



UCAN Reaches South Africa



The first seminar was hosted in the Ghetto of Guguletu, next to Cape Town South Africa. Here many of the children have never seen the outside of the large “township” they live in. They have learned to think and expect very little of themselves. During the five days with the kids and staff, Ucan explored and elevated their goals, self-value and together, created a strategy to help them achieve their new dreams. A few days after the seminar, four of the leaders drove 4 hours to tell the team what a great success the seminar had been for them and the children and talked about the results that were already exploding in their community!!

RESULTS?

The leaders reported to us that many of the “troubled” children are literally unrecognizable after the Ucan seminar. Many have returned to school while others are returning to life after years of being quiet and depressed. Now that the children are starting to take their academics seriously they are realizing how many more jobs are available after receiving a degree.



EVEN THE LEADERS of both camps were greatly touched and changed by the seminars. One leader told us after the first three hours of training, “I learned more in that time than I had learned about myself in my whole life.” After receiving coaching and feedback from the other leaders, the teachers and counselors have come-

up with entirely new approaches towards life and working together as a unified team.



The second seminar was very emotionally challenging from a coaching standpoint. Many of the young children (12-15) were already creating Meth addictions because it is very popular in their social circles. Teenage boys in the seminar had been raped and some had actually admitted to raping other younger boys as well. Any moral or ethical standard that you could imagine had been lost with these children. Despite all these traumatic and awful events we were able to have a great seminar with the children. Recognizing the power of their own choices and the consequences of their self-sabotaging habits let them take a step back from their not so “normal” life to realize other options for their life and future.

Thank you to all of our AAC donors who make projects like Ucan possible so that we may unify as a community dedicated to reaching out to abused children around the world.

