

APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS

Recent Leader Training



*Elena Bozzi with Trinity United Methodist graduates at West Palm Beach
March 31, 2012*



*Don Batterman with Graduates at Journey Church in Bradenton
April 21, 2012*



*Ed White, Fred DeMouey, and Beverly Shatterly with 52 N. FL Prison Chaplains
April 17, 2012*

From March 31-April 30, FIT issued 55 leader certificates in three different cities and settings. These were at the Trinity United Methodist Church in West Palm Beach, FL; Journey Church in Bradenton, FL; and inside the Holmes Correctional Institution at Bonifay, FL. Meanwhile, FIT issued 90 course graduation certificates to clients in April, 2012, for a total of 1,386 contact hours. This compares to 80 graduates and 1,294 hours in April, 2011.

Course Graduations at Character Development Program, Bradenton, FL





31 DAYS IN MAY CAMPAIGN

All this activity with the 55 newly trained leaders means that new areas of ministry will open up. New potential ventures include the Lee County Jail, Ft. Myers, FL; DeSoto state prison, Arcadia, FL, and North Florida prisons. You can help “jump start” these projects by working with us to provide the necessary materials. A one-time gift of \$31 for the 31 days in May would be a wonderful help and encouragement. For those that are able, a monthly gift of \$31 would give us \$372, enough to provide six clients with all the materials (books and certificates) to complete all six courses required of our 100-hour program.

ONE-TIME GIFT. To make a one-time gift of \$31 (or any amount), donate online at www.100hour.org and enter the dollar amount at the bottom of the “donate” page. You will be issued a receipt. Your donation is fully tax-deductible under the IRS code.

MONTHLY GIFT. Monthly gifts can either be set up through your local bank or by providing us with bank or debit card information. Call the office at 941-739-1338 for details.

FIT Partners with Living Free in Conducting Survey

During the month of April, FIT sent out questionnaires for each client completing a course. This evaluation tool will help us gauge the effectiveness of our program. So far, the results have been resoundingly positive. Prisoners state that the courses have helped them interact better with others and improved their ability to work with their families and parenting. They also felt that they had a better understanding and appreciation for God in their lives. The overwhelming response to the question of how we could improve the course was “the lessons were too short”. This was a bit surprising in that the lessons were already two hours in length. This just shows us that there are individuals who like our faith-based approach and are hungry to learn all they can.

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FIT Training Manual Updated in May, 2012

The FIT Training Manual was updated on January, 2012, and again updated in May, 2012. There are new guidelines on how to effectively use and sequence the Anger and Insight courses. In many cases, our host institutions require us to start with the anger management course because that is what they will allow. Given a choice, the guidelines show why the Insight course could be more effective as a first course.

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