

July 2017 Newsletter

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22 New Leaders Trained between June 19 and July 8



June 19 was the setting for our training in *Brooksville*, *FL*. The session was conducted by Cheryl Hart at Jericho Road Ministries where she is administrator. Shown beside her are James Snell and Mackendy Lordeus, desk managers at the ministry.

FIT has been active in the Brooksville area for many years now. There have been 3,235 course completions recorded there since May 2008. This includes 259 from Jericho Ministries, 1,315 from Hernando Correctional Institution (state women's prison), 631 from the Hernando County Detention

Center (jail), and 617 from the Sumter Correctional Institution (state prison for men).

Cheryl will be conducting a FIT training in Brooksville four times a year. The next one is scheduled for September 11. See our website for details.

June 29 produced four new FIT-Certified leaders. Led by Ed White and Fred Demouey, this was a closed session for the staff of the Central County Jail in *Bartow, FL*. This facility was the site of the first recorded FIT graduations in 2008. There have been 3,848 graduations in the Lakeland region since that time with principal locations over time being the Central County Jail, the Hillsborough Correctional Institution (now closed), the Polk Correctional Institution, and the Zephyrhills Correctional Institution.

July 8 was a larger training, producing 16 new certified facilitators. It was held at the Florida Women's Reception Center in *Ocala*, *FL* where all women sentenced to prison are first sent for processing. Some will remain there but most others will be transferred to other women's prisons throughout the state. Attending were at least two chaplains and workers at this facility as well as from the adjacent Lowell Correctional Institution, reportedly the largest women's prison in the United States.

Additional Training Sessions between July 22 and August 5

Date	City	Ministry Opportunities	Contact Person
July 22	Valrico, FL	Recovery Houses, Jails, Prisons	Ed White, 863.670.9712
August 5	Bradenton, FL	Recovery Houses, Salvation Army, Jails	Don Pratt, 941.799.4975
August 5	Orlando, FL	Jails, Recovery Houses	Tammy Fisher, tfisher2727@gmail.com

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September 7, 7 AM - 7 PM

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