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Excitement in Brooksville, FL as New Leaders are Trained



Names from Back row: Betty Lanigan, Gloria Nunes, Crystal Gomez, Gary Coleman, Front row: Joanna Martinez, Pastor Elena Bozzi, Janet Brunetti, Joanne Coleman, Pastor Michael Barber



On Saturday August 18, 2012 we had an awesome training at Grace World Outreach Church in Brooksville, Fl. People came excited and hungry to participate in the FIT Curriculum. We had seven attending.

Two of the ladies were from Kairos Ministries. At this writing they are ready to facilitate in Hernando Correctional Institution (state prison for women). Two others were from Jericho Road Ministries in Brooksville, Fl. One local member of Grace World Outreach Church was also present.

The biggest surprise and blessing was a married couple who drove in from Virginia in a 53 foot trailer tractor truck with only two hours of sleep. Even so, they were still alert and passionate during the training. They have since reported to me of the FRESH Anointing they received. They are ready and eager to facilitate in Stephenson, Virginia. This creates another Harvest Field for the state of Virginia!



I am also pleased to report that two facilitators from the last training in Brooksville, FI. are now implementing the curriculum at Sumter Correctional Institution (state prison for men). Also, a group of ladies trained at First Baptist Church of Belleview, FL are now facilitating in Ocala, FI. at Lowell Correctional Institution (state prison for women). God is moving and opening doors for FIT all over the state of Florida and beyond! We give Praise to The Lord for his precious Holy Spirit for this Great Anointing over Family Integrity Training...

Blessings, Pastor Elena Bozzi

For Your Information...from the Desk of President Don Pratt

FIT always has three main needs: (1) leaders who will minister to our clients, (2) institutions who will let them in

to minister, and (3) funds to assist leaders with the support and materials they need. The last two do not mean much if the leaders are not there. That is why we are so excited every time we have such a successful training event as featured in this newsletter. FIT <u>exists</u> to provide meaningful ministry to folks of all walks of life who want to save the people who have lost their way. The challenge could not be any greater. With a society turned away from God and our clients sometimes unlovely and

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desperately in need, it is no wonder why we do not have people flocking to us to minister. Yet, consider the rewards. I personally have never seen such great turnarounds, though admittedly at a cost and with many disappointments. Others say the same thing.

The economic downturn has helped FIT expand – especially in the prisons. This is because educational budgets have been cut and instructional staff let go. None of FIT's instructors are paid and we have to hustle to

please consider a one-time gift or monthly pledge to help us pay for our own supplies. We are at the point of both expansion of services and contingency plans for cutting back on expenses. Unless new sources of revenue come in, FIT will have to limit some of its free services. The Board of Directors will be looking at that at its next

meeting in October. Meanwhile, please consider a one-time gift or monthly pledge to help us. You can be sure that we are a conservative group when it comes to handling your gifts. Gifts to us can be given online or mailed to Family Integrity Training Inc., P.O. Box 21411, Bradenton, FL 34204-1411.

"Integrity" is our middle name. In order to protect all the ministries of the dedicated people who depend on us, it has become necessary for our office to become increasingly more systematic in addressing threats to that integrity. Here are some of the things we have had to deal with. <u>Cutting corners</u>. We do not report more hours or graduate those who have not completed the requirements. <u>Unauthorized and faked certificates</u>. As we have become better known, we are receiving more and more calls to verify the authenticity of course-completion certificates claimed to be ours. Just last week, there were three such inquiries. Most, if not all, were bogus. FIT will only honor certificates which were custom-printed in our office. If

there is any question, our office staff can immediately verify any course

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graduation as well as provide an itemized listing of courses completed by any participant who has ever completed one. Call the office at 941.739.1338 if this information is ever needed. <u>Unethical conduct</u>. Every once in a while, it is necessary to bring some kind of discipline upon an individual who is putting the ministry of fellow hard-working partners at risk. FIT, at its last board meeting, set up a review-board committee to address issues such as this. FIT is not a harsh organization seeking to put unreasonable restrictions on its leaders. It just wants to make sure that its leaders respect each other; the mission and passion of the organization; the rules, regulations, and expectations of our host institutions; and the principles for which we stand.

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