

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

Community Educators' Monthly Reports

KANEVILE

Community Educator: Tessa Greene

Community: Kaneville, East Bank Demerara

Activities: A total of 9 visits were made to this community for the month

Persons Reached: Total: 170 Females: 118 Males: 52

Persons Newly Reached: Total: 153 Females: 103 Males: 50

H&S Leaflets Distributed: 223

Other H&S Handouts: 0

Objectives of Visits:

- Attendance and participation at Steering Committee Meetings for planning and review of community development activities
- To conduct awareness sessions on Child Neglect and Domestic Violence (Web of Abuse) with pre and post natal parents and guardians attending Grove Health Centre
- To conduct an awareness session on Understanding Self with the Full Gospel Women's Group
- House to house visit and one on one meetings with residents of 3rd Field
- To raise awareness among youth of 3rd and 4th Field on Domestic Violence and the GBV reduction project
- One on one visits with residents of the last street in 3rd Field.
- Community meeting to discuss the GBV reduction project and garner more community involvement

Community/Group & Individual Responses to Visits:

Steering Committee Meeting – 4th August

- A total of 6 persons, 4 females and 2 males attended the meeting which lasted for 45 minutes. Matters discussed were the low turn out of members. Possible reason given for this was the twice weekly meetings which one member said was too often. Members were reminded that this was a decision agreed on previously. The CM reminded the meeting about the need for fundraising to buy items such as rubber stamps. Registration of the group had still not been received from the Ministry of Culture Youth & Sport. The meeting decided to wait on official registration before going ahead with the naming of streets etc. The CE emphasized the need for steering committee members to attend awareness session of GBV. She also reminded members of the need to assume greater responsibility for reducing GBV as Help & Shelter's official responsibility for the project ends in 2011.

Steering Committee Meeting – 25th August

- Due to the low turn out of members the meeting was cancelled. The CE and CM however, took the opportunity to distribute Help & Shelter brochures and speak to residents on the street. A total of 23 leaflets were distributed, 13 H&S fact sheets and 10 leaflets For Parents.

House to House Visit and One On One Meetings With Residents of 3rd Field - 13th August

- A total of 26 residents, 18 females and 8 males were reached during this 3 hr activity. Most of the residents were attentive and receptive to information shared about the GBV reduction project. Only 3 persons met showed disinterest in hearing about the project and activities in the community. During this outreach the CE and CM met two groups of young men who were gambling on the corner. One of these young men said that women provoked men to hit them because they 'fire their hand first' and when the men hit them they run to the police. He concluded that this was the reasons for a lot of the women having affairs with the same Policemen who lock up their men. The young men were vocal about the domestic violence situation in Guyana. Some said that men and women are stressed out and cannot deal with the poverty and other problems. A total of 49 leaflets were distributed, 20 H&S Fact sheets and 29 leaflets on Domestic Violence.

One on one visits with residents of the last street in 3rd Field – 23rd August

- The CE and CM met with a total of 30 residents, 17 females and 13 males between the ages of 17-45 years on the last street in 3rd Field. As they interacted with residents, they made arrangements to hold a meeting on the last corner of 4th Field for the following Sunday. During this outreach a total of 25 H&S Fact sheets were distributed to residents.

Community Meeting- 30th August

- The objectives of this meeting were to discuss the H&S/WWDPGC GBV Reduction Project and to garner more community involvement in project activities. A total of 15 residents, 4 females and 11 males between the ages of 26-57 attended the meeting was lasted for 3 hrs.

Most of the residents were concerned about the condition of infrastructure in the community- roads, water, street lights etc. One resident said the only way to get a large number of residents out to attend any meeting is to have a stereo sonic system playing music, have a Minister of Government visit the community, or free distribution of some item. Another resident said that youth is the community needed a place to learn/acquire skills so as to keep them out of trouble. Another resident said he would try to get a youth team formed again as they had registered a sports group years ago. Support was promised by those present.

The CE explained that it was important that residents see the need for change and be involved in bringing about this change. It was observed that the men present made a great contribution to the success of the meeting.

A total of 31 H&S brochures/leaflets on the DVA, Sexual Assault and H&S Fact sheets were distributed.

Evaluation of Awareness Sessions

Grove Health Centre – Child Neglect - 6th August

- A total of 32 parents/guardians/caregivers including 29 females and 3 males between the ages of 16-45 participated in 1 hr 15 min session on Child Neglect.

