

Bradenton Training has an International Flavor



Five people participated in our facilitator training session on February 2. Four attended in person and one remotely by internet. There was an almost immediate bonding of the group as they shared common goals and interests. Betty Drawdy, front left in white, is our office associate and took the course as a refresher. In back of her is Pastor Joel Gonzalez who took the course to use in his church in Lakeland, FL and with Spanish inmates. His wife, Jennifer is next on the right. She intends to use FIT at the Polk County, FL jail and in her church. In front of her is Andrea Rosario. Andrea attends the same church and works with women's issues, especially those related to sexuality and maternity issues. Olivier Kouao, shown on the monitor, lives in London, England and is starting up a prison ministry there.

Betty was born and raised in Florida. Pastor Joel was born and raised in Cuba. His native language was Cuban Spanish. His wife, Jennifer, was born in the US to Puerto Rican and Columbian parents and speaks those dialects. English was her primary language. Andrea was born and raised in Spain and spoke Spanish. Olivier was born and raised in Ivory Coast, Africa and his primary language was French. All speak English fluently. The three Spanish people regularly translate English materials into Spanish for the benefit of their clients.

Increased Interest in Courses in Spanish

Taylor Correctional Institution, Perry, FL

Chris Christiansen has just ordered class sets in Spanish for *Anger Dynamics*, *Insight*, and *Free to Grow*. There is much excitement there as our facilitators begin to address the needs of those needing materials in Spanish. Taylor CI continues to open more classes of FIT courses.-

Impact Church, Jacksonville, FL

Board member **Jacqueline Yulee** leads a staff of 60 prison ministry volunteers and is investigating using our Spanish materials in their outreach in Peru, South America. Much of their previous work there has had to be verbally translated and they are looking for a way to use materials which are already translated.



Polk County Jail, Bartow, FL

Board member **Norine Hodder** is fluent in Spanish and has ministered in Spanish in North, Central, and South America. She is looking into classes in Spanish at the Polk County Jail and elsewhere.



Wish List

Here are some of the projects we would like to do in the next year if we can raise the money.

\$1,000 would purchase additional software to enhance the office operations. Needed are additional Quickbooks and Microsoft licenses.

\$10,000 would let us translate and publish 1,000 copies of our *Anger Dynamics* course for use in prisons and jails in the US and ministries that may open up to us in Mexico and Peru.

\$25,000 would enable us to expand our part-time office staff to a full-time equivalent (up to two part-time persons working)

How You can help the FIT Office Help You More

1. Order certificates and materials online. Use our special forms that insure that we have all the pertinent data to the what-where-and-whens that we need. Order them online under the "Members" tab. No computer? No problem. Call us and we will type in the forms for you.
2. Do not send emails concerning FIT business to Don Pratt's personal email. Send it directly to the FIT office at fit@100hour.org. If you send it to the office, the whole office will get it. If you send it to Don Pratt, it slows things down and increases the chances for errors.
3. Keep certificate correction requests to a minimum. Corrections are inevitable, but clerical errors that are not our fault are very costly and time consuming. Be aware that inmates sometimes have multiple aliases and spellings of their name.
4. Be patient with us about remembering the status of a prior conversation. We receive many things to keep track of in a day and may have research a past conversation before giving you an immediate answer. We are human, too.
5. Respect our rules and policies. They are there for a reason and they apply to all. Inconsistencies in policy can cause hard feelings and loss of favor over the misunderstandings they produce.
6. Keep your dues and personal information, especially your email address, up-to-date with us. All of us in leadership are expected to do the same. We place a lot of trust in our recognized leaders and we need to keep good records to vouch for you and to provide you with the availability of hundreds of dollars of materials for effective ministry..