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My Dear Brother Graham Daniels:

A few months ago, I celebrated (the ministry) 25 years with Robert H. Schuller's Hour of Power, which is seen in Australia and across the World. Hundreds of people came to the Crystal Cathedral to celebrate with me on my 73rd Birthday and 25th year.

As I began to reflect on this God given ministry to sing the old hymns, my thoughts turn to the four most important families, along with my own, who have deeply influenced me through spiritual and financial support over the 25-year period.

First, the family of Dr. Martin Luther King. Dr. Martin Luther King was my hero, my leader, and for whom I marched with from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama during the Civil Rights Movement during the 60's. I was proud to be one of the Civil Rights Leaders to help put the March on Washington together where he gave his most famous "I Have A Dream" speech at The Lincoln Memorial. I worked with him and other leaders, including my High School Class Mate, Congressman Walter Fauntroy, along with many others, to organize a very successful and one of the most historic events of our time.

Following his assassination in Memphis, Tennessee, I walked the streets of the Nation's Capitol with Mayor Walter Washington and many other Civil Rights Leaders trying to put out the fires of a very angry community.

He taught me how to live and he taught me how to die.

On the fourth anniversary of his death, Coretta Scott King asked me to bring Reverend Robert H. Schuller to Atlanta to speak and for me to sing the Battle Hymn of the Republic. Coretta Scott King was on the Hour of Power television program several times in the following years.

The King Family had an awesome influence on my life, my ministry, and my mission.

Secondly, the family of Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, when I ministered to and sang at his funeral service in 1978. Vice President Humphrey was my mentor, my big brother in Christ and one of his closest political associates. I was also honored to sing at the memorial service of his lovely wife the late Murial Humphrey.

Thirdly, to one of Australia's most spiritual and incredible families the entire world has been blessed to know, Peter and Robina Daniels along with you Graham Daniels are totally responsible for the amazing success of my own worldwide ministry.

And the fourth family of Robert H. and Arvella Schuller who exposed my ministry to the world on television and traveling with him to several countries throughout the continent.

My Father, Thomas H. Tipton, Senior, who died when I was seven years old, would be proud to know that his Afro American Son rose above segregation and poverty to sing for Presidents, The King and Queen of Sweden, and all over the World—never forgetting where he came from but understanding clearly where God is sending me.

Little becomes much when touched by the Master's Hand. *Each person is given something to do that shows who God is. (1 Corinthians 12:7)*

Reflecting on your personal support of Tipton music ministry, I think back to the following:

- A. Eighteen straight years you personally flew me to many cities in Australia to sing the Lord's song.
- B. You and your family personally had me travel to New Zealand; Africa, Russia; Philippines; India; Malaysia; Canada; South Africa; and many other countries for Youth for Christ International.
- C. You personally had me minister to many churches, both black and white, across the United States of America.

As a result, of total support from Peter and Robina Daniels and your family, I have been honored to accomplish the following along with God's grace:

- 1. I have been honored to sing at the White House for President Bill Clinton, at Colonial Church of Edina for former President Jimmy Carter, and a private fundraising event for former President George Bush Senior invited by his special assistant J. Steven Rhodes.
- 2. Perform for the King and Queen of Sweden, 1982.
- 3. Billy Graham Crusade in Washington D.C., 1986.
- 4. Chuck Colson Prison Fellowship.
- 5. Fourth Anniversary Memorial Service for Dr. Martin Luther King in Atlanta, GA with Robert H. Schuller.
- 6. At the personal request of Governor Pawlenty, I performed at the State Capitol in St. Paul, MN to memorialize the tragedy of the bombing of the World Trade Center in New York City on September 11, 2001. I performed America the Beautiful and God Bless America representing the State of Minnesota.
- 7. I was deeply honored to be called by Robert H. Schuller personally to assist in his installation as Senior Pastor of the Crystal Cathedral and singing his favorite hymn "His Eye is on the Sparrow".

8. Recorded six CDs including:

- Hymns My Mother Taught Me
- Tom Tipton Sings the Old Hymns
- Sings to the World/Recorded in New Zealand
- Hymns from the Hearts
- Tom Tipton with the National Lutheran Choir
- Shining In and Shining Out

Presently recording a new Christmas CD to be released on December 1, 2006.

Graham, as you know, along with your Dad, my life started out born in a segregated society just like Paul Robeson. I was the best shoeshine boy in the Nation's Capitol, even though I could not go on the White House lawn at Easter time because of the color of my skin. However, through God's grace, I overcame the challenge by shining shoes outside the White House at seven years old and singing in the White House at 57 years old. They called that "Shining In and Shining Out" which is the name of my most recent CD recording celebrating 25 years with the Hour of Power at the Crystal Cathedral with Robert H. Schuller.

After all is said and done, it has been the Prayers of your family, along with Peter and Robina Daniels strong support all through the years, that like, "Old Man River", has kept me rolling along.

May your leadership, as one of Australian strongest spokespersons for God, be as outstanding as your support for Tipton Healing Ministries has been over the past 25 years.

My four grandsons and three daughters also send you their Love.

Yours in Christ,



Tom Tipton
Hymn Singer

P.S. Graham, On a personal note, I am proud to share with you, that my daughter Cassandra Pye is a former Deputy Chief of Staff to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. My middle daughter, Anne Tipton, is executive secretary to the President of the largest State Sponsored Recording Studio in Minnesota. My youngest daughter, Beverly Tipton Dorsey, is a Missionary, Spiritual Dance Teacher, and Author of several books.

I am very proud as a father, as a grandfather and as a child of God.