Facilitators discussed the need to protect children from DV by creating a safe, non abusive and well supervised environment for children. The need for parents to educate their children about the correct names for part of the bodies, have safety rules and practices for their children, set a good example of behaviour for their children to follow, as children live what they learn. Believe their children if they report they are being abused, build self esteem and confidence in their children and ensure the good health of their children by providing healthy meals, proper hygiene and clean surroundings etc. Facilitators also stressed that parents need to take an interest in their child's education by visiting the school and discussing their child's progress.

Feedback from the session indicated that there was good interaction. One participant observed that sometimes it was the same mothers who go through 9 months of nausea and vomiting, swollen feet and a long painful labour who afterwards mistreats their children. Another participant said that mothers who in most cases who take and collect their children to and from school would sometimes give her all to a man more readily than they would to their own flesh and blood.

Evaluation indicated that participation facilitation and the session overall were all rated as very good while understanding of topics discussed was assessed as good. A total of 60 H&S leaflets on Child Neglect, For Parents and Sexual Assault were distributed.

Grove Health Centre, Pre-Natal Clinic – DV Web of Abuse - 25th August

- A total of 29 persons, 28 females and 1 male between the ages of 17-39 years participated in the 1hr15 min session.

During the discussion participants encouraged the mothers-to-be to talk about why women stay in abusive relationships. As usual the most common reason given was the children. The facilitator explained the various ways in which abused women are entrapped in relationships such as: threats of violence, feelings of being unable to cope without her partner, isolation, beliefs, no place to go, disability, economic dependency etc. One woman shared that if she and her spouse has a 'story', she would get whatever she wanted afterwards e.g. money to buy 2 pairs of shoes that she had been asking for a long time before. Sulking was not seen by her as a form of abuse but as a way of getting whatever she wanted. The facilitator promised to return another day to speak to this same group of mothers to be to further discuss the web of abuse as she thought the time was not sufficient for an in depth discussion.

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

A total of 35 H&S leaflets on DV and Child Neglect were distributed.

Full Gospel Women's Group – Understanding Self – 6th August

- A total of 9 women between the ages of 14-60 participated in the 2 hr session. Activities included an open discussion on self esteem and self concept. Participants then went into 2 groups and discussed what makes them angry, sad and their greatest fear. Participants identified fears such as sleeping alone, the judgement of God, life in separation from God, death and sickness. Things that made them angry were when things do not go right in the home, when they make bad choices, ignorant people, devil, disobedient children. Things that made them sad were lack of finances, death, disobedience, not having love, being beaten (14 yr old girl), not being able to provide for their children, lifestyle of young people.

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

Kaneville Youth, Southern Side, 3rd and 4th Field – Domestic Violence – 21st August

- A total of 21 youth, 14 males and 7 females participated in this 2 hr session on Domestic Violence. In order to mobilize the young people the CE and CM walked around the area and held the session at the blue shop where two groups of young men were playing cards for money.

The session started with an overview of the GBV project was given to the youth. This was followed by a discussion on Domestic Violence. During this discussion it was observed that most of the young men were knowledgeable about the types of Domestic Violence and also knew the age of consent for sex. One young man shared the view that some women love men who beat them up. When asked why he thought this occurred, the young man said that women say that men don't love them if they do not beat them. One

of the young women present had a different view and she stated very clearly that if love is being beaten she did not want to see how hate would be shown. She said she was one woman who was not going to have anyone hit her. One of the suggestions made by the participants was to have a shelter for abused men. The session was brought to a close due to a power outage.

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

KANEVILLE COMMUNITY EDUCATOR'S WORK PLAN - September 2009

Date	Activity	Time
1/9/09	Steering Committee Meeting	5 pm
3/9/09	Awareness Session-Kaneville Full Gospel Women's Group	7 pm
3/9/09	Meeting with Youth- Ms. Joan	5 pm
3/9/09	Awareness Session-Grove Health Centre	8.30 am
5/9/09	Literacy Class & Awareness Session	3 pm
6/9/09	Church Service-Pentecostal Church	10.30 am
12/9/09	Literacy Class	3 pm
	Diamond Secondary School	4.30 pm
	IPE Secondary School	
24/9/09	Grove Health Centre	8.30 am
24/9/09	Xenon Private School (Grove)	8.30 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 7 visits were made to this community for the month

