

ANGEL MYKEL EDWARDS AND FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA  
PRESENTING MRS. OBAMA A COPY OF HER BOOK  
"ANGEL FOOD FOR THOUGHT"  
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***"...And a little child shall lead them"  
(Isa. 11:6b)***

Sometimes what looks like the end is really a new beginning. More than ever before, this truth manifested itself in my life when my dear husband, Rev. Eddie K. Edwards, founder of Joy of Jesus Ministries, here in Detroit, made his transition.

Following Eddie's departure, I did two things. Immediately, I started a support group for widows, [www.widowswithwisdom.org](http://www.widowswithwisdom.org). Secondly, I realized the importance of leaving a family legacy and carrying on Eddie's name and work. God is a family man.

This summer, I was inspired to collect tributes for a Book of Remembrance for my husband. Day after day, the tributes poured in. I was reduced to tears. Every contributor's expression had a great impact on me. Ultimately, the floodgate opened when I read Judge Keith Leenhouts words, *"Over 35 years ago, I met Eddie at a Bible study group, while attending an international conference on court volunteerism in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. He said, 'I have kids but no camp.' I said, 'I have a camp but no kids.'* We soon had both a camp and Detroit

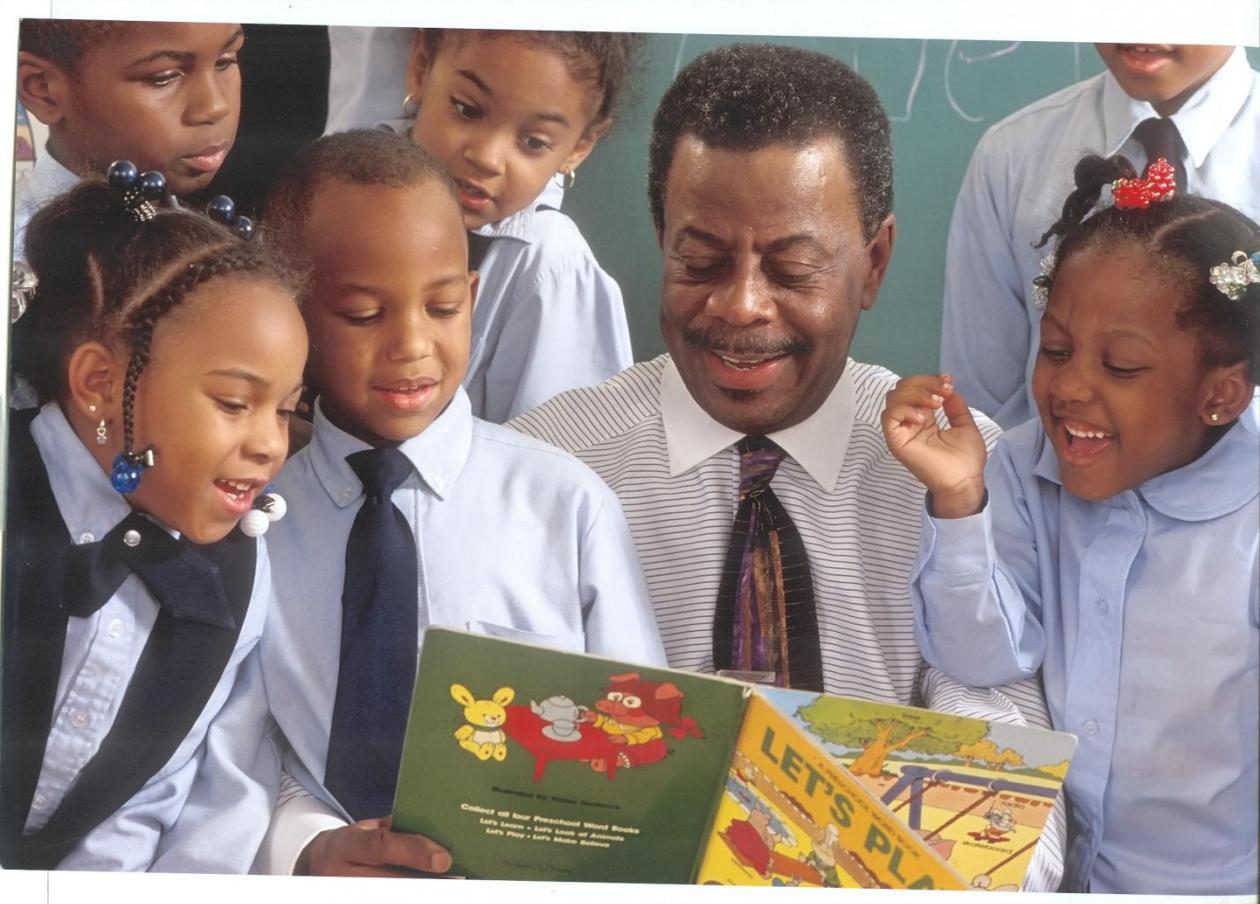
inner-city kids had a very Christ-centered, one-week camping program and many lives were changed.”

Yes. From reading these tributes, it became very clear to me that God wanted Joy of Jesus to continue reaching out to youngsters. That’s when I made a promise to the Lord to do what I could to make that happen. That’s when *A Promise Kept* was birthed in my heart.

Once I made that decision, God took me down memory lane. Back to 1990 when Joy of Jesus was presented with a “Point of Light Award” from former President George H. W. Bush for our work with youngsters and families in the Ravendale Community on the eastside of Detroit. Eddie called Ravendale “Kid Heaven.” He absolutely loved children.

On August 28, 2001, little Angel Mykel Edwards was born. Regrettably, she didn’t get to know her PaPa very well. He passed when she was just three years old. But on October 25, 2011, God blessed Angel to meet face-to-face with First Lady Michelle Obama and have meaningful dialogue with her, while she was here in Detroit for a youth mentoring meeting. Once again, The White House was at our doorsteps. This time, Angel was the one making the presentation. She gave Mrs. Obama an autographed copy of her book, *Angel Food for Thought*. Doesn’t Mrs. Obama look impressed? Indeed, she was. So much so that she said, “*I want to take you home with me.*” Onlookers commented on the genuine interaction between them. Mrs. Obama promised to take Angel’s book home and let her family, Mr. President and the girls, read it. We are hoping to get some feedback.

Truly, our family is blessed to be honored by **two** U.S. presidents. Ironically, neither Rev. Edwards nor Angel saw this historical event happen to each other. But we get the feeling that a “holy hookup” is happening. God’s hand is on this child, just as it was on her grandfather.



***Rev. Eddie K. Edwards  
With Children  
Founder  
Joy of Jesus Ministries  
Detroit***