

Update on Corona Virus Disruption

Our office is still functioning since we are able to work from home and do almost everything online and by shipping. That being said, the pandemic has had the following effects.

- Almost all of our facilitators are idle.
- Prisons and jails are on lock down and do not allow our facilitators in to conduct classes
- We have received reports that even some of our peer facilitators are unable to be allowed out of their dorms to conduct classes or to attend chapel. Chapel has been off limits for many prisoners.
- Visitations have been canceled.
- We have even received a request from an inmate for help once he gets out in the next few months. He has nowhere to go, no family in the US. and doesn't understand English.
- Donations to FIT seem to be down and much of normal office activity has stopped. We are using the time to upgrade our curriculum, books and policies.



Ways you can help us ...

- ◇ Contribute to our Giving Challenge online fundraiser on April 28-29 using the above link (GivingPartnerChallenge.org) and your donation will be matched up to \$100.
- ◇ Make a new one-time or monthly contribution to FIT at any time during the month of April and it will count towards our fundraiser goal. Click on "[Donate Now](#)" button on our website or send us a check to FIT, 3855 Pro Am Ave E, Bradenton, FL 34023.
- ◇ Set up a fundraiser for FIT on your personal Facebook account and post it to your friends. This method was very successful even with small donations in our Fall fundraiser. Call the office for details, 941.799.4975.

Please Help

\$16,000

would help us reach our short-term goals

- ◇ \$5,000 for our first press run of our new *Starting Over* books
- ◇ \$5,000 for another printing of our *Anger Dynamics* Books
- ◇ \$5,000 to develop and produce Spanish books
- ◇ \$1,000 to update our brochures, website, and training materials

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- ◆ Live interaction with the instructor and other online classmates
- ◆ Hands-on training in the use of the materials
- ◆ Training manual is included in the registration fee. Allow time for delivery.

Technical Requirements

- ◆ A computer with a web cam or a smart phone. Most laptops and smart phones come with a built-in web cam.
- ◆ An internet connection
- ◆ Free GoToMeeting download. Call the office at 941.799.4975 for assistance in setting up or using the software.

Registration

- ◆ In the "[Store](#)" area of our website, order one or two of the facilitator books that you would most like to learn how to use during the training session
- ◆ In the "[Leader Training](#)" area of our website, follow the instructions to register and pay the training fee. Indicate the course books you are most interested in learning about in the first area of the registration form.

Special Needs in Special Times

Please remember us in this time of national shutdown due to the virus. Almost none of our volunteers are able to conduct any FIT ministry. Jails, prisons, are recovery houses are locked down. Orders for our materials and certificates have almost come to a standstill. Contributions are down. If you have not been trained for FIT ministry, please consider it. If you can, please contribute in some way to our Spring fundraiser. As of Easter Sunday, we have received \$715 toward our \$16,000 goal. \$500 of this was from the Golf Lakes Women's Club Bradenton, FL. Thanks GLWC! We appreciate it. We count all new contributions from any source throughout the rest of April. We appreciate all gifts from our regulars as well. Please consider making a monthly donation. **You make a BIG difference** - Don Pratt, president