Persons Reached: Total: 186 Females: 86 Males: 100

Persons Newly Reached: Total: 110 Females: 35 Males: 75

H&S leaflets Distributed: 546

MLHSSS DV Posters: 0

GHARP Booklets (Super Gang & The Player): 0

GHARP Posters: 10

Empowering Women Booklet: 0

HIV Leaflets & Booklets: 0

H&S Posters: 30 *

Objectives of Visits:

- House to house visits and meeting on the street with residents of Den Amstel to inform them of the WWDPGC/H&S project and encourage their participation in project activities
- One on one meetings with young people at the community centre ground to inform them about the WWDPGC/H&S project and to solicit their support for project activities
- Creating awareness and sensitization of the GBV project through the putting up posters in business places and distribution of leaflets
- To conduct an awareness sessions on Child Physical Abuse with the Christian Brethren, Women's Group
- To conduct an awareness session after the viewing of 2 movies-Enough & Provoked with the Kingdom Connection Youth Group

- Evaluation of Den Amstel Peer Educator Workshops

Community/Group & Individual Responses to Visits:

House to House Visits & One on One Discussions with Residents on the Street- 12th August

- This activity was conducted in Den Amstel, Old Road. A total of 40 persons were reached, 15 females and 25 males. Residents were informed about the project and encouraged to join in the fight to help reduce GBV within their community. A few persons spoken to already knew about the project and have been attending awareness sessions but for the majority it was an opportunity to learn about the project, its objectives and activities within the community. The large number of persons who were sensitized promised to give their support by attending the various awareness sessions being held in the community.
A total of 120 H&S leaflets on DV, H&S/WWDPGC GBV project and Child Abuse were distributed.

House to House Visits & One on One Discussions with Residents on the Street- 13th August

- This activity was conducted in Den Amstel's Clay Brick Road, Northern Side. A total of 33 persons were reached, 13 females and 20 males. A similar pattern to the first house to house visit reported on above took place. In this area most of the people spoken to already knew about the project and had been attending some of the awareness sessions being conducted in the community. Persons spoken promised to continue attending awareness sessions and participate in other project activities

One-on-One Discussions with Youth at the Den Amstel Community Centre Ground - 18th August

- The CE reported that she met with the young men before they started playing sports. On a one to one basis, information was shared about the project and project activities. The young men were also informed about the awareness sessions and were invited to participate at such sessions at the community centre. There was positive reaction from the young men about being a part of the awareness sessions and they committed to encouraging others to attend. The young men thought the project was a good idea and way to change life styles for the better.
A total of 40 H&S leaflets on the DVA and H&S/WWDPGC GBV project were distributed.

Putting up Posters & Leaflet Distribution – 19th August

- This activity was done by the CE and 2 peer educators. A total of 48 residents, 19 females and 29 males were reached during this activity. Posters were put up and leaflets distributed at 10 business places including 1 meat centre, 2 beer gardens (liquor bars) and 7 grocery shops. The owners of the business places welcomed the CE & peer educators, allowed them to put up of posters on the walls of their businesses and distribute leaflets to owners as well as their customers. Residents were also informed about the project and invited to take part in project activities including awareness sessions. Persons who were already attending awareness sessions were encouraged to continue attending these.
A total of 234 H&S leaflets on DVA, Peer Education, H&S/WWDPGC GBV Project, DV, Sexual Assault and For Parents were distributed. In addition a total of 40 posters were distributed

Evaluation of Den Amstel Peer Educator Workshops – 20th August

- A total of 9 peer educators, 8 women and 1 man attended the evaluation. The meeting was held to give feedback from the Peer Educators Workshop evaluations and to evaluate

the work done by community based peer educators since the last set of workshops. The evaluation was conducted by the project coordinator and the M&E officer.
(Please see separate report on evaluation)

Evaluation of Awareness Sessions

Christian Brethren Women's Group – Child Physical Abuse – 17th August

- A total of 6 women between the ages of 50-75 participated in the 3 hr session on physical abuse of children.

