



# E-Update

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## **Woodson Radio Show Debuts Tuesday, October 27:**

The Bob Woodson Show—What Works and Why will be launched on the Internet starting Tuesday, October 27, at 1 p.m. ET (12 noon Central). The show will be webcast each Tuesday at the same time, and archived shows will be available online. To read more about the shows now and to hear the show live on Tuesday, go to the CNE website [www.cneonline.org](http://www.cneonline.org) and click on the Radio icon on the right side. Woodson will focus on topics of general concern, providing new insights from his own experience and that of his guests. The show will often challenge conventional wisdom, exploring root causes of societal problems that are often not discussed. Above all, the show will highlight solutions, telling what works, why it works, and who can make it work. Bob's guests will provide first-hand information and testimonies as to how their lives or neighborhoods have been affected and changed for the better. The inaugural airing of The Bob Woodson show will be the first in a five-part series on the problem of youth violence. Bob's guests October 27 are Milwaukee Public Schools Superintendent William Andrekopoulos and Chicago community leader Torrey Barrett, founder and executive director of K.L.E.O. Family Community Center. The second show, to be webcast November 3, will feature perspectives on youth violence with Pastor DeForest "Buster" Soaries, senior pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens in Somerset, New Jersey.

## **Financial Literacy Training Goal Already Surpassed!**

The CNE/HSBC target of providing financial literacy training to 5,000 adults during the 2009 year already has been reached and passed. The team has trained 5,240 individuals and conducted 147 workshops, with 28 more workshops to go. CNE partners with grassroots organizations around the country, training the trainers and providing support and information to help each organization become a center of information for its community.

## **Pastor Freddie Garcia, 1938-2009:**

CNE and the world lost a dear friend on Friday, October 16, when Pastor Freddie Garcia died after a long illness. A humble man of God, he touched thousands and perhaps millions of lives with his wisdom, his humor, and by teaching the Word of God. Once a lost heroin addict, Pastor Garcia found Christ at Teen Challenge. He and his wife Ninfa opened their tiny house in the San Antonio barrio to drug and alcohol addicts. Over the years, Victory Fellowship helped free some 14,000 men and women from addiction and criminal behavior. Pastor Freddie and Ninfa Garcia were among the first graduates of the Center's Neighborhood Leadership Development Institute (NLDI) in the early 1990s and were honored by CNE with the Achievement Against the Odds award. CNE worked closely with Victory Fellowship to oppose intrusive government regulation that threatened Victory and other faith-based recovery programs when state regulators tried to impose the same regulations on them as hospitals or therapeutic substance abuse intervention programs, even though they operated with no government funding.