



INNER ACCESS



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As we spent the early part of this year working on expanding and developing our board, we sought the Lord diligently for people who were like-minded and committed to this vision He has placed before us. We believe that we have been blessed and the board members He has given us have been a key part of shaping and fine-tuning this great vision. Since June of this year, we have been actively carrying out and implementing the vision and in this issue of "Inner Access" you will read of how God's anointing has brought success to our efforts. We invite you to rejoice and to celebrate with us because you, too, are a part of this triumph. Thank you for your prayers and your gifts which have been offered up as a sweet-smelling aroma with which God is well pleased.

Dear Friends and Partners:



It is with a humble heart and a deep sense of gratitude to our Lord Jesus Christ and to you His hands and feet that we present to you the December issue of Inner Access. This has been a year of challenges and growth. However, there have been great opportunities and victory in Christ as well.



From: The Child Development Foundation



PRESCHOOL TEACHERS SENSITIZED

Joyce Maynard said that as “we watch to see what our children do with their lives, they are watching us to see what we do with ours; we can’t tell them to reach for the sun - all we can do is reach for it ourselves”. The preschool years are some of the most significant years of a child’s development. They learn from what they see others do. Although the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children might not be happening between the ages of 3 and 5, preschool teachers still need to know what CSEC is. On October 6th at the George Price Center for Peace and Development in Belmopan City, we had the opportunity to train 75 preschool teachers representing 25 government preschools in the Cayo District. In addition to talking about CSEC and all that it entails, we challenged teachers to be an example to their students and invest in their young lives. At the end of this training we had an open discussion where teachers came up with protocols and rules that would help better their schools and classroom management in the near future. We hope to use this in our coming trainings for 2011 to challenge teachers to bring change to their schools.



PRINCIPAL’S & MANAGERS SENSITIZED

Cayo Association of Principals of Primary Schools held its annual Principals and Managers meeting on September 2, 2010 at the George Price Center for Peace and Development in Belmopan City. The Executive Coordinator invited CDF to do a presentation on CSEC. At this meeting we discussed the Roles and Responsibilities of Principals in working with the Police and Human Services when dealing with victims of exploitation, viz. how to report and follow up on reported cases of CSEC and trafficking; how to ensure teachers and staff maintain professionalism in their conduct with student and set a positive example and respond to issues that affect the lives of children.

The dream begins with a teacher who believes in you, who tugs and pushes and leads you to the next plateau, sometimes poking you with a sharp stick called "truth." ~Dan Rather



We are delighted to say that we are moving forward in the vision that was set before us as an organization to mobilize community-based organizations on the growing issues of CSEC in Belize. At this time we are at Phase 2, step 3, which is providing training on a Biblical approach toward rehabilitation of children who are victims of exploitation and abuse. Our first training for this phrase was held at Cayo Christian Academy on November 18, 2010. A total of 20 attended this training. At the end of this training, there were 11 who signed up to become volunteers with CDF. These 11 personnel will undergo a series of trainings. Those trainings will give them an opportunity to work as Family Intervention Specialist under CDF.

What is a Family Intervention Specialist? A FIS is not a counselor. They do not provide therapy. FIS are volunteers attached to CDF that CDF sends out to work with families that CDF approves intervention for. FIS do not select and appoint themselves to work with families for CDF. FIS intervention will work to help REDEEM, REBUILD and RESTORE victims of CSEC and their families.

FIS TRAINING 1

So far, we have had two trainings for willing volunteers to work with CDF as Family Intervention Specialists. We had our second Training October 23 in Camalote Village. Although Hurricane Richard was less than 24 hours away and preparation for this was needed, we saw the hearts of volunteers that were committed to work with victims of abuse and exploitation and to bring healing to victims

LABOUR AND TRADE UNIONS SENSITIZATION PHOTOS



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CUSTOMS & IMMIGRATION OFFICERS SENSITIZATION

We are pleased to say that we were able to sensitize 27 immigration officials on the growing issues of trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of children in Belize. The officers at the said training were sensitized on the following issues:

1. How to detect and investigate CSEC and trafficking.
 - A. By paying close attention to documents presented at border patrols, underage person with adult not related to them, pornographic material in baggage, etc
2. Roles and Responsibilities of Migration Officers
 - A. Interview the underage person alone in a private room, ask questions such as where are you going, who they are, etc. Officers must avoid scolding and accusing the victim.
 - B. Interview the Adult. Find out who they are? Where they're going, how they know the underage person, etc.
 - C. Take the information from underage person and adult and see if the information given is the same.
 - D. If there is any suspicion then a report must be made to the person in charge of CSEC or trafficking cases who should then file a report with the Police and Human Services
3. We also discussed the difference between human trafficking and smuggling
 - a. **Smuggling is a crime where a person is moved from one country to another and in return the person being smuggled pays the transporter.**
 - b. **Trafficking is a crime whereby a boy of girl is lured, transported, transferred, taken in, or given refuge for exploitation purposes. The transporter often pays the person being transported or a parent or guardian for the person to go along with them.**



CDF PARTICIPATED IN THE THIRD ANNUAL CHRISTIAN PARADE IN BELIZE.

