



We See

What We See Changes Who We Are

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Human Rights Activist, Vidyaratha Kissoon greets team WITNESS

My WITNESS Experience as a New Member

By WITNESS Youth Staff

I joined the WITNESS Project just a few months ago. As soon as I joined the group, I fell in love with it.

I don't really have time to do activities with the group members, but I do try my best on every article. I went to the Sea Wall with the WITNESS team members at the International Day for The Elimination of Violence against Women. We were putting up the WITNESS Project posters. That was my first activity with the WITNESS Team.

Hanging posters on Sea Wall was fun, although it was kind of tiring, but I am glad that I had a chance to hang out with my favourite people-- The WITNESS team members -- and do useful things instead of being lazy at home on a Sunday.

I helped to put glue on the walls and I helped to lift up posters and paste them on the walls. I experienced the power of a group from this activity. We are a group, not a single person. We are helpful teens, not teens that smoke or are addicted to alcohol. We have the right attitudes. We are in our right minds and we help others. Everybody was helping each other; nobody was being selfish or lazy.

The power of one single person might be weak, but when you gather a group of people with the right mindset to do right things, their power will obviously be stronger than with one single person. I am so glad that I joined the WITNESS Project; this team has taught me a lot.

Poverty – The Voice of a Child

By WITNESS Youth Staff

In my community, people have children walking on the street half naked with only their underwear. There are children who are homeless, sleeping on the street corner. They even eat food that people dumped in the trash! There are also people who are very poor and in need of certain things like milk, rice, milo, oil, sugar, etc., but can't afford them, so they eat the food people throw away. For this very reason it is not good to waste food; we should give it to people who are in need.

Poverty affects me because seeing

people and children on the streets makes me feel upset. I feel puzzled because it could have been my own family. On the streets, people get killed because of the mad thinking ability of others. Poverty could go to the extent of making people insane...

If I had the power and resources, I would build a home for the poor, give them clothes, provide food, and train them with manners. I would buy the children toys and treat them with the love that they need, and I think my actions would help because I would keep showing

them love, and eventually they would show me love too.

No one really comes to my area to help the homeless. I think the country can help in many ways: by building homes for the homeless, providing food for the poor, by praying for the ill and training the poor people how to get a job, and by building shelters where the poor and homeless can access a clean, safe space for food and baths.

If we all work together, we can get rid of poverty and no one has to suffer.

Bullying

By WITNESS Youth Staff

I want to live in a world without bullying. Bullying makes me sad and very unhappy.

I get bullied in school and on my school bus. The bullies call me names like "labba lip" and they hit me. I just ignore them, but they still do it.

The bullies in my school are boys and girls. But there is this particular guy who is about 6 feet tall and he has strong arms and legs, he's a huge guy. One day at school, a teacher stood up for me and told this bully to leave me alone, but I think they should talk to the whole

school about bullying. It is wrong, and I think that the teachers should counsel the bullies, one by one.

I want people in my community to be friendly because then I would have people to talk to about my problems.

We can stop the bullies if parents play their roles at home, teachers at school, and if the community members look out for each other. I am hurting every day because of bullying; this is not something that I want for others. Let's change this culture of bullying, we can do it Guyana! Stop bullying now!



Team Meeting

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- Haresh Bhagwan
- Judith Cameron
- Mark Davidson
- Reanna Douglas
- Daisha Henry
- Verney Henry
- Shakera Hoosain
- Danita Jaundoo
- Kevon Jones
- Linda-Deyi Lin
- Chantel Lewis
- Fiona Maughn
- Teriq Mohammad
- Krissy Morgan
- Kimberly Morgan
- Kaesia Munroe
- Nakasi Noel
- Marcel Persaud
- Rajendra Ramesh
- Devi Sankar
- Anthony Vishnu

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