

HELP & SHELTER
WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER GERMAN COMMITTEE PROJECT
MONTHLY M&E REPORT- SEPTEMBER 2009 - Submitted by Danuta Radzik

Community Educators' Monthly Reports

KANEVILLE

Community Educator: Tessa Greene

Community: Kaneville, East Bank Demerara

Activities: A total of 8 visits were made to this community for the month

Persons Reached: Total: 373 Females: 311 Males: 62

Persons Newly Reached: Total: 188 Females: 186 Males: 2

H&S Leaflets Distributed: 94

Other H&S Handouts: 0

Objectives of Visits:

- Attendance and participation at Steering Committee Meetings for planning and review of community development activities
- Attendance at the Church service held for children of Kaneville
- To conduct an awareness session on Child Neglect with the Full Gospel Women's Group
- To conduct awareness sessions on the Domestic Violence Act at Grove Health Centre
- To conduct an awareness session on Goals for members of Grove Craft Centre
- To conduct an awareness session on Parenting with the PTA of Soesdyke No.2 Nursery School
- To conduct an awareness session on Understanding Self with members of the Kaneville Steering Committee
- To conduct an awareness session on Healthy & Unhealthy Relationships with students the Xenon Academy
- To conduct an awareness session on Teenage Pregnancy with students at I.P.E. Secondary School

Community/Group & Individual Responses to Visits:

Steering Committee Meetings – 1st September & 15th September

- A total of 12 members, 6 females and 6 males attended the meeting. The project coordinator who was present at the meeting stressed the need to train young persons to continue the work on reducing GBV when the present project officially ends in April 2011. The meeting was informed about the counselling workshop which was continuing on September 9th & 10th In Georgetown and that H&S was willing to assist and support activities in Kaneville to reduce domestic violence.

A draft letterhead was shown to members who agreed to use this as the official letterhead of the Group. Cost for purchase of an official stamp for the steering committee was discussed.

It was agreed that the new community centre, which the community hopes will be built, should be named after Mrs. Enid Cosbert a resident of Kaneville now deceased.

The Chairman suggested that the committee should meet with residents every 3rd Sunday to inform them of steering committee plans for community improvement and development.

A draft of a letter will be sent to the President of Guyana requesting a meeting with him to discuss issues affecting the community such as access road, health centre, potable water, nursery school and a community centre was read.

The CE informed those present that the Ministry of Culture made a request for 20 persons, single parents or early school leavers to participate in a 6 week floral arrangement course.

It was agreed that the Movie Night be held on Saturday 26th September and the exhibition be rescheduled for October.

The Chairman promised to have the notice boards painted and ready to advertise community activities the first one being the upcoming Movie Night. He also suggested that members contribute a small monetary donation which will aid in purchasing needed item for the functioning of the committee.

The Vice Chairman indicated that he was no longer interested in serving on the committee.

Church Service for Children – 6th September

- A Church service was organized for the children of Kaneville to mark Education Month. A total of 51 parents and children including 28 females and 23 males attended the service. The CE and the CM both attended and the CE was invited to give the charge to the youth. She spoke about the importance of education and stressed the need for parents to support their children and teach them good values so that they can grow into productive members of their community and society.

Meeting with Youth to Discuss Formation of a Youth Club – 6th September

- Due to the need to intervene in a domestic violence situation the CE was only able to meet with the youth for a short period. During which time the aim of the project was discussed and another date was set for another meeting.

Evaluation of Awareness Sessions

Full Gospel Women's Group – Child Neglect – 3rd September

- A total of 6 women between the ages of 14-60 years participated in 2 ¼ hr session on child neglect. The session began with persons being put into pairs and one person blindfolded. The leaders were responsible for taking their blindfolded partners around the room then roles were reversed so everyone was able to share how they felt being led and as the leader. Obstacles were placed in the way and the facilitator was able to observe how each couple overcame these obstacles. Responses from leaders of the exercise were that they felt confident and responsible. Some responses from the followers were that it was a terrible experience being dependent on anyone, that it was nothing strange as they were accustomed to move around in the darkness during power outages, other felt excited, confident in their leader and not afraid. The exercise was used a way to demonstrate to participants the role they play in guiding their children. The facilitator observed that during the session some of the leaders did not give any instructions to their partners, others were hurrying them along, some had their partners hitting into the obstacles. This was related to the way in which we raise our children, without proper instruction, with a lack of safety and protection and forcing them to grow up quickly by treating them as adults while they are still young. The facilitator's aim was to make participants understand the fear excitement, confidence, happiness and confusion that children face when as parents we do not observe good parenting practices or neglect our children.

