



# January 2017 Newsletter

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**Parenting Course**

## Dream Center, Lakeland, FL, Graduates 2 Classes

**from Facilitator John Ringleb:** I have had the privilege of seeing many wonderful transformations since the Center began using the FIT courses here in Lakeland. On December 6th, a graduation banquet and ceremony was held at the center for those who completed the Finance and the Parenting curriculum. Two of the FIT Board attended and witnessed the graduate - generated excitement.

We have called the courses “Life Classes” because of the wonderful transformation that can occur when individuals apply what they have learned into their lives. The facilitated classes are made for this kind of environment. The participants add their ideas to what they hear and learn, making an amazing course very powerful! Not only do the courses change their lives, but they have become friends and added themselves to the strength of the center with their participation in center outreach opportunities.

The opportunity to become a part of the Dream Center’s outreach has transformed our lives as well. I believe that we become a part of the ministry started by Christ when He went out into the streets, touched people’s lives, and changed the world. We cannot be untouched by what the master is working through us. One facilitator, Priscilla, revealed:



**Financial Course**

“I came to the Dream Center to volunteer in the capacity of “teaching”. I was at a crossroads in my life where I knew it was time to serve as a volunteer somewhere in the community or I

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would never “get out of my Self”; i.e., my self-centered life... I quickly found my role as a facilitator, rather than a teacher, very comfortable, enjoyable. It did not take long for me to feel so liberated towards the curriculum study because the course is Christian faith-based and we used prayer to start the class, prayer to close, and often, during. In each lesson the section called Scriptural Principles brought us back to what the Bible says about how we should be managing our affairs. This was the first time I have been able to freely express my faith in God with other people in a learning situation and it felt wonderful... I know in my heart that the Holy Spirit was the enhancer of my skills, making me use my ears more and guiding my speaking to be more effective than what I could do on my own. The Lord truly sent me to the Dream Center. We grew to care about each other and often called each other at home in between classes. It was amazing how non-judgmental everyone was and how close and sensitive we became. When the people first came to the class they thought it would be managed like the school classes they knew. They thrived in this interactive group setting. It empowered them, feeling worthy to others. I believe after what I saw develop in everyone, that this course will have lasting effects on the people who worked through it.”

**Editor’s note.** *We are thrilled to have the Lakeland Dream Center as one of our new providers. As suggested, our leaders take an active role and often show up for client “graduation” ceremonies.*

I pray that her shortened story will touch your life as it has mine. The results of these courses are changing lives here in Lakeland.

I would like to thank the Dream Center leadership, Mike Cooper, Steven Hill, and Whitney Borem for their vision, their love for others, and their commitment to make this blend into the Center’s vision for reaching others for Christ. I believe that this could become an important outreach in other Dream Centers everywhere.

## ***Did you know?***

- ***Every FIT course meets a critical need of clients. We have thoroughly researched this over the past 10 years so you don’t have to.***
- ***All courses have been field-tested and proven to be effective.***
- ***Great facilitators are the key to success. That is why we emphasize our training sessions and our networking system so much.***
- ***Most of our volunteers have their own ministries. They use the FIT program to enhance them.***
- ***Our courses emphasize personal problem solving and thinking. Most of us are more familiar with lecture and “pat” questions and answers. FIT books feature simple and to-the-point descriptions followed by thought-provoking class interaction. Facilitator guides show you how to accomplish this.***