



# KIT CUMMINGS



In 2010, Kit Cummings launched the Power of Peace Project (POPP) with a bold mission: to bring hope, healing, and transformation to some of the most dangerous and divided spaces in the world. With deep experience resolving conflict behind prison walls and in at-risk communities, Kit has become a powerful voice for nonviolence, second chances, and real change.

On MLK Day 2020, the NAACP honored Kit with the Martin Luther King Jr. “Living the Dream” Award for his civil rights work, prison reform efforts, and impact on underserved youth. In 2021, he was appointed to the Georgia House of Representatives Study Committee on Youth Gangs and Violence Prevention, playing a pivotal role in the passage of HB750, a groundbreaking anti-gang bill.

From juvenile prisons to war-torn neighborhoods, Kit has taken POPP across the globe—from Tijuana’s La Mesa Prison to South African townships, from U.S. high schools to Eastern European rehab centers, and from urban courts to rural churches. His tools of change? Hope, humility, courage, and compassion.

## Reach & Recognition

- Over 100 prisons, jails, and rehab centers visited across 4 continents
- More than 10,000 inmates and 10,000 teens impacted through POPP
  - Partnered with Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice to serve over 1,000 incarcerated youth
- Peace summits and international speaking tours on 5 continents
- Delivered a keynote at the Gandhi Global Peace Summit in Durban, South Africa

## Books & Thought Leadership

- Author of 6 books, including the award-winning Peace Behind the Wire: A Nonviolent Resolution (endorsed by the King Family)
- Latest book: The New Convict Code: Bringing Peace to the Streets from Behind the Wire
- Named “Honorable Mention, Author of the Year” by Georgia Writers Association (with co-honoree President Jimmy Carter)

## Programs That Make an Impact

- Forty Days to Freedom & Forty Days to Peace: Proven violence-reduction programs
- At Michigan’s Brooks Correctional: Violence dropped 50% in 2 years
- In Ohio juvenile prisons: Youth isolation hours fell from 672/month to 74/month
- Protect the Dream: Character-building for student-athletes
- Active in 12 of 18 Cobb County high schools
- Earned 2 state championship rings with program graduates
  - RISING: Partnered with Cobb County Juvenile Court to support young gang-involved offenders
- Cops vs. Kids: Cornhole tournaments to build trust between youth and police
- MAPS: Serving high-risk students in Marietta City Schools
  - Forty Days of Prayer: Uniting 25+ faith-based communities across the U.S. and Africa
- The Extension (Marietta): Helping men in recovery rebuild their lives

## Certifications & Awards

- Certified Gang Specialist, National Gang Crime Research Center (Chicago)
- Recipient of the 2021 Spirit Award for Innovation in Gang Prevention
- Honored by local and international leaders for youth mentorship, peacebuilding, and leadership

## Partnerships & Community Support

- Cobb EMC, Cobb Schools Foundation, Cobb County Police, Sheriff’s Office, Juvenile Court, and Police Athletic League
- Over 10,000 graduates of POPP programs, including:
  - 3,000 inmates
  - 1,500 students
  - 5,500 congregants
  - 75 police officers
  - 75 high school & college coaches

Kit Cummings and the Power of Peace Project are lighting the path forward—inside prisons, schools, courtrooms, and communities—one brave heart at a time.

Learn more: [kitcummings.com](http://kitcummings.com)



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