Evaluation of the session showed that participation, understanding of topics discussed, facilitation and the session overall were all rated as very good.

A total of 6 H&S leaflets on Child Neglect were distributed to participants.

Grove Health Centre – Domestic Violence Act (DVA) – 8th September

- A total of 35 persons, 33 females and 2 males participated in the 1 hr 45 min session on the DVA. Most of the participants were aware of the maintenance orders or summons issued in the Magistrate's Courts. However the tenancy and occupation orders were less well known. Reasons given as to why so many women stay in abusive situations were investments with the abusers to build the home they lived in, no where else to go and unemployment. It was obvious that many women remain in abusive situation because they cannot afford to leave where they are living and rent a place of their own. Evaluation of the session showed that participation and facilitation of the session was rated as very good, understanding of topics discussed was rated as good as was the overall session.
A total of 88 H&S Fact sheets, DVA and Stop Abuse were distributed to participants
A request was made by the nurse of the Supply Health Centre for an awareness session to be done.

Grove Craft Centre – Goals & Plans for the Future – 14th September

- A total of 17 young women between the ages of 15-26 participated in this 2 hr session. The facilitator discussed goal setting and plans for the future with the participants. They were encouraged to be focused and determined in order to achieve their goals. During the discussion it was observed that most of the young ladies were unsure about what they would do after they finished at the Craft Centre. While some of them indicated that they were going to seek employment others were still weighing the possibilities of getting a job or furthering their studies.
Evaluation of the session indicated that participation was fair, understanding of topics was good and facilitation and the session overall were very good.

Steering Committee – Understanding Self – 15th September

- A total of 7 members, 5 females and 2 males participated in a 45 min session on understanding self.
Each participant was asked to select one stone from a bag and reflect on themselves as they roll the stone in their fingers. Each person was asked to share how the stones reflected their lives. Some of the responses were:
 - the stone reminded one person of childhood days when he shot at birds with a slingshot
 - One person remembered playing 'littie' and being shouted and told to stop the game as it was believed that bouncing a ball in the house brought bad luck or crosses
 - Another equated the surface of the stone with her life's journey- smooth and rough equal to the good and bad happenings in her life. She recounted not being able to write exams because of a lack of funds and vowed that her children would get the chance to write theirs. She was certain that she would have done well if she was given this opportunity
 - One participant said the rock was symbolic of his life, wide in some places and then narrowing off as his life progressed smooth and easy sometimes and challenging at other times. He felt that he had not reached his best and still has more to achieve as symbolized by his rock which was wide at the top
The object of the activity was to get participants to reflect and understand how important our past is to our future and how incidents can mold what we feel and think about ourselves.
Evaluation of the session showed that participation, understanding of topics, facilitation and the session overall were all rated as very good.

Xenon Academy – Healthy & Unhealthy Relationships – 17th September

- A total of 155 female students between the ages of 12-16 participated in a 2 hr session on healthy and unhealthy relationships
Participation and the response from students were very good as they asked questions and shared views. The facilitator used a question and answer quiz to get students to determine if these actions indicated a healthy or unhealthy relationship. Signs of healthy and unhealthy relationships were also discussed.
Students said they thought the session was beneficial, informative, helpful and revealed the true facts of life. They learnt how to identify if a relationship was healthy or unhealthy, learnt about abusive relationships, sexual molestation and the ABC's of HIV prevention. Students also said they learnt about self confidence and self esteem and how to behave in a safe, responsible and appropriate manner.
The majority of students said their views on the healthy and unhealthy relationships had changed for the better. A few students revealed that the session had changed them from being abusive persons to persons with understanding. Students also said that they understood that if they respect themselves others will also respect them. Additionally students also said they got the message that it was best to wait until you are married to have sex.
The facilitators were described as honest, truthful, informative, caring, understanding, encouraging and explained issues in detail so students could understand the topics fully.
Students said they would share the information and knowledge gained with friends, peers and also use it to develop themselves.
After the session students approached the two facilitators and asked questions that they were shy to ask during the open discussion. A request was made to have the session repeated on another day and for information on healthy relationships, STD's sexual offence laws, unfaithfulness, how to achieve your goals, stress and women's rights. The facilitators, the CE and CM will work with the boys but in smaller groups.
Evaluation of the session showed that participation, understanding of topics, facilitation and the session overall were all rated as very good.

