

# January 2014 Newsletter

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### Financial Course Completions at Okaloosa Correctional

"Just a month ago we graduated this class from our Financial Freedom from Scratch class at Okaloosa Correctional Institution, Crestview, FL. Along with this class we graduated three group members with their 100 Hour FIT certificates. They are Saysinh Kianthalat, Raymond Green, and Jonathan Cantero. These men continue to be a great witness on the compound and recruit others to join our class." - Beverly Shatterly. Vision Church Prison Coordinator and FIT Trainer for Panhandle.

#### Success at Jackson Correctional

"Efforts at Jackson Correctional (Malone, FL) have really paid off was the conclusion of James and Lorna Hendrix and Beverly Shatterly. God has surely been multiplying our efforts to reach inmates in the prisons. This past year at Jackson Correctional 6 inmates worked on completing the 100 hour FIT Curriculum then took the Peer Facilitators training. They were so excited about the benefits of FIT that they saw a way to start using the training they have received to help other inmates. To meet the guidelines of the Genesis program they realized how FIT could prove effective in reaching the goals of DOC to rehabilitate those who are in the faith-based dorms. Guidelines are strict to be able to enter these dorms but participants can prepare for release through our courses such as Parenting, Dating and Marriage, etc.

JCI is expected to have eight Dating and Marriage classes in place in January, 2014 with between 12 - 15 in each class. It is amazing how many have signed up to take these classes. It shows the desire to want to walk in a new and better way. Thank you Family Integrity Training for all the materials you supply. Pray with us also for the funds to continue so that the complete curriculum can be supplied to these dedicated Peer Facilitators."-- Beverly Shatterly. Vision Church Prison Coordinator, www.visionchurchci.org, FIT Trainer for the Florida Panhandle.

### Rosemary La Luz joins FIT Board



FIT is pleased to have Rosemary LaLuz join us as representative from the Hernando County area. She was recently appointed chaplain at the Hernando Correctional Institution (women). She and retiring board member Elena Bozzi were instrumental in implementing the full 100-hour curriculum with the help of a team of FIT facilitators. At times, there was a different FIT class was going on every weeknight. Nearly 800 course completions have been recorded at this institution in the past several years. Hernando CI has just recently shifted to being an all-character and faith based institution. Her enthusiasm for the program is reflected in her own words:

"I am BLESSED & HIGHLY FAVORED to be a part of the FIT ministry!!! I am a retired Correctional Officer Sergeant from Sumter Correctional Institution. The Lord gave me the opportunity to grow in every aspect of the field as officer,

transporter, recruiter, trainer, post trauma support team member, drug interdiction team member and ACA team member. While working for the Department, I completed my BA in Human Services with a minor in Criminal Justice at St. Leo's College. While retired I began to volunteer for Hernando Correctional as a FIT facilitator. I know that nothing happens by accident. We ALL have divine appointments. I know that when I began my career it was with this very purpose in mind. "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is on Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and freedom to the prisoners" Isaiah 61:1. GOD has given me the HONOR of my heavenly assignment on earth - as OPS Chaplain with the very institution where I began my career as an officer. I am married and have two married children and five grandchildren. LIFE IS GOOD AND GOD IS GREAT!!!!! "Now thanks be to GOD, which always causes us to triumph in Christ, and makes manifest the aroma of his knowledge by us in every place". 2 Corinthians 2:14. I thank God for giving me the honor to serve."

#### Dues and Donations bring in \$2180.

Because so many members responded to our appeal in November to bring their dues up-to-date, we have collected \$1,020 in dues since then and an additional \$1,160 in donations above-and-beyond the dues. This was greatly encouraging as revenues were dropping and we were seriously considering cutting back on services. We did not want to do this because the ministry end remains solid and continues to grow, as it always has. Thank you so much, members! Your show of support goes way beyond just the dollar amount. It also helps convince our contributors that we believe in our own program.

## Board, Members Donate and Pledge \$3345.

Responding to the appeal for board member financial support at the January meeting, FIT board members donated \$1,245 cash and \$2,100 in pledges for the 2014 fiscal year. These wonderful members work for nothing, pay their own expenses to get to board meetings with some of them traveling 7-1/2 hours one way to get to the meeting. They come from nearly every part of Florida at present and hopefully from other parts of the country in the future. This appeal was made to show "leadership be example". We cannot expect others to sacrifice if the leadership is not willing to do the same. In addition to board leadership, board members also conduct classes, administer the central office, train leaders, and represent the organization, all without pay. And, yes, they all pay dues the same as everyone else. Without dedication like this from all parts of our organization, our organization would have folded long ago. Thank you board members, and thank you to the entire family that makes up the Family Integrity Training!