

## Eliminating Boundaries - Building World Peace, Havaily Restaurant, Brooklyn, NY

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During the beginning of the WPTF mobilization, Brooklyn team #5 (8 members) went shop-to-signature campaign for the "Resolution Calling for World Peace and Reconciliation". On the day of their campaign, Anthea, the Second Generation sister from England, met Sister Livina Herman Gill and Mrs. Kathleen Lall, who were shopping at a Pakistani store, and asked for their signatures while Odile Vieira, the group leader, from France was talking to the owner, explained about the significance of this campaign.

Sister Livina's interest was immediately caught by the word "World Peace," because she is the founder of the Women & Children Development Organization (Basharat-E-IBN-E-Mariam) in Pakistan. She now runs 10 schools in 4 cities with 650 students. In Pakistan, unless someone provides education, even small children are taken as the labor. Pakistan is the Moslem nation of the population is Moslem, 2% is Hindu and less than 1% is Christian. She is from a big Christian family. 3 of her relatives are Catholic priests and a Bishop in Flushing, Queens, NY. She herself was a nun before she started her service work, and has never married.

Sister Livina was a translator to Mother Theresa when she visited Pakistan. They knew each other and helped each other before she ascended.

This time, she came to US last July to attend the United Nations World Peace Society Conference (September 19-22, 2003) as the NGO representative of Pakistan. She has been representing Pakistan many times at national and international forums. She is an Executive member of the Women Council of United Religions Initiative in America, a National Co-coordinator of Peace Program the World Peace Prayer Society. Her plan was to fundraise for her organization during 4-month stay in US before and after the UN conference.

After the short talk, Sister Livina and Mrs. Lall visited the Brooklyn Center with the team. They watched the video "Beyond the Cross". Sister Livina was impressed by the 3 religions coming together. On that same day, she came back to the center and met the whole team. She was inspired to see 7 enemy nations working together happily and felt everyone was a part of her. The following 2 days, they went to the New Yorker Hotel for the evening programs, and on Saturday, Sister Livina attended 1-Day seminar as well.

She was very surprised and fascinated by our presentations. Until she met us, she believed the only way to bring peace would be through the service projects as she and many others were. This was the first time for her to hear someone saying that we needed God for peace, and only through the work of God and our corporation, the world of peace could be achieved.

She went through Peter Spoto's 18 vol. DP video series in 3 days. A bus was prepared for the Pakistani community on October 3rd UN Rally. She brought 20 guests in the bus and they came individually, for

example, one of the Pakistani leaders came from D.C. just to attend the She has completed 12-hour Father's Course by Rev. Ted Grice and the advanced DP lecture myself.

The second week, she had to move out from her friend's place. One of our local BF's offered apartment to her. Sister Livina says that their home was very holy atmosphere. After 2-week with the Aull family, she moved into Brooklyn Center because Sister Masako joined the Spec Kodan 21-day FR mobilization. She was so impressed by the lifestyle of the members at the early morning prayer and study. She further said that the world today needed the teach Rev. Moon for purity, marriage, Blessing. 7 nations working together happily and lovingly, and international marriages between the enemy nations impressed her so much. She hopes that day Indian and Pakistan will mix and join hands just like these 7 nations, then to expand to all Asians.

One day I advised her to join the morning HOH at MCS. On that very day, TPs did not show God works very interesting way. Instead of being disappointed by not meeting Father, Sister was so inspired to see so many young people gathering together from Sam, studying and pre for World Peace. It was truly the international and inter-racial gathering.

The following morning, she joined the HOH at NYH, and could meet Father. In the beginning Father's speech, I thought Father was speaking to Sister Livina. Actually, Father went down isle, turned right in one place, and stopped right in front of Sister Livina where she was sitting! There, she says that she wanted to stand up and ask Father, "Please give me the Blessing,

On October 16, we had an evening program at the Havaily Restaurant. I had no idea how m. people would come to this program. Even before the UN Rally, Sister Livina was talking to t Pakistani leaders that we would hold a religious dialog program. She told different leaders w never come to our programs that they would be the speakers. I was wondering what kind of program it would become.

There came about 50 Pakistani Moslems, a dozen of Pakistani Christians incl. 2 Catholic priests about 10 of American Christians and another dozen of us incl. the Task Force members. Alt< around 85 were in the room.

The program started with the opening prayer by Bishop Ingham Hodge and the recitation of 1 by Imam Hafiz Sabir. Before Dr. H.G. McGhee were Sister Livina and Mr. Asghar Choudhri, organizes the NY Pakistani parade on the Pakistani Independence Day every year, and after Father Anthony Sikandor and Imam Sabir spoke. All 3 other speakers except Dr. McGhee w first time speakers in any of our programs. Every speaker called for the peace and unity.

Pakistani women do not go out to the society. Therefore, when we were visiting the Pakistan leaders, Sister Livina felt so much mute accusation. However, in that evening, Mr. Choudhri was proud of her coming to America to represent Pakistani, peace loving people and gather them in one place.

From the beginning, the Moslem people were saying that they would leave the program during prayer time. Dr. McGhee was a little worried because the clock hit already 8:20pm, yet his appointed time did not come. "At the time I speak, everyone may be leaving," he whispered 1

Dr. McGhee gave a not so long, but strong inspiring speech. Imam Sabir was the last speak• thought as long as he was with us, they could not leave. It was 5 minutes to 9pm when he fir his speech. I announced that all Moslem people could go to the Mosque, which was just acre road. Then, Imam Sabir told us that no-one would leave this program until it was over. After · program, he said, all of them would go to the Mosque together for their prayer.

Sister Livina, representing the Pakistani Christianity, Mr. Choudhri representing the Pakistan and Rev. Augustine Ayodele, representing the American Christianity received the Ambassadors Peace Award Certificates. Throughout the program, we saw the unity and peace. Everyone was happy and joyful. Imam Sabir invited us for our next program at his Mosque with 2000 of his members.

The next day, I received a number of phone calls from our guests and members. "Congratulation on your success of the program!" "Thank you for such a wonderful program!" "When do you the next program?" From both Moslems and Christians.

Sister Livina has already experienced a couple of persecutions. However, she believes what has learned with us. "I read the Bible more than 5 times, but without knowing these secret meanings. In these weeks, I have learned more than what I had learned in my entire life." Is internal strength, which is rooted in her own life, through founding an organization and running Mother Theresa is with her. More than once, she appeared to her during this period.

Now, we are planning our next meeting with Pakistani women