I.P.E. Secondary School, Form 4A (1) – Teenage Pregnancy – 22nd September

- A total of 38 students, 21 females and 17 males between the ages of 15-17 participated in this 1hr session.
Participants were divided up into 6 groups, 3 of the groups were asked to discuss the causes of teenage pregnancy and the other 3 the effects of teenage pregnancy. It was interesting to note that the 3 groups listed poor role models and unhappy family relationships as some of the causes of teenage pregnancy. There was a lively discussion in the classroom as the girls spoke about pressure from boyfriends to have sex. Positive self image and assertiveness were also discussed briefly. The boys on the other hand insisted that some girls were very aggressive and wanted sexual relations. Students also asked questions about relationships and HIV.
Evaluation of the session showed that participation, understanding of topics, facilitation and the session overall were all rated as very good.
The classroom environment was not very conducive to have effective facilitation as the classes are set up in a large open space packed with students in close proximity to each other. This limits group work and the noise from other classes also created distractions.

KANEVILLE COMMUNITY EDUCATOR'S WORK PLAN – October, 2009

Date	Activity	Time
1/10/09	Steering Committee Meeting	5 pm
1/10/09	Awareness Session-Kaneville Full Gospel Women's Group	7 pm
2/10/09	Awareness Session -IPE Secondary School –Form 2A(1)	1 pm
2/10/09	Awareness Session-Xenon Academy	4 pm
6/10/09	Awareness session- Grove Health Centre	8.30 am
9/10/09	Awareness Session Diamond Secondary School	2.30 am
15/10/09	Steering Committee Meeting/Awareness Session	5 pm
18/10/09	Community Meeting	4.30 pm
29/10/09	Grove Health Centre	8.30 am
31/10/09	Community Exhibition	9.00 am
25/9/09	Movie Night	6 pm
26/9/09	Day Exhibition	

DEN AMSTEL

Community Educator: Ebeth McIntosh

Community: Den Amstel, West Coast Demerara

Activities: A total of 6 visits were made to this community for the month

Persons Reached: Total: 142 Females: 103 Males: 39

Persons Newly Reached: Total: 84 Females: 42 Males: 42

H&S leaflets Distributed: 226

MLHSS DV Posters: 0

GHARP Booklets (Super Gang & The Player): 0

GHARP Posters: 10

Empowering Women Booklet: 0

HIV Leaflets & Booklets: 0

H&S Posters: 18

of Condoms Distributed: 288

Objectives of Visits:

- To conduct an awareness session on Child Sexual Abuse with the Congregational Youth Group
- To conduct an awareness session on Healthy & Unhealthy Relationships with teachers from the Nursery School Cluster Workshop
- To conduct an awareness sessions on Domestic Violence/Physical Abuse with the Christian Brethren, Men's Group
- To conduct an awareness session on Domestic Violence with the Kingdom Connection Youth Group
- To conduct an awareness sessions on Understanding Self with youth who play sport at the Community Centre
- To conduct an awareness session on Understanding Self and Values with students from Murray's Business School

Evaluation of Awareness Sessions

Congregational Youth Group – Child Sexual Abuse – 6th September

- A total of 14 young people, 9 females and 5 males and between the ages of 13-25 participated in this session on Child Sexual Abuse.

The young people were quite knowledgeable about child sexual abuse and participated well in the session. Symptoms of child sexual abuse, what to do if this occurs to them or someone they know, who are the perpetrators and how to protect themselves from child sexual abuse were discussed. The effects of child sexual abuse were also discussed. The participants said that they learnt a lot from the session and promised to share this information with friends, family members and others they come into contact with.

Participants also said that all the awareness sessions which the CE has conducted with them have impacted their lives for the better as they see themselves in a more positive light now, have a good sense of themselves and encourage others to do the same. They disclosed that they have stopped negative behaviours that they were previously engaged due to increased awareness. The CE/facilitator reported that she felt good knowing that persons are finding the sessions helpful and useful to their lives and are encouraging others to be a part of the sessions.

Evaluation of the session showed that participation, understanding of topics discussed, facilitation and the session overall were all rated as very good.

