



AN OPEN LETTER TO AMERICA

Dear America,

My name is A. L. Lucketta and I am the president of Gang Watchers, a Christian Neighborhood Watch Ministry established in Porterville California, on Sept 21, 2005.

I am writing you this letter because I'm absolutely convinced that we have a major gang problem in America that has incrementally stolen the hopes, dreams and lives of the next two (2), possibly three (3) generations of youth in the United States.

I'm also writing this letter because I am convinced that **GOD ALMIGHTY** wants us American's to ask for **HIS Guidance** and **Mercy**. Our children are now paying the high price of America's misgivings, misunderstandings and misadventures. We must admit that our children will model any other behavior if they do not model our behavior as parents, relatives, neighbors, teachers or friends.

Many surveys suggest these role models as being the key to keeping kids out of gangs or gang participation. Many suggest aggressive intervention before the age of 10 and as early as 6 - if some family members are gang participants, associates or members.

As well, ex-gang members have stressed the above interventions, as have policing authorities and agencies. Church surveys reflected the same needs and have periodically intervened with various children's church programs, outings and evangelism. However, the gang problems in America continues at alarming rates !

Plainly, if we do not take this "**STREET WAR IN AMERICA**" serious and combine all of our efforts we will lose a fourth (4) generation of hearts, hope and help. We must reach the children now !

Someone once said, America is great because of the goodness of it's people. And Christians have said, America is rich because of the **Goodness of GOD**. We must now model that goodness and greatness to those children in our homes, neighborhoods, schools and communities. It's a model of giving more than receiving. And it's a model needed more now than ever.

And yes ... we do blame the Music Industry, Hollywood and Wall Street for mass producing and modeling this gangsta culture to our kids. You guys are always there to claim your 1st Amendment rights but are never there to claim the limp and lifeless bodies that mother's and father's - across America - claim at the morgue on a daily basis.

GOD help us all if we continue doing nothing or turn away ... AGAIN !