**Grenada: Memory Moving Forward**

The Grenada Education and Development Programme (GRENED) Organization
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**Project Goals**

- To document the wide range of memories of October 1983 -- when the Grenada Revolution ended and the U.S. intervened militarily in Grenada
- To provide a forum for respectful interchange of views on the events of October 1983
- To generate discussion of the way forward for a fuller healing among Grenadians

**Activities**

- Prepared a pamphlet presenting a description of the project and project goals, and inviting participation
- Provided project information and updates to government officials and other significant players
- Participated in organizing and filming of nine conversations on the events of October 1983, held throughout Grenada

**Personal Goals**

- To understand the significance of October 1983 for individual Grenadians and in the national consciousness
- To enhance my understanding of the meaning of reconciliation through conversation with Grenadians, and to consider how this concept has particular and/or universal meaning(s)
- To deepen bonds developed during my previous summer internship with GRENED

**Key Dilemmas**

- How to present the project so that it would appeal to people of vastly different political beliefs
- How to articulate an understanding of the events of October 1983 that is palatable to people who hold different views
- What is my particular relationship, as an American, to the subject matter of the conversations that constitute the project?
Lessons Learned

- There is frequently a tension between the desire to escape painful memories by “putting it behind us” and the desire to remember and memorialize.
- Individual processes of reconciliation proceed at a pace set by the individual; two individuals may proceed at vastly different paces.
- Many questions about the events of October 1983 in Grenada remain unanswered; pooling knowledge within a community can sometimes generate answers. Conversations that involve a community in shared reflection have remarkable power.