Activities included defining child physical abuse. Participants were also asked to share their childhood experience of the worst physical abuse they experienced and how it affected them. One woman talked about how she used to steal a lot of things including money. When her mother discovered she was stealing and lying about it, she set a trap and caught her stealing. Her mother then beat her for 1 hour with a machine belt, then her mother took her hands and pushed it into a lit fire side, the woman's hands were burnt very badly from this and after all this she made her have a bath then put her to stand in a red ants nest then threw vinegar on her to burn her skin then bathed her. The woman recounted that her siblings laughed when this abuse was taking place and encouraged her mother to abuse her. The woman said from that day on she never stole again. She said the beating hurt her both physically and emotionally but it did change her life for the better. Participants were asked to describe the worst beating they had ever experienced, reasons for the beating and what they were beaten with. Participants disclosed that they were beaten for having a boyfriend, getting away to swim, telling lies, having friends over in their parents home and following bad company, doing house chores badly. Participants said they were beaten with rope, wild cane, machine belt, paling staves, etc. The women who suffered emotional abuse said they will not abuse anyone especially they way they were abused because no one deserves to be abused.

Movies- 'Enough' & 'Provoked' & Awareness Session - Kingdom Connection Youth Group – 23rd August

- A total of 18 young people, 14 females and 4 males from the Kingdom Connection Youth Group attended the showing of the movie 'Provoked' and a discussion on this movie and the one showed before, 'Enough' which lasted for 3 hrs.

Participants were asked to give their views on the movie 'Enough' and what it was about. Responses were that the movie was about a woman being abused by her spouse and her attempts to get out of the abuse and leave the relationship. Many of her attempts to leave the relationship did not work because the abuser kept going after her and would find her as he was rich, powerful and had the means to track her down. The abuser treated his spouse as a punching bag. Participants felt that the wife did the right thing by getting out and seeking help. Participants were asked to put themselves in such a position and say what they would have done. Feedback given was don't know, get out the first time, tell someone, stay because of the money and wealthy comforts.

Participants were asked why during the showing of the movie persons laughed and said the violence and abuse was good for the wife. Two persons said it was funny to them and another person said the wife in the movie was stupid and too slow. The CE explained the nature of domestic violence and the dangers of it.

After this discussion the movie 'Provoked' was shown. Responses to this movie were very different, tears flowed and every one stayed until the end. After this movie participants were asked to say what they would do if they found themselves in a similar situation. Persons said they would tell someone the first time the abuse happens or get out some also said they don't know what they would have done. Many of the youth did not see this as a movie but as reality, they felt that too many women were suffering abuse for too long at the hands of their spouses and are afraid to come forward and get help or do

something about it. The youth felt that as young people they need to make a difference in their own lives and in the lives of others.

Evaluation of the session rated participation and facilitation of the workshop as very good and understanding of topics presented as good. A total of 20 H&S DV leaflets were distributed.

DEN AMSTEL COMMUNITY EDUCATOR'S WORK PLAN – September 2009

Date	Activity	Time
3/9/09	Awareness Session- Pre Natal Clinic	
6/9/09	Awareness Session-Congregational Youth Group	
13/9/09	Awareness Session-Domestic Violence- Kingdom Connection Youth Group	
15/9/09	Awareness Session-Child Abuse-Restoration Women's Group	
17/9/09	Steering Committee Meeting	
20/9/09	Movie Night- 'Provoked'- Christian Brethren Men's Group	
23/9/09	Awareness Session-Young Men at Community Centre Ground	
24/8/09	Awareness Session-Child Abuse-Willing Workers Women's Group	

GOOD HOPE

Community Educator: Montgomery Chester

Community: Good Hope, East Bank Demerara

Activities: A total of 7 visits were made to this community for the month

Persons Reached: Total: 64 Females: 36 Males: 28

Persons Newly Reached: Total: 47 Females: 21 Males: 26

H&S leaflets Distributed: 108

H&S Posters: 15

Brochures on Condoms: 0

Objectives of Visits:

- Visit to a resident to assist with an inter/family domestic violence issue*
- Attendance and participation at steering committee meetings to plan for upcoming and future activities
- Mobilizing and selecting persons from the community to attend the upcoming counselling training workshop
- Evaluation of Good Hope Peer Educator Workshops

Community/Group & Individual Responses to Visits:

Assistance for Inter/Family Dispute – 2nd August

- The CE was invited to the home of a resident of Good Hope who wanted to share an issue being dealt with and wanted to know what form of assistance Help and Shelter can provide. This issue arose from a dispute between her son and her daughter-in-law. She claims that the daughter in-law is very abusive to her and the children. On a daily basis the resident and her household has to deal with a barrage of verbal abuse. Things have gotten so bad that her son has been forced to vacate the premises and live elsewhere.

