

# UrbanVisions, inc.

projects in nonviolence

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FRIEND,

You may be able to help a beautiful peace building effort bear good fruit in South America, not only in South Bronx, Grupo Muzenza grew there from a small ghetto Capoeira (Brazilian martial art) club into a 300 member organization under Prof. Michael Niño-Ortega, but its "Peace Dojo Muzenza Colombia" in Bogotá, Colombia, faces three difficult obstacles:

1. This group, now renamed "Roda de Paz Muzenza Colombia" ('Roda'), needs follow up training in Peace Dojo methods, Alternatives to Violence Project and Aikido.\*  
**Travel & living (2008, 3 weeks for myself and a co-facilitator). . . . . \$3,000**
2. Prof. Niño and two leaders need six weeks intensive training in the methods of Bronx Peace Dojo, Alternatives to Violence Project and Aikido under Urban Visions.  
**Travel & living (late 2008 for the three leaders of Roda de Paz). . . . . \$7,000**
3. Roda needs an emergency relief fund (e.g. Prof. Niño this year developed a treatable, congenital eye disease, keratoconus, and is going blind; insurance refused to cover treatment).  
**Emergency relief fund.. . . . \$1,500**

If you feel moved to contribute to any or all of these, we would be most grateful. If you can help with funding contacts, we would be delighted. If you will offer your advice, spiritual support or just plain encouragement, you will strengthen all of us greatly for this wonderful effort.

Urban Visions, Inc. is a New York State Registered Charity and an I.R.S. designated 501(c)(3) corporation. I will be happy to answer your questions about these projects. Initially you might want to look at our website, [www.urbanvisionsinc.org](http://www.urbanvisionsinc.org).

Sincerely yours,

## Bill Leicht

William S. Leicht  
President

\* On this trip we also will train demobilized child paramilitary soldiers and their Alternatives to Violence Project facilitators in I-Key physical nonviolence in collaboration with Taller de Vida and PAV-Colombia in Bogotá. We expect this in July and included it in Item 1. above.