

Course Graduations Over 22,000

Our records show that by mid June we had recorded 