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*The Witness Humanity Program*

## MISSION STATEMENT

*Witness Humanity* is a conflict resolution and reconciliation program where adversaries experience each other in a productive and compassionate manner by working together to help others in need of urgent assistance.



PREVENT HATE's presenters: Overcoming Genocide

## THE NEED

- There were over 6,500 gang-related shootings in Los Angeles County between Jan. '04 and May '05.
- Over 7,500 hate crimes were committed in the United States in the year 2006.
- At least one out of every three women has been beaten, coerced into sex, or otherwise abused in her lifetime.
- The participation of child soldiers has been reported in 33 on-going or recent armed conflicts in almost every region of the world.
- Genocides have resulted in the deaths of more than 30 million innocent people.



## PROBLEM & SOLUTION

Violence is a cheap and expeditious way for people to gain a sense of empowerment by physically manipulating others in a dysfunctional manner. *Witness Humanity* challenges violence as a power source by showing adversaries they gain greater personal empowerment when they enhance the lives of disadvantaged others, see tangible results of their work, and have the education, skills, and opportunities to continue doing it.



## THE PROGRAM

The *Witness Humanity* program brings rivals together and provides them with skills-based training designed to enhance communities using best practices in eco-friendly strategies. Participants are taken outside of their conflict zone to foster sustainable development in areas in need of urgent assistance by exercising their new skills in concert with local culture, people, and materials.



## PHILOSOPHY

*Witness Humanity* is based upon the social-psychological principle that cooperation is more powerful than competition; and that when we work with people who are supposedly our enemies on projects that allow us to witness them in a humane light, we can no longer look at them as evil, dehumanized, or deserving of subjugation.



## INTERRUPTING VIOLENCE

Working side by side, assisting others less fortunate than we are, helps prevent hate. *Witness Humanity* interrupts violence by providing a forum in which adversaries experience each other as compassionate human beings interested in sustaining, rather than destroying, life. By doing so, participants in the program come to realize that cooperation towards enhancing the lives of others is more empowering than actions based on hatred.



## OUTCOMES


*Witness Humanity* includes a comprehensive curriculum in sustainable living that provides the participants with new vocational skills that enhance personal, social, and economic empowerment. With training in the use of locally available, fire-retardant, non-toxic materials, participants learn practical skills required to uplift impoverished communities, rebuild areas devastated by natural disasters, and redirect their efforts towards non-violent improvements that create a successful future for themselves and others.



## CERTIFICATION

Certificate of accomplishment is provided upon completion of *Witness Humanity's* skills education and implementation, including:

- Construction of sustainable building systems;
- Proper extraction and purification of drinking water;
- Organic farming and micro business opportunities;
- Building locally appropriate sanitation systems;
- Primary infectious disease protections;
- Enhanced communication skills.



# Certificate of Completion

## Proficiency in Sustainable Development



- Environmental Safeguards
- Mastery in Construction
- Financial Literacy
- Integrated Community Enhancement Strategies



## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

*Witness Humanity* is a comprehensive curriculum that resolves conflict; uses eco-friendly methods to foster sustainability and empowerment in developing communities; and provides at-risk individuals, groups, and communities with crucial skills and resources to be self-sufficient and to make a positive contribution to society.

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