

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We wish everyone a bright and successful new year. We are reminded that our confidence is in our God and not in the circumstances around us. We carry the message of good news and hope for all. Let us eagerly and joyfully serve our God and fellow sojourners as we enter this new year.



21 LEADERS TRAINED IN DECEMBER SESSION



We are proud of the 21 people who came all day for training at the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church recently in Hudson, FL. Already, some of these leaders are starting a program which will involve all six of our units for 15 men and 6 women in the Covenant halfway house in Brooksville.

The photo on the left is of a follow up visit to the Covenant House in January. Shown from left to right are FIT Dean, Don Pratt, Covenant House Director Pastor Philip, and FIT Brooksville Regional Director Tom Walter. The picture is taken in front of the facility.

LEADER TRAINING FOR 2009

Leader training sessions will be held every month of the year throughout 2009. See our website at <http://www.100hour.org> for time and location and to download an application form. Preregistration is preferred. The sessions are offered alternately in one of our three main regions: Sarasota, Brooksville, and Lakeland. Student groups are now also opening up in the Florida Panhandle and the Miami area.

STATISTICS FOR MARCH 08 – JAN 09

668 Graduates of a Unit; 9250 Student-Hours at 9 sites; 10 Leader Training Sessions at 6 sites; 88 Volunteers Trained

TEAM MEMBERS ENJOY A LUNCH BREAK IN DECEMBER

One of the benefits of our program is the great fellowship enjoyed by the leaders. Our volunteers accomplish much, often filling voids not reached by other means.



WANTED: VOLUNTEERS

There are several areas of opportunities where we could use new volunteers. Here are a few of them. Contact us at 941-730-7273 or don@100hour.org if you would like to help.

SARASOTA COUNTY JAIL. Men and Women needed to work with a group in any one of our six units.

MANATEE COUNTY JAIL. Men needed to begin our offerings there

DEMILLEY CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION State Prison in Polk City, FL for pilot program

HERNANDO COUNTY JAIL. Men and Women.

HILLSBOROUGH CI. Women.

PRAYER NEEDS

Pray for us to get the legal help we need to restructure so that we can receive contributions for books for our clients, that we will have enough support to provide free materials for the incarcerated so they can do their homework in them and be prepared to share in group, that our volunteers see fruit for their labors, and that our community-based programs will gain support and favor in the community.