The resident is in a legal battle to get her daughter in-law off of her premises; however she is experiencing some difficulties, especially financial. She enquired about the possibility of accessing legal counseling services at Help and Shelter.

Steering Committee Meeting - 6th August

- The meeting was convened to plan for future activities and to select persons to attend the counselling workshop. A total of 2 female members attended this meeting. Due to the low turn out the meeting was postponed as the CE felt that 2 persons were not sufficient to plan for future activities. However, the community educator and the mobiliser did use the time to identify persons to participate in the counselling training.

Steering Committee Meeting – 13th August

- A total of 7 persons, 6 females and 1 male attended this steering committee meeting. The focus of the meetings was to plan for future activities in the community. The members were all of the view that more needs to be done to get the men involved in the project. To this end, some ideas were suggested. Some of the ideas were:
 - **Booth meetings** – Tents would be erected on the ball field and in every tent a topic would be discussed
 - **20/20 cricket tournament**
 - **All day workshop for men** – This would be done on a Sunday. Some prominent men in society would be invited to facilitate, such as Bishop Juan Edghill and Dr. Dale Bisnauth. The men only workshop seemed to be the most favoured suggestion by the group. More planning will be done in the near future to make this idea a reality.

Community Visit & Mobilization for Counselling Workshop – 23rd August

- The objective of this activity was to visit community members and to confirm persons selected for counseling training. A total of 4 persons 3 females and 1 male were visited. One person indicated their unavailability to attend the training, so another person was contacted to fill the vacancy. At the end of the day, Good Hope had their full quota of persons confirmed for the workshop.

Evaluation of the previous Good Hope Peer Educator Workshops – 25th August

- A total of five persons, four females and 1 male attended the evaluation. The meeting was held to give feedback from the Peer Educators Workshop evaluations and to evaluate the work done by community based peer educators since the last set of workshops. The evaluation was conducted by the project coordinator and the M&E officer.
(Please see separate report on evaluation)

Evaluation of Awareness Sessions

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

- A total of 24 males between the ages of 13-45 participated in the 2 hr awareness session. The session was held at the residence of one of the men. The CE was surprised to learn that some of the men were from the community of Good Hope and they were aware of the H&S/WWDPGC GBV project.
The first activity was an explanation of the difference between sex and gender. The participants were then put into groups of 3 and asked to come up with a definition of Gender Based Violence. One definition given was- discrimination against a person of male or female gender in their unnatural role in society, e.g. females playing cricket. Participants were also asked to list some of the causes of gender based violence which included culture, religion and history. In concluding the facilitator asked every man present to state what they will do to personally reduce gender based violence in their community. Responses included; showing respect, improving one's self, keeping busy and being an example for others to follow. Overall, it was an excellent session and based

on feedback learning did take place. Some of the male participants felt that more information needs to be targeted towards educating men as they were of the view that it was only women who were being catered to by society.

While the session was going on there was a power outage but the session continued, even though most of it had to be done in darkness.

Evaluation of the session showed that participation, understanding of topics discussed, facilitation and the session overall were all assessed as very good. A total of 48 H&S leaflets on the H&S/WWDPGC GBV project and GBV were distributed.

Awareness Session for Women – Alcohol Abuse- Community of Lusignan

- This session was organized by a religious leader for women of Lusignan. A total of 20 females attended the 2 hr session on Alcohol Abuse.

Activities started with a brief description of the project. Participants were told of the dangers of alcohol abuse and how it affects the body physically, mentally, sexually and the damage it does to internal organs. Participants then broke up into 3 groups and asked to discuss on of the following

- How alcohol affects the individual
- How it affects the home
- How it affects the community

Reports from the groups said that alcohol can damage the health of the individual, alcohol abusers are a source of embarrassment to their family and leads to financial losses for the family and through alcohol abuse a community gains as bad reputation.

Evaluation of the session showed that participation was fair, understanding of topics and facilitation was good and the session overall was very good. A request was made for more information on alcohol abuse.