A total of 35 H&S leaflets, For Parents were distributed to participants.

Nursery School Teachers Cluster Workshop –Healthy & Unhealthy Relationships – 15th September

- A total of 23 female teachers between the ages of 21-52 participated in the 3 hr session on healthy/unhealthy relationships.

Teachers felt that the session was informative, inspiring, wonderful and very interesting in all aspects. They said that the session would help them to better understand and cope with their pupils and parents; was an eye opener as many aspects of relationships and the topic brought out exact behaviours and attitudes that are taking place in the home, school and workplace. Teachers also said they enjoyed the session because it enlightened them about what a healthy relationship should be and how to work towards making all their relationships healthy, personal or professional. Teachers also commented on the full participation of everyone in the session and that everyone learnt. The dramatizations by teachers of healthy and unhealthy relationships were also considered excellent, effective, accurate and fun.

Teachers said they would use the information gained to inform and educate students, parents, PTA's other teachers, their families, members of religious groups, young couples, neighbours and other groups they are involved in. They said that they would also use the information to assist children and others living in unhealthy family relationships through counselling and helping to find solutions to their relationship problems. Importantly teachers also said they would use knowledge gained to assess their own personal relationships and where necessary work on improving them. Teachers were full of praise for the facilitator and the way the workshop was facilitated.

Evaluation of the session showed that participation, understanding of topics presented, facilitation and the session overall were all rated as excellent.

Christian Brethren Men's Group – Domestic Violence – 20th September

- A total of 6 men between the ages of 13-49 participated in this 3 hr session. The men shared incidents of physical domestic abuse which occurred in their community, workplaces, people's homes and how they felt about this abuse. The men said they have never and will never abuse their wives physically and committed to educating young and old couples not to abuse their spouses and not to accept abuse if this is happening to them.

Evaluation showed that participation, understanding of topics discussed, facilitation and the session overall were all rated as very good.

A total of 6 H&S leaflets on DV were distributed.

Kingdom Connection Youth Group – Domestic Violence – 20th September

- A total of 15 young people, 10 females and 5 males between the ages of 13-25 participated in this 3 hr session.

The session started with a recap of the movie ‘Provoked’ shown previously questions on domestic violence were asked and participants had to come up with the best possible answers. Participants were then placed into 3 groups and group 1 wrote an original poem about domestic violence. Group 2 composed a song about DV and group 3 designed a poster. Each group was creative in their presentations and enjoyed creating something original of their own as a group. The youth also spoke of their experiences in sharing the knowledge they gained with people they come into contact with. They said that sharing this information made an impact in the lives of others as well as their own.

Evaluation of the session showed that participation, understanding of topics discussed, facilitation and the session overall were all assessed as excellent.

A total of 15 H&S leaflets on Wife Abuse were also distributed to participants.

Youth at the Community Centre Ground – Understanding Self – 22nd September

- A total of 19 youth, 13 males and 6 females between the ages of 11-18 participated in this 2 hr session on understanding self.

The session started with just 6 persons with others joining in as they wanted to know what was taking place. At first the youth were shy but when they got into the session they started to open up and share views and experiences. The participants said they had never examined themselves like this before. The peer educators also took part in this activity sharing leaflets etc to the youth present and putting up posters outside of the community centre building.

Evaluation indicated that participation, understanding of topics discussed, facilitation and the session overall were all assessed as good.

A total of 100 H&S leaflets on domestic violence, for parents and anger management were distributed to persons at the community centre ground. Twelve (12) posters were also distributed as was 288 condoms.

Youth at the Community Centre Ground – Understanding Self – 24th September

- A total of 15 youth, 13 males and 2 females between the ages of 11-18 participated in this 2 hr session. Two of the peer educators helped to facilitate the session on self awareness questions and answers. They did a good job and both the youth and the peer educators did a good job.

Evaluation indicated that participation, understanding of topics discussed, facilitation and the session overall were all assessed as good.

Murray’s Business School – Understanding Self & Values – 25th September

- A total of 63 students, 34 females and 29 males between the ages of 12-18 participated in this 2 hr session

The CE and 5 of the peer educators helped with session presentations. Peer educators also presented a skit on child abuse and did a presentation on values. Feedback from students indicated that they enjoyed the skit, presentations and the activity where they had to draw positive and negative aspects of themselves.

