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Dear Friends and Partners:

What a wonderful season this has been! God has surely been good and He is worthy to be praised! God has granted us much favor and has tremendously increased our influence and expanded our boundaries.

In this issue you will hear about the training of our Family Intervention Specialists (FIS), who are lay counselors volunteering with CDF. The FIS will also be working with

families to provide support and assistance where CDF programs require that. This season CDF has also focused on increasing our technical capacity to respond to the needs highlighted by our public awareness campaigns last year. We have formalized collaboration with the University of Belize's Social Work Department so that social work interns can be placed at CDF, and we have broadened contacts with international partners such as INCA Link and Health Education Program for Developing Countries (HEPFDC). We are still praying how God will concretize these collaborations. In this issue, we will give you an update on the conferences we have conducted with men and women as we seek to eradicate the negative cultural factors that facilitate CSEC and trafficking. In addition, we have been doing sensitization in schools encouraging young people to resist the lure of exploitation and trafficking and to embrace purity. Through the continued commitment of our friends and partners and as a result of God's grace CDF has grown with the addition of a volunteer counselor, an office assistant and the addition of a field trainer and media consultant. We ask that you continue to pray for God's guidance and wisdom for all that we are doing at CDF. Continue to pray for those still trapped in exploitation. Pray about how you can partner with CDF to bring about the deliverance of victims of CSEC and trafficking.

FIS TRAINING & 1ST FIS OUTREACH

Since October 2010 we have been training Family Intervention Specialists (FIS) that would help as advisors to victims of CSEC. Our last training for this was held at Cayo Christian Academy on January 14 & 15. Ms. Pamela Killen, the head of the Social Work department at the University of Belize, also joined our last FIS training to speak on how to respond to traumatic cases of abuse and what to expect from victims. Certification of completion was given to the seven participants who attended all four trainings, a course of thirty-two hours. After this training FIS facilitated a women's seminar in Esperanza Village, Cayo District on March 18 & 19. A total of 70 ladies from Esperanza and surrounding villages were sensitized on the issues of CSEC and how as women they are called to be social transformers and to help those that are victims of exploitation and trafficking. This seminar opened a door for several women to share their stories on how they were once victims of abuse. FIS will continue to provide follow up to these women and their families. At this training 5 women accepted Christ. Praise the Lord!!! CDF will continue to provide community sensitization in other communities soon.

Belize Telemedia donates 5,000 to CDF



“MEN ON THE MOVE”

Our first men's seminar was held on Saturday, February 26 at Cayo Christian Academy. Over 80 men and young men attended this seminar from nine different ministries in Belize. The presenters for this men's seminar were Diana Shaw, who did a brief introduction on CSEC and trafficking; Desmond Leslie, who talked about God's design for sex and the devil's lies; Robert Caldwell, who talked about the effects that CSEC has on the community; Pastor Scott Stirm, who talked about what God has to say about abuse; and finally Pastor Santie Valencia, who challenged the men to become social transformers in their families, communities, and business places. The male trainers at this seminar are hoping to do this seminar countrywide, enlightening men regarding CSEC and the role that they play in eradicating CSEC.

995 persons sensitized in less than 2 months on the issues of CSEC and human trafficking in Belize. Belizeans can no longer say they don't know what CSEC or trafficking is.

HIGH SCHOOL SENSITIZATIONS

As the month of March is being celebrated as international women's month, there have been several ongoing activities in Belize celebrating women. Here at CDF we set this month aside to do a number of sensitization trainings, which includes going into high schools to talk to young men and women between the ages of 13 and 19. We have sensitized a total of 862 high school students. We did two 3 third year classes at Our Lady of Guadalupe, 25 classes at Belmopan Comprehensive High, and one evening session at St. Ignacious High School Extension (which provides second chance education opportunities to those who did not complete high school due to pregnancy, exploitation or other setbacks). The response from students and the interest that was shown at the trainings was a big encouragement for us to continue doing sensitization training with other high schools in the Cayo area.

January, 2011 - Collaboration with one agenda in mind: to bring sensitization to CSEC and healing to survivors

- **January 6 & 7:** Health Education Program for Developing Countries (HEPFDC) is an international organization based in the US. This program was created to provide the most important evidence-based health care information to people who need it most. CDF was able to meet with a group of psychologists, nurses and doctors to discuss the importance of what we are doing by sensitizing and educating the public on CSEC and trafficking. We will be collaborating with a team from HEPEFDC in June to do a health fair in Valley of

Peace.

- **January 12, 2011** The Head of the Social Work Department at the University of Belize has agreed to collaborate with CDF in assisting with training and place interns at the future CDF Rescue Home.
- **January 20.** INCA Link international is a nonprofit organization based in North Carolina U.S.A. Their focus is to reach 300 million youths in Latin America through Christ's love. We got a chance to discuss the mission of CDF with representatives of the group.

School trainings 2011





“Open Your Eyes”

On March 22, 2011, our Chairperson Ms. Diana Shaw and Ms. Verlie Lamb were invited to appear on “Open Your Eyes” to talk about CSEC and trafficking and the work of CDF. “Open Your Eyes” is a nationally syndicated talk show that addresses current events and news items in Belize.

This is our second appearance on the show and we always look forward to opportunities to sensitize the wider public. The questions asked were thought-provoking and allowed for us talk about some cultural attitudes and practices that facilitated CSEC and trafficking. We also talked about responsibilities of men and women to set right examples of purity to eradicate the accepted culture of sexual immorality. The feedback from the appearance was very positive for CDF and we thank God for that open door of inner access.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THIS QUARTER

- FIS Training
- Men’s seminar
- Women’s seminar
- Nationally syndicated talk show interview
- Meeting with different foreign ministries
- High school trainings
- Two new volunteers attached to CDF
- Hiring of a field officer

Upcoming Projects:

- Media House Workshop April 6 for all media houses in Belize.
- Meeting with Vision Radio and collaboration with pastors and community leaders in Benque
- High School Sensitization at Belmopan Baptist High School
- Media appearance on different talk shows in Belize

Prayer Request and Needs:

- Continue to pray for victims of exploitation and for individuals to use their voice to speak out on behalf of victims.
- Funds to continue sensitization trainings
- Donation for media training and media campaign
- Funds for future rescue home for victims of CSEC

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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 ACCESS TO READING THESE ARTICLES BUT HAVE BEEN GIVEN INNER ACCESS TO CONNECT WITH ORGANIZATIONS THAT WOULD OTHERWISE TAKE MONTHS TO DEVELOP. INFLUENCE AND FAVOR IS INDEED A BLESSING.

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