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Florida:

A plethora of developments are transpiring in the Sunshine State. I-Can officials Dr. Warren Chavers, Dean Renfrow and Jim Brown recently met with state legislators from the House and Senate Criminal and Civil Justice Committees. Jim Brown testifies before both committees for the purpose of establishing parameters for collaboration. The Attorney General of Florida, Bill McCollum, is well-versed in gang intervention. Lieutenant Governor Jeff Kottkamp alerted the media that funding will be provided to implement the Life Management Skills curriculum in 4 middle schools and 4 high schools in Tampa and Melbourne, Florida. Gospel Music legend Dr. Bobby Jones recently interviewed Jim Brown on his television show (which airs on "The Word Network") and invited Brown to participate in the International Gospel Industry Retreat held in Broward County, Florida. Jones, who holds three doctoral degrees, is keenly interested in developing a collaboration with the Amer-I-Can movement. There is broad-based legislative support for an initiative to expand the program to include Peace Squad operations in high crime areas. Jerry Kaufman, a fifth-generation developer, was a primary sponsor of a fundraising golf tournament during the Super Bowl weekend and is committed to the Amer-I-Can movement. Jerry Groh, Floyd Ragland and Peggy King Williams also made significant contributions to the success of the golf tournament that was held at the venerable Doral Country Club in Miami, Florida.