Every year on the eve of Belize's Independence, Christian churches participate in a parade called "Taking Back the Land." They were several floats on display which included: Noah and Ark, The Glory of the Lord on Mount Sinai, The New Jerusalem, The Creation of Man and several others. CDF participated with Ontario Christian Community Church in the float decoration. We displayed CDF in an artistic format as seen in the above picture. The parade ended at midnight with fireworks and a speech by the Minister John Saldivar.

LABOUR & TRADE UNION SENSITIZATION

Our last training for 2010 was held on the 2 & 3 of December for Labour and Trade Union Officials country-wide. We were grateful for the opportunity bestowed on us by the Labour Commissioner Mr. Williams and the presidents of the various trade unions who participated in the said training. There were a total of 27 participants at this 2 day workshop. Participants were sensitized on the roles and responsibilities of Labour Officers and the trade unions in eradicating CSEC as well as their legal responsibilities to victims. In addition, the Labour Commissioner presented the National Child Labour Policy and the Decent Work Agenda. Both have been approved by Parliament and they place a responsibility on the Labour Department to take legal responsibility to detect and investigate possible situations of CSEC encountered during labour inspections. Further, the participants received an overview of the draft Prohibition of CSEC law Bill. The Labour Commissioner also indicated that it is likely that detection, investigation and court prosecution of CSEC offences will come under the purview of Labour officers shortly if the proposed amendments are made to the Labour Act and the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons Act. Finally Participants came up with Strategies for Action and Implementation to be undertaken by Labour Officers in their district responsibilities to help those that are affected by CSEC.

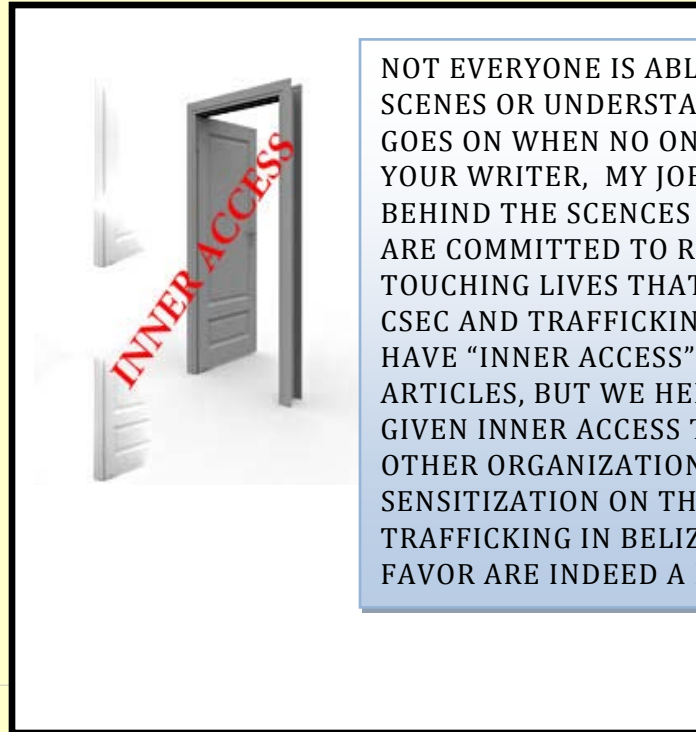
UPCOMING PROJECTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS: 2011

Sensitization Training with:

- School Students
- Social Workers
- Churches in Cayo District
- Final Training for FIS
- Media Campaign
- Rehabilitation Center
- Grant Proposals

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND DEVELOPMENTS FOR THIS QUARTER

- Training of Labour and Trade Union Officials to better equip them to intervene in CSEC cases
- Establishment of partnership with Labour Department
- Training with teachers
- Training with principals and school managers to equip them in prevention efforts.
- Training of Immigration and Customs officers to better equip them to intervene in CSEC cases.
- Training with Family Intervention Specialists
- Meeting with IOM representatives about upcoming projects in Belize
- Meeting with US Embassy to provide information for Labour Report
- Recruitment of new volunteers
- Nationally syndicated TV interview on "Open Your Eyes"
- Identification of possible site for a rehabilitation center
- Additional funds acquired to cover cost of trainings
- Development of Media Committee and funds acquired for media campaign



NOT EVERYONE IS ABLE TO SEE BEHIND THE SCENES OR UNDERSTAND THE LABOUR THAT GOES ON WHEN NO ONE IS WATCHING. AS YOUR WRITER, MY JOB IS TO TAKE YOU BEHIND THE SCENES OF WHAT WE DO. WE ARE COMMITTED TO REACHING OUT AND TOUCHING LIVES THAT ARE AFFECTED BY CSEC AND TRAFFICKING. NOT ONLY DO YOU HAVE "INNER ACCESS" IN READING THESE ARTICLES, BUT WE HERE AT CDF HAVE BEEN GIVEN INNER ACCESS TO CONNECT WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO BRING SENSITIZATION ON THE ISSUES OF CSEC AND TRAFFICKING IN BELIZE. INFLUENCE AND FAVOR ARE INDEED A BLESSING.

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