



Eastern Cape/Cape Town Program
Ted Bunch

A CALL TO MEN

February 8 - 20, 2010

A CALL TO MEN was awarded a Speaker and Specialist Grant by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of International Programs to lecture on "Domestic Violence: Promoting Equal Rights and Opportunities for Women,"

We Conducted 12 presentations to more than 1,000 people including; 500 men and young men, 200 police officers, 200 teachers, 30 clergy member, 220 high school students as well as social workers, lawyers, advocates and community members.

The message of domestic and sexual violence prevention and getting men involved was met with appreciation and hope. Our program model and leadership was very much embraced. We were interviewed on four radio stations and as well as a national television interview. The combined audience for these media outlets was 5 million.

*Johannesburg & Pretoria Schedule
February 7 - 10, 2010*

Sonke Gender Justice: Program with peer educators of "One Man Can Campaign"

I met with 15 men (who are peer educators) and one woman mostly from different initiatives of the Sonke Gender Justice Program which is a Non-Government Organization (NGO). Sonke's main objective is to build government, civil society, and citizen capacity to achieve gender equality, prevent gender based violence and reduce the spread of HIV and impact of AIDS with their main focus being boys and men. They also have a program called "One Man Can", which is an initiative that encourages men to get involved in violence prevention

The intersection of HIV and violence against women is very pronounced here. The Director informed me about their programs and then I spent about two hours talking about A CALL TO MEN and presenting on male socialization (the man box). Our message was very well received and we have some real international allies.



Khaya Lethemba Victim Empowerment Center: A CALL TO MEN conducted a program with NGOs dealing with Gender Based Violence with officials from Department of Social Development and community members.

I received a tour of Khaya Lethema Victim Empowerment Center, which is similar to a Family Justice Center model. Women (domestic violence and sexual violence victims) can go to this one place for most of the pressing issues like legal service, medical support, victim advocacy and shelter. I met with workers, advocates and a few survivors and mostly presented on domestic violence, batterers, the silence of the voice of men and the empowered bystander. These issues are very pronounced in South Africa and the information was received very well. (This photo is taken with the organizers and US Embassy Representative Pam Mfobo)



SABC the "Morning Show"

I was a guest on SABC the "Morning Show" which is South Africa's version of "Good morning America". The interview lasted about 5 minutes and was very well received. The program has a daily national viewing audience of 4 million. I was able to mention the A CALL TO MEN website and I have already received more than 30 emails from South Africa as well as India.



Program at POWA (People opposed to women abuse)

I met with the leadership of People Opposed to Women Abuse (POWA). POWA is a dynamic women led Feminist organization that is not only provides great support to survivors but also works to hold the government accountable to the post apartheid constitution, which specifically focuses on gender equality and human rights for women. They also have a number of shelters. I was taken to see one about 5 miles away and the shelter system reflects that of the U.S. (No Photo available)

Talk Radio 702 FM

I spent the morning in a 45-minute interview with Redi Direko who is a popular radio personality. She has a listening audience of about 1 million. The discussion was excellent and also included callers from throughout the country.



Agisanang Domestic Abuse Prevention and Training ADAPT and Johannesburg Police Department:

A CALL TO MEN presented to the Johannesburg Police Dept in Alexander. Alexander is an extremely poor community. Alexander is a very low income and a high crime area, a place where VAW is a huge problem but also overlooked. ADAPT has a men's initiative that was represented by 10 men. About 10 police officers and 10 other members of the community also joined us.



South African Police Service (SAPS)

A CALL TO MEN spent the morning presenting to audience of approximately 500 policemen & policewomen on gender based violence. The group was from the Visible Policing, in the South African Police Service. The aim was to address gender-based violence, utilize men as change agents in achieving gender transformation and changing social attitudes and stereotypes of men within the SAPS and community at large.





Primary School Teachers

A CALL TO MEN presented to group of 200 male teachers responsible for safety in schools. Wonderboom Primary School, Braam Pretorius Street, Annlin. Gauteng Dept. of Education. South Africa is experiencing an increase in violence in schools and “Safety in Schools” is the latest implementation to prevent violence in schools. Annlin, Pretoria.



University of South Africa, Senate Hall □

A CALL TO MEN presented at the Seminar on Prevention of Violence Against Women at UNISA. Dept. of Sociology, Unit for Social Behavior Studies in HIV/AIDS & Health. The purpose of the Unit is to coordinate, facilitate and support an integrated and interdisciplinary UNISA HIV/AIDS academic response in Africa and South Africa. Integration of academic development, community service learning and skills development around HIV and AIDS ac across the African continent. I joined a panel that was focused on HIV and violence against women and violence against gay men.



Semi-rural Church

I then met with a small church group in a semi-rural area about 20 minutes from the city of Pretoria. The meeting was held in a church and the pastor was present. There were only about 12 people there but possibly the most meaningful time spent thus far. It turns out that a man was abusing a woman in the congregation. A CALL TO MEN was able to provide a strategy for planning for her safety and provided tools for the Pastor in addressing the congregation on the issue of domestic violence. In addition, we conducted a role-play with the pastor in how to confront the abusive man.



*East London & Peddie,
February 14 -18*

A CALL TO MEN attended an orientation of Masimanyane organization and visit to its branch offices around the East London area including the office in Mdantsane. Mdantsane is the second largest “township” in the country after Soweto.

Masimanyane Women's Support Centre is a non-profit international women's organization based in East London, South Africa. With a specific focus on gender-based violence, sexual and reproductive health and rights and the gendered nature of HIV and AIDS.

I met with the staff of Masimanyane, which means, "we stand together". I visited three of these sites that are in police stations. It is an organization that provides support and advocates for victims. In one of the offices they see 15 rape victims daily. They were extremely dedicated advocates. (No photos available)

Alphendale High School.

Lecture on masculinity and violence prevention at Alphendale High School.

I spent an hour discussing manhood and the prevention of domestic and sexual violence to more than 200 high school boys and about 25 girls. I also utilized the A CALL TO MEN produced Hip Hop CD "Drop Jewels" which addresses domestic violence, sexual violence and dating violence through music.





Masimanyane Staff Training – Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention



I presented to the Masimanyane community office where a community forum was held and we discussed the Battered Women's movement in the US and then facilitated a discussion with a group of 25 women and 1 man about what is currently happening in South Africa, what challenges they are face and what successes they have had. While they saw the role of men as important they did not want to rely on the "good will" of men for peace and non violence in their lives.



I was then transported to a small rural town named Peddie, about 90 minutes from East London. I met with 50 men from 7 different villages to discuss domestic and sexual violence. The ages ranged from about 16 to the elder who was probably 65 or so.





South African Police Service and the Provincial Department of Social Development.

A CALL TO MEN presented to approximately 125 people in a community forum.





*Cape Town
February 19*

Mark's Church, District 6 Audience

Cape Town religious leaders forum and other interested people working in prevention of domestic violence in collaboration with the South Africa Faith & Family Institute. The final day was spent in Cape Town with a group of 25 members of clergy. The group consisted primarily of Christian clergy however at least two Muslim clergy attended