A total of 60 H&S leaflets on DV, Anger Management and H&S/WWDPGC GBV project were distributed. Fifteen (15) H&S posters were also distributed to participants.

GOOD HOPE COMMUNITY EDUCATOR'S WORKPLAN - September 2009

Date	Activity	Time
9/09	Steering Committee Meeting	5 pm
15/9/09	Awareness Session – Lusignan Men's Group	6 pm
17/9/09	Awareness Session- Youth Groups ,FBO's	7 pm
	Awareness Session-Good Hope	
	Meeting with Community Policing Group	
	Awareness Session-Steering Committee	

COVENT GARDEN

Community Educators: Tessa Greene & Ebeth McIntosh

Community: Covent Garden, East Bank Demerara

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

Persons Reached: Total: 66 Females: 43 Males: 23

Persons Newly Reached: Total: 60 Females: 38 Males: 22

H&S Leaflets Distributed: 295

H&S Posters Distributed: 52

Brochures on Condoms: 0

Objectives of Visits:

- Attending the Wake and funeral service for the young people killed in a road accident to give support to the families in sorrow.

- Creating awareness and sensitization of the GBV project through the putting up posters in business places and distribution of leaflets
- House to House visits to meet residents sensitize and assist them with issues of GBV
- To conduct an awareness session on Understanding Self with Covent Garden Youth
- To conduct an awareness session on Body Safety with children in Covent Garden

Community/Group & Individual Responses to Visits:

House-to-House Visits - Squatting Area - 8th July

- During her visit to this area the CE interacted with 13 residents, 11 females and 2 males about domestic violence and other issues affecting them. The husband of one discordant couple explained that he is a shrimp catcher and the cold bother him so he has to keep warm by consuming alcohol. The wife disagreed claiming that he drinks because he like to. Another issue affecting this family is the regular attendance of their child at school with the mother and grandmother disagreeing as to how often the child attends. The CE also took the opportunity to sit at one of the small shops and observe the amount of alcohol and cigarettes that were purchased by adults and by children for adults. A total of 14 leaflets on Child Neglect, For Parents and Anger Management were distributed to residents as were 4 Help & Shelter posters.

Attending Wake & Funeral Service of 3 Young People Killed in a Road Accident - 3rd & 4th August

- The CE and CM of Kaneville attended the Wake and took part in the singing of hymns and prayers which was led by the Pastor of the Assemblies of God Church. They also spoke to the mother of one of the youth who died who told them that both her husband and daughter need some one to talk to as they were finding it increasingly harder to cope with the death. Plans were made for the CE to visit the home the following week.
- The CE also attended the Church Service for the 3 young people in Covent Garden.

Putting up of Posters at Business Places & Distributing Leaflets – 7th August

- There was a positive responses from business places approached to have poster put up in. posters were put up in 10 business places- 1 Internet Café, 2 Barber Shops, and 7 Grocery Shops. This activity was a way of getting more people involved in the project and letting them know about the services of Help & Shelter. A total of 225 H&S leaflets on DV, Sexual Assault, Child Abuse, GBV and Peer Education were distributed.

House-to-House Visits – 9th & 22nd August

- A total of 3 persons, 2 females and 1 male were reached during this visit. During this visit the CE engaged in discussions with a 17 yr old youth, his girlfriend, and her mother. On visiting the home of the young woman it was discovered that she was supposed to be in Church but on checking it was found that she was not there. While going to investigate where her daughter was the mother of the young woman received a call from the young woman's boyfriend to say that the young woman was in fact with him. He was asked to take the girl back to the Church. As a result of the above the CE spoke to all parties involved. This situation has been ongoing for some time and resulted in a suicide attempt by the young woman a little more than a week later after this incident.

The situation is one in which the 17yr old young man says that he is in love with the young woman however his mother does not support the relationship and wants him to concentrate on his education and getting a good job. The young man says he loves the girl but does not want to offend his mother by getting engaged or married to her.

The young woman also says she is in love with her boyfriend but knows that the boy's mother does not approve of her for her son. At a previous encounter at the Providence

Police Station the boy's mother was very abusive to her. She also feels that the boy's mother is trying to marry him off to someone in the USA.

