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Much has been said about the inherited talent of the Reverends Ellington and Tecoy Porter, known collectively as the Porter Brothers. But those who have been personally touched by the young Pastors know they're creating a legacy all their own.

The Porter Brothers assumed leadership of the Genesis Church upon the death of their father Dr. Robert Porter, in 1999. Dr. Porter founded Genesis in 1990.

Since becoming the church's shepherds, the two have revitalized and reinvigorated the church and are credited with making Genesis one of the fastest growing churches in the Greater Sacramento area.

Pastor Tecoy, 33 and the younger Dr. Ellington, 30, have garnered national attention, receiving honorary doctorate degrees from the St. Thomas Christian College of Jacksonville, Fla. The ceremony was held last week at the new Dr. Robert Porter Center, which carries their father's name.

The two were instrumental in the development and creation of the \$3 million Center which opened in October 2003.

The building houses the Genesis Outreach Ministry, which establishes and conducts programs, projects and scholarships that benefit children and adults in South Sacramento. The Center had been a vision of their father's.

"They're doing an outstanding job," their mother Elder Hazel Porter said.

"I'm so proud that God is using them in that way," Mrs. Porter continued.

For their hard work and dedication to the church, their community and religion as a whole, the Porter Brothers were chosen for the doctorate honor out of a pool of 1,000 ministers nationwide. Dr. Zamekio Jackson, president and founder of the St. Thomas Christian College traveled from Florida to bestow the honor personally.

The Saint Thomas Christian College and Theological Seminary is committed to the ideals of Christian Education and the development of the "whole man -- spirit, soul, and body."

The College was authorized to grant degrees by the Florida State Board of Independent Colleges and Universities. It was recently ranked third on Christian Focus magazine's list of Top 100 schools and has more than 32 extension campuses worldwide.

In February, the St. Thomas Christian College also bestowed an honorary doctorate upon Rev. Darryl Heath, pastor of Sacramento's St. John Missionary Baptist Church.

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