Participants said they learnt about child abuse, peer pressure, values, self concept and self control. They also said they now have more confidence in themselves, learnt to value everything positive they have in their lives, to better communicate with each other and to value not only themselves but others in their life and to set goals. They also said that through the skit they learnt about child abuse and that children have a right to speak out

and not be beaten. Learnt to look at themselves as beautiful and to take pride in everything their parents give them and to appreciate their teachers also.

Participants said they would use what they have learnt to be better persons and to inform peers, friends, parents and family.

Participants assessed facilitators/ peer educators as good role models, brilliant, persuasive, motivating, encouraging and doing a good job to educate youth and young people who are being abused.

The teachers were also supportive and asked for more sessions to be done with the students.

A total of 70 H&S leaflets on the DVA and the Shelter were distributed. 6 posters were also distributed.

DEN AMSTEL COMMUNITY EDUCATOR'S WORK PLAN –October, 2009

Date	Activity	Time
4/10/09	Movie Night (Provoked)-Congregational Youth Group	
8/10/09	Awareness Session-Domestic Violence-Pre-Natal Clinic Health Centre	
11/10/09	Awareness Session-Drug Abuse- Kingdom Connection Youth Group	
15/10/09	Awareness Session-Child Abuse-Willing Worker's Group	
18/10/09	Movie Afternoon (Provoked)- Christian Brethren Men's Group	
19/10/09	Awareness Session-Domestic Violence- Christian Brethren Women's Group	
20/10/09	Awareness Session-Domestic Violence-Den Amstel Nursery Teachers	
21/10/09	Awareness Session-Gender-Youth at the Community Centre	
30/10/09	Awareness Session-Gender-Murray's Business School	

GOOD HOPE

Community Educator: Montgomery Chester

Community: Good Hope, East Bank Demerara

Activities: A total of 2 visits were made to this community for the month

Persons Reached: Total: 26 Females: 18 Males: 8

Persons Newly Reached: Total: 23 Females: 15 Males: 8

H&S leaflets Distributed: 70

H&S Posters: 19

Brochures on Condoms: 0

Objectives of Visits:

- To meet with business owners to inform them about the project and to put up posters
- Attendance and participation at steering committee meetings to plan for upcoming and future activities
- To conduct an awareness session on GBV with youth of the Cornerstone Church

Community/Group & Individual Responses to Visits:

Meetings with Business Owners – 11th September

- The community educator walked through the village of Good Hope visiting some businesses that were never targeted by the project. A total of 7 persons, 4 females and 3 males were reached,. The owners were asked to mount posters in their enterprises. Most of them accepted the posters while some claimed to have no available space for such action. One person refused posters but accepted brochures to distribute to customers. One person, in his zeal to reduce abuse, immediately started hanging the posters in his place

of business. However, this person refused the ‘Why hit your child poster’ as he is against this missive. The person stated that he is totally against child abuse, such as burning or peppering, but does not believe that a little spanking is abuse. Brochures for distribution were also left in each establishment.

A total of 54 H&S leaflets on Wife Abuse, GBV project, DVA, GBV and Rape and 19 posters were distributed to business establishments.

Steering Committee Meeting – 17th September

- A total of 3 female members of the steering committee attended the meeting. The object was to plan for future counseling services and to discuss the possibility of embarking on a United Nations project, advertised in the newspapers. However, the turnout to this meeting was poor and such a major decision could not have been made by only a few persons. The support given to the project by Good Hope community members was also taken into consideration by the group.

Evaluation of Awareness Sessions

Session with Men from the Community of Lusignan – Gender Based Violence – 11th August

- After a few delays, this session was organized with the members of the Church .A total of 16 persons, 12 females and 4 males participated in this 45 min. session on gender based violence.

The session was held during the Thursday Youth group meeting. The topic discussed was gender based violence and the majority of persons present were in their teens. The participants responded well to the discussion and asked questions about the topic. The facilitator asked them to show their understanding of the topic by giving examples of situations of GBV, the majority of persons gave good examples. As part of their action plan to reduce domestic violence the youths promised to share what they learned with their peers.

At the end of the session one woman expressed an interest in taking part in future project activities. She lauded what Help and Shelter was doing in the community. Her contact information was recorded.

Evaluation of the session indicated that participation, understanding of topics, facilitation and the session overall were all assessed as very good.

A total of 16 H&S leaflets on GBV were distributed.

GOOD HOPE COMMUNITY EDUCATOR’S WORKPLAN – October, 2009

Date	Activity	Time
	Awareness Session- Community Policing Group	
	Awareness Session – Good Hope Community	
4/10/09	Walkabout to Register Persons for Counselling	
6/10/09	Awareness Session- Lusignan	
29/10/09	Awareness Session- Church Youth Group	
	Community Counselling Sessions	

COVENT GARDEN

Community Educators: Tessa Greene & Ebeth McIntosh

Community: Covent Garden, East Bank Demerara

Activities: A total 10 visits were made to this community for the month

Persons Reached: Total: 229 Females: 163 Males: 66

Persons Newly Reached: Total: 182 Females: 160 Males: 62

H&S Leaflets Distributed: 295

H&S Posters Distributed: 52

Brochures on Condoms: 0

Objectives of Visits:

- Follow up and counselling/assistance for 2 cases in the community of Covent Garden
- To conduct an awareness session on Parenting with parents of Primary 1 students
- To conduct an awareness session with students of Primary, Grade 5 on Be Safe Programme
- To conduct an awareness session on Child Neglect with PTA of Covent Garden Primary School
- To conduct an awareness session on Understanding self with Parents of Grade 5 Primary
- To conduct 2 awareness sessions on Understanding Gender with members of the Full Gospel Men's Fellowship
- To conduct an awareness session on Teenage Pregnancy with 4th Form students of Covent Garden Secondary
- To conduct an awareness session on Understanding Self with teachers from Covent Garden Nursery
- To conduct an awareness session on Teenage Pregnancy with Secondary School Teachers

Community/Group & Individual Responses to Visits:

Counselling /Assistance for 2 Cases- 5th September

- The 17 year old female said she had been working on resolving the situation with her 17 year old boyfriend of 3 years. She is now aware that a 15 year old female relative has also been seeing the same young man and even got away from home at 11 pm to go out with him. The 17 year female is trying to get a job even though she did not do very well at CXC. Her mother is very pleased with her daughter's decision to end the relationship. She feels it will be good for her daughter to get a job but is worried because she has heard that the 17 year former boyfriend of her daughter is also trying to get a job at the same agency her daughter applied to.

The mother of one of the young men killed in the accident reported that the driver of the car that was involved in the accident was out on bail and has been molesting the family to sign a paper saying they do not hold him responsible for the accident. The driver has also been asking for her husband's ID card to take to the lawyer to have the documents prepared. The CE has suggested that she can inform the police and not sign any documents she is not clear about. The trial is set for the following week.

Evaluation of Awareness Sessions

Parents of Primary Grade 1 Students – Parenting – 14th September

- A total of 12 female parents attended this 2 hr session. The facilitator encouraged parents to ask questions on how they deal with their children. Most of the parents were concerned about the behaviour of their children and whether or not they should continue to beat them. They felt that beating worked for them. The facilitator covered the needs of the child and alternate ways of discipline children. There is still need for more information to

be given to parents on this aspect of parenting. The facilitator was of the view that most of the parent are convinced that beating works.

Evaluation of the session showed that participation and understanding of topics were rated as good while facilitation and the session overall were rated as very good.

A total of 28 H&S leaflets on Stop Abuse and H&S Fact Sheet were distributed to parents; as well as 7 posters on Child Protection, Fathers are Parents too, Trafficking in Persons and HIV Prevention.

P.T.A. Primary Grade 5 – Understanding Self -14th September

- A total of 16 parents, 15 females and 1 male between the ages of 20-45 participated in this 1 ½ hr session.

The parents responded well to the session, they said that they had never taken the time to examine themselves in this way before this before. They also said that they usually spend little or no time thinking about themselves or doing things for themselves. They appreciated the session on understanding self and said it was an eye opener for them. Parents committed to take better care of themselves so they would be able to care better for others. They requested more sessions with them and with their children at school.

Evaluation of the session showed that participation, understanding of the topic, facilitation and the session overall were rated as very good.

A total of 16 H&S Fact Sheets were distributed.

Primary Grade 5 Students – Body Safety – 15th September

- A total of 64 students, 30 girls and 34 boys between the ages of 9-10 participated in this 55 min. session on Body Safety.

