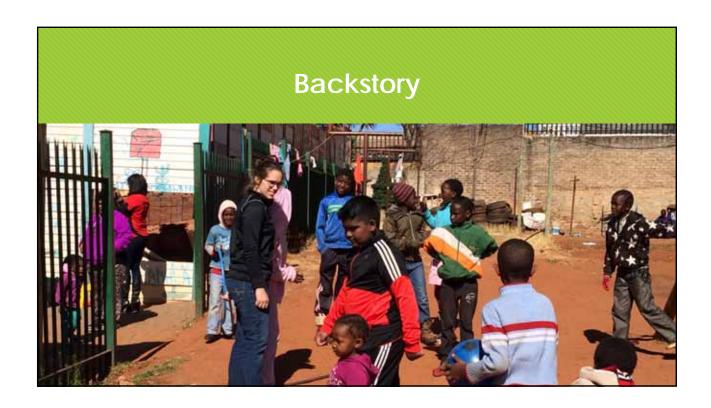
Mama Dorah: Uplifting Grassroots Efforts to Combat Human Trafficking

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Definition of Trafficking in Persons

• Trafficking in persons refers to the illegal trade or sale of human beings for sexual exploitation or forced labour through abduction, the use or threat of force, deception and fraud (Perkins, 2005, p. 54).

Global Incidence Trafficking in Persons

- OAlthough largely unreported, UN Global Report TIP(2012) suggests over 20 million victims.
- OWhile the official report, many suspect closer to 30 million (Hall, 2014).

Incidence Trafficking in Persons -Africa

- O 68% of all person trafficked in Africa are children (UN Report, 2012)
- OMultiple forms of trafficking in persons due to povertywhat is seen as trafficking in the west, is considered a way of life" (ISS, 2017, np)

Trafficking in Persons (South Africa)

- OIncrease before, during and after Soccer World Cup
- Although slavery is prohibited, no specific laws to address trafficking
- Corruption found during World Cup

Siyabonga Dorah's Ark Children's Home and Place of Safety

- OHistory of Dorah's Ark
- ONeed recognized with increase in trafficking
- OChallenges faced in development

Local Church

- Church committed to social justice. Pastors and congregation fully committed
- ODesired to help combat trafficking in persons, especially children (aware of kidnappings in the local community
- OAimed to partner rather than begin a new project

Partnership

- OPartner, not take over
- OMutual respect and mutual focus of protecting children
- ONo one had her own agenda
- OMutual mission statements

Theology of Caring for Orphans

- OPsalm 82:3
- OMatthew 25
- OJames 1:27
- Olsaiah 58:6

Mission Statements

- OChurch Mission Statement: Make Christlike Disciples' with a focus of being the hands and feet of Jesus in the community
- ODorah's Ark Mission Statement: to provide the protections of shelter, sustenance, education, medical care, spiritual and emotional support, to needy orphans and vulnerable children in our area

Components of Partnership

- OChildren provided a boost to a growing multicultural church that had lacked children in the past
- OChurch provided financial support, training as requested, holiday celebrations, extracurricular and spiritual development (SS, youth, quiz team, Christmas play, dance team, youth worship team, holiday Bible club, etc)

Christmas Play



Youth Day Celebration with Community Sponsors



Youth Day



Easter Event







Why it worked?

- OMutuality and real partnership
 - Oasking what was needed,
 - Oseeing what was working and
 - Oassisting not doing,

Questions and Sharing

- OWhile social work clearly embraces and teaches macro practice that includes knowing and understanding the needs of the community... this doesn't always happen in the church.
- OAs social workers, I would love to hear how you have helped your local church assess the needs of her community and reach out in effective ways.
- Olf you haven't, I encourage you to be a voice for the community that isn't always present in the church.

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