

## God's Hope for America Bus Tour - Day 25 – New Jersey

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Today was an international, intergenerational, and interreligious day! The variety of brothers and sisters from all over New Jersey felt like a microcosm of the world. 400 people gathered at the Trenton Holy Ground, which is located in a beautiful park. The spirited welcome charged the atmosphere and the presence of God was palpable. The songs, prayers, speeches and testimonies encouraged us to remember God's original purpose of America, revive all of us to a new level of determination and commitment, and reimagine a world where God can dwell with His Children "on earth as it is in Heaven."

International food and time for conversation followed before we went off to visit a new community center in Elizabeth. The Elizabeth center was packed full; there were so many young people, including a children's choir! It seems that our bus is getting more youthful as well. More young people are joining, but also the "elders" seem younger.

We gathered with more from the New Jersey community at the Clifton Church for dinner and celebrations. We were also greeted by the Mayor who shared encouraging words and thanked our efforts to bring God back into America.

Again the tables were adorned with so many types of foods, it was as if the chefs were competing to make us welcome.

At the very end of the day, Dr. Balcomb offered an inspiring message to the youth at the Wednesday night YUM service. Many of them were shocked as well as moved at what he had to say. You'll have to ask on of the Jersey youth if they'll let you know what was shared!

Everyone is learning so much from each other and reviving through experiencing True Parents' mission and heart for God's Kingdom.