

VOV IN THE CARIBBEAN
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The SGI-USA's Victory Over Violence project has become a catalyst for bringing together diverse forces for diverse audiences in diverse venues.

Over seven days in the Caribbean islands of Puerto Rico and St. Maarten, SGI-USA members brought the message of VOV to their communities with the help of four of the world's foremost voices for nonviolence: Dr. Lawrence E. Carter Sr., dean of the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel at Morehouse College; Dr. Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi and founder of the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence; Orlando "Peruchin" Cepeda, Major League Baseball Hall of Famer and SGI-USA member; and Nestor Torres, internationally renowned jazz flautist and SGI-USA member.

Through community events, university lectures, media interviews and interfaith dialogues, many islanders were inspired to take responsibility for ending the violence that they see around them (see pages 4–5).

Each island's activities culminated in a VOV concert, featuring celebrated local artists and personalities (see pages 6–7).