

Rescue Families - Save The World

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Try to imagine a world without families, made up of individuals who are not connected to each other in any way, people who lack emotional, spiritual and genetic links to one another and just exist, independent of each other, just going through the motions of living. If that is the case, the world be a cold, unhappy place. Indeed, societies become cold, unhappy places when family structures disintegrate.

Civilizations are built on the foundation of family. There is not a single successful organization anywhere on this planet that is not based on the concept of family, developed on the model of people connected to one another, sharing a vision, embracing the same values and working towards a common goal.

Most of the major problems we face today – crime, violence, greed, corruption, sexual promiscuity and all forms of immorality – can be traced back to defective families. It is there that the problems originate and it is there we must search for the solutions.

This is the mandate of Families In Action. Our mission is to heal families through counselling, outreach, intervention and a range of support services targeting all members of the family from parents to children. Families the world over – and Trinidad is no exception – face many perils. Domestic violence, alcoholism and other drug addiction, juvenile delinquency, divorces and poverty are but a few of the myriad problems confronting our families. These family problems are setting off a domino effect in the wider society and are being manifested through an out-of-control murder rate, kidnapping, violence in schools, gang warfare and the drug culture that has become deeply embedded in so many communities.

There is no denying the fact that these situations have their genesis in dysfunctional family units and by healing broken homes and shattered lives and solving family problems we, by extension, will solve our national problems.

Families In Action is about rebuilding, restoring and revitalizing families, inspiring a return to the moral and spiritual values that inspire strong healthy homes.

When we rescue our families, we will save Trinidad and Tobago.