

## The Kenneth Travitt Memorial Scholarship



*Established in the memory of Bro. Kenneth "Kenny" Travitt, "The Kenneth Travitt Memorial Scholarship" will be awarded annually for a five year period to qualifying Clear View Baptist Church students.*

Born, raised and educated in Newark, NJ, Kenny was a proud Fayetteville State University (Fayetteville, NC) graduate, an Omega Psi Phi Fraternity brother, Humanitarian, Community Activist and, he also played semi-pro basketball with the likes of Wilt Chamberlain, Connie Hawkins and Cleo Hill.

Kenny earned a Master's Degree from Seton Hall University and worked 34 years in the Newark public school system as a Teacher, Vice Principal and Principal. He was a master educator, mentor and a committed community leader with endearing connections, both local and international. His love for and commitment to the African people of the Diaspora was immeasurable and unwavering. He traveled throughout Africa; Algeria, Liberia, Togo, Senegal, Guinea, Egypt, Ivory Coast, Benin, etc., and helped to build the Bob Beadle Elementary School in Mpeseduadze, Ghana. Ghana was the first African country Kenny visited, and he was Ghana's adopted son from Newark. Over the years, he sponsored nearly 200 Ghanaians for educational visas to study in the United States, provided thousands of books for school children, established a women's shoe drive, and was responsible for providing several villages with electricity and a tractor. For his efforts, he was enstooled and bestowed the title of Nana, (translated "Chief") in the town of Mpeseduadze, Ghana.

Kenny's desire was to continue the focus on education and community service by providing support and assistance to qualifying students, especially "late bloomers" where grades and finances may be issues.

"For I am my Father's son, and the drums of Africa still beat in my heart. They will not let me rest while there is a single Negro boy or girl without a chance to prove his or her worth." ~ Mary McLeod Bethune