

Happiness is.

Quincy Jones (left) charms  
during the township tour/  
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Township eyes on Quincy Jones  
By Peter Davies

What was meant to be an  
eye-opening tour of the  
townships for the American  
â\200\234Democracy Nowâ\200\235  
delegates turned into the  
Quincy Jones Roadshow  
as the diminutive musical  
giant charmed his way  
through Alexandra and  
Soweto on Monday.  
Jones, legendary producer  
for stars such as Michael  
Jackson, and a performer  
in his own right after  
scooping a clutch of  
Emmys for his â\200\234Back  
on the Blockâ\200\235 solo  
release, was in South  
Africa as part of a 27-  
strong delegation from  
the Washington-based  
TransAfrica forum.

Among the other delegates  
invited, by the ANC for  
a short â\200\234look and  
learnâ\200\235 visit were  
former Wimbledon champion  
Arthur Ashe and Randall  
Robinson, executive  
director of TransAfrica.  
But the people  
streets had eyes for only  
one man.

Jones led the applause  
as pre-schoolers at Alex-  
andraâ\200\231s Women for  
Peace project welcomed  
the delegation with an  
enthusiastic rendition of  
Nkosi Sikeleleâ\200\231 iAfrika.  
He received a bear-  
hug welcome at the Ipe-  
legeng Unit Centre for a  
lunch hosted by Alber-  
tina Sisulu, wife of ANC  
deputy-president Walter  
Sisulu.

â\200\230 Jones was more  
serious, but equally  
charming, when analysing  
the images he had seen  
on the trip through the  
townships. A

He was visibly moved  
when describing the  
squalor of a rubbish  
pile on the  
Therine MacPherson  
picture: Jacobus Rykliff  
strewn squatter camp in  
Alexandra.

â\200\234Iâ\200\231ve never  
seen anything like that.  
I thought slums in places  
like Tupelo, Mississippi,  
in the

Deep South of the States,  
were as bad as it gets.  
Itâ\200\231s inconceivable that  
most of the population  
are living in such awful  
poverty. You have to  
cling to your sanity.  
â\200\234But when you see the  
smiles on the kidsâ\200\231 faces,  
thatâ\200\231s when you know  
thereâ\200\231s hope. And the  
older people must not  
lose hope. It will come  
right. An old woman  
came up to me and said  
â\200\230Please dont forget usâ\200\231. I  
can assure her we  
wonâ\200\231t.â\200\235  
Jones said it was a - f."  
â\200\234little prematureâ\200\235 to say  
what concrete steps  
would be taken by the  
Democracy Now team.  
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