

# WE HAVE HAD e-nough !!!!!



Concerned about the destruction e-TV's late night pornography is wreaking on children and adults and fed up with e-TV's outright denial that pornography fuels rape and abuse, members of Africa Christian Action, Christians for Truth and several other organisations and churches protested and prayed outside the e-TV Studios in Cape Town, (Saturday, 14 July 2007).

International Co-ordinator of the Christian Action Network, Taryn Hodgson, said she received a response to the Network's letter to the e-TV director, in which e-TV denied the link between pornography and sexual abuse.

In their letter e-TV's Regulatory Affairs Executive Officer Olefile Bop Tshweu, said "We submit that in broadcasting these films the timeslot is appropriate, the warnings are adequate, the content does not breach the code and there is no evidence that these films contribute to sexual crimes."

In response to this Hodgson said, "We have had e-nough! Porn on free-to-air national TV is outrageous. There are many parentless homes in South Africa and many homes where children are not

supervised as to what TV they are watching. R18 restrictions are not enough to prevent children from watching these films.

"We have in our hands testimonies from Safeline and Teddy Bear Clinic counselors who have counseled children who have sexually abused other children. They say that many of the children they have counseled say they have watched the Emanuelle porn films on e-TV."

Shaheda Omar, therapeutic manager at Teddy Bear Clinic in Johannesburg, has interviewed 100 child sex offenders and their mothers from across the social spectrum



for her doctoral research project at Johannesburg University. In most cases she found that absent parents and "unmet emotional needs" had turned television into a "surrogate care-giver" with disastrous consequences. While some children claimed they had wanted to emulate love scenes in soap operas like the Bold and the Beautiful, others said they had been inspired by late night pornography on e-TV (Cape Times, Child on Child Violence Out of Control, 22 October 2006).

"Even so-called soft core pornography has been shown to fuel sexual abuse. It desensitizes the viewer by objectifying the women. This can lead to addiction and a

desire to view more hard-core material."

"I cannot believe that e-TV feels no sense of social responsibility for the harm they are causing. Considering that South Africa has some of the highest rape statistics in the world and one of the highest HIV prevalence rates, can e-TV (and other broadcasters) afford to be contributing to these disastrous statistics through the negative sexual grooming of children and adults in this nation?"

"Pornography degrades and exploits people made in the image of God. Pornography is the theory, rape is the practise," Hodgson said.

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