</i> Taught various courses in theological foundations for Urban Ministry | 1999-Present |
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- Designed class curriculum and structure and created all materials for lectures, assignments and exams.
 - Used class to assess and prepare individuals for future urban ministry leadership here and around the world.

ADDENDUM

Founder & President of Rebirth International

Fall 2006-Present

RI is committed to advancing urban ministry initiatives in pockets of poverty stateside and worldwide.

There are three objectives that RI is presently focused on 1) Reviving urban ministry in New Orleans, 2) Resourcing the church in urban ministry consultation services, and 3) Replicating incarnational urban ministry in other places of great need.

- We are establishing a leadership core for the launching of a new work in New Orleans
- We are launching a new work in the city of East St. Louis
- We are recruiting a couple to launch a work in Prichard, just north of Mobile, AL
- We are assisting an individual to launch a work in the Delta of Mississippi.
- We have consulted with dozens of churches and ministries over the last year and a half.