The mother of the young woman believes that her daughter's boyfriend is just using her daughter for his own needs. She has seen him being abusive to her daughter and says he encourages her to go out late at nights with him. The mother is not sure, but thinks that the young man also smokes marijuana. During one incident the young man had taken her daughter to the Soesdyke Highway and after reporting the matter to the nearby police station the police had him temporarily arrested. The mother feels that the young man needs to talk to his mother seriously if he wants to marry her daughter and not have her stressed out by his behaviour. The young man and young woman are sexually active.

The CE encouraged all parties to seek counselling.

House-to-House Visits & Meeting Residents on the Street – Back Street – 14th August

- The objective of this activity was to have one on one discussions with residents about domestic violence. A total of 10 persons, 7 females and 3 males were reached. All of the participants spoken to knew what domestic violence was and said that this takes place often in Covent Garden between husband and wife in particular when the husband consumes alcohol or uses drugs and it is the women and children who suffer the most. Two of the women spoken to shared experiences of having been in previous domestic violence relationships and how difficult this was. They were glad that they managed to leave the abusive relationships. Both of them encouraged others who are still living in abusive relationships to get out of such relationships and so save their lives. A total of 30 H&S leaflets on DVA, GBV and Drug Abuse were distributed.

House-to-House Visit – Middle Street – 21st August

- During this visit a total of 12 persons, 8 women and 4 men were reached. The issue of domestic violence was discussed, persons were open to speaking about this issue and shared where it happens, who it happens to and how often it happens. Residents were of the view that there was a lot of domestic violence taking place in their community and persons experiencing this were doing nothing about it. A total of 36 H&S leaflets and brochures on DVA, H&SWWDPGC GBV Project and Peer Education were distributed.

Evaluation of Awareness Sessions

Covent Garden Youth – Understanding Self – 8th August

- A total of 4 young men between the ages of 15-17 participated at this 1 hr 15 min session on Understanding Self. Activities included a discussion on 'Who am I'. Responses from the 4 youth included good, contented, blessed, stupid, handsome, brilliant, Hindu, nice, persons full of expectations about life and a Christian for Christ. The facilitator took the opportunity to probe into reasons for one young person describing himself as stupid. The facilitator explained that each person was born special, was a unique individual and each had their own special abilities. It was further pointed out that persons should not try to compare themselves to others in a manner that may be damaging to them. It was also stressed that each person can play a role in adding to or taking away from a person's self esteem. Ways in which persons can help to build their friends self esteem were also discussed. The idea of an emotional bank was shared:

Credit – Words or actions that build self esteem such as compliments, support, love, good deeds etc

Debit – Words or actions that lessen self esteem such as insults, cursing, degrading, bullying, etc

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

The young people indicated their willingness to have a youth group formed and promised to get up as many youth as they can. Help & Shelter Fact Sheets were distributed.

One of the influential adults in the community informed the CG that most of the youth were away at Church Camp for the August holiday.

Covent Garden Children – Body Safety – 22nd August

- A total of 10 children, 8 girls and 2 boys between the ages of 4-10 yrs participated in a 55 min. session on Body Safety which forms part of the Be Safe Programme for Children. The session took place at a community shop. The session stressed the need for children to know that their bodies belonged to them and no one should touch their bodies without their permission. Correct names for body parts were identified especially for the female and male genitals. The facilitator also engaged the children in singing the song ‘Dem Bones’ as part of the activities. Evaluation of the session indicated that participation, understanding of topics presented, facilitation and the session overall were all rated as very good.

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

Date	Activity	Time
5/9/09	Meeting Covent Garden Youth- Ms Hall’s Residence	4.30 pm
4/9/09	Follow up on Case Study (GC 1) & Visit to Sea Dam	4.30 pm
7/9/09	Awareness Session – Full Gospel Men’s Group	
8/9/09	Awareness Session- Understanding Self-Full Gospel Women’s Group	
14/9/09	Awareness Session-Covent Garden Secondary, Teachers & Students	
14/9/09	Awareness Session-Primary School Teachers	2 pm
14/9/09	Awareness Session-Teenage Pregnancy- Covent Garden Sec. Students	
15/9/09	Awareness Session- Primary Students, Grades 5 & 6	2 pm
16/9/09	Awareness Session- Teenage Pregnancy-Secondary Students	
18/9/09	Awareness Session-Understanding Self- Primary Teachers	