The CE used the Be Safe Programme message to ensure that the children understand that everyone has a body, that bodies are private and their bodies belong to themselves. There was much laughter as the correct names of body parts were discussed with the children. Harmful touches and safe touches as well as safe touches that hurt were also discussed. The session ended with the students singing the song ‘Dem Bones.’

Evaluation of the session showed that participation and understanding of topics were rated as good while facilitation and the session overall were rated as very good

Covent Garden 4th Form Secondary Students – Teenage Pregnancy – 18th September

- A total of 26 students, 22 females and 4 males participated in the 2 ½ hr session.

Participation among students was very good. Activities included identifying the effects of teenage pregnancy and acting out a skit on teenage pregnancy. The students enjoyed working together. They were all aware that teenage pregnancy is a serious matter and felt that this issue needs more attention. Participants also felt that parents needed to focus more on their children and if they showed their children more love and support and were a friend to them this would help to reduce teenage pregnancy. The students also said that they will use the information gained to improve themselves and share it with other teens.

Evaluation of the session showed that participation and understanding of topics were rated as good while facilitation and the session overall were rated as very good.

Covent Garden Nursery Teachers – Understanding Self – 21st September

- A total of 5 female nursery teachers between the ages of 30-45 participated in the 2 ½ hr session.

Feedback from participants showed that the session gave them the opportunity to reflect on themselves, to examine their inner self, to increase understanding of themselves- the way they think, understand and control things. The session also revealed that persons normally worry about what other think about them and do not stop to check on who they truly are.

Participants said they would use pass on knowledge learnt to friends, colleagues, family members and youth groups at Church. Some also said that they will also use the knowledge learnt to further develop and understand themselves and help others to do the same.

Facilitator was described as confident, knowledgeable, open, honest, a motivator and made participants feel comfortable to truly express their inner feelings.

Evaluation of the session showed that participation, understanding of topics, facilitation and the session overall were all rated as excellent.

Teachers recommended that such sessions should be made available to parents and done with other schools. They also wanted further session done with them.

P.T.A. of Covent Garden Primary School – Child Neglect – 23rd September

- A total of 78 parents, 67 females and 11 males between the ages of 21-64 participated in this 2hr session.

The discussion was centred around the needs of the child. The CE highlighted the physical, emotional, health and educational needs of the child. The participants showed a great deal of interest as they shared their views of what they thought children needed. One point to note was that most of the parents identified physical needs and the CE had to prompt them about emotional needs.

Evaluation of the session showed that participation and understanding of topics were rated as good while facilitation and the session overall were rated as very good.

A total of 65 H&S leaflets on Child Neglect and H&S Fact Sheets were distributed.

Full Gospel Men’s Fellowship – Understanding Gender – 7th & 28th September

- At the first session 15 males between the ages of 27-60 attended and at the second session a total of 7 persons attended, 6 males and 1 female between the ages of 30-35.

During the sessions there was good participation and healthy and frank discussion on the topic of gender. All the men said that they would do housework chores without feeling ashamed or concerned about what others would say. They felt that men doing housework improved family life for everyone. They also said that growing up there was no distinction made between work that girls should do and work that boys should do.

During a review of the first session, participants said that the information shared had an impact on their lives. They said that they were not aware of how profound gender is to the way persons live their lives and were anxious for more information on this topic. The male participants said they shared the information with their wives, children and others they came in contact with. They also said they have out into practice what they have learnt. The participants said they would like to work with people in and out of the community of Covent Garden and with Churches and other groups. They said they have a passion to bring about positive changes in the lives of people.

Evaluation of the session showed that participation, understanding of the topic, facilitation and the session overall were rated as excellent.

COVENT GARDEN COMMUNITY EDUCATOR’S WORK PLAN – October, 2009

Date	Activity	Time
5/10/09	Awareness Session-Understanding Gender-Full Gospel Men’s Fellowship	
6/10/09	Awareness Session-Understanding Gender-Full Gospel Women’s Fellowship	
9/10/09	Awareness Session – Teenage Pregnancy- Covent Garden Secondary School Students	
12/10/09	Awareness Session- Understanding Gender-Covent Garden	

	Nursery Teachers	
16/10/09	Awareness Session-Healthy & Unhealthy Relationships-Covent Garden Secondary Teachers	
	Awareness Session-Primary School Teachers	
	Awareness Session-Covent Garden Primary, Grade 6 Students	
	Awareness Session-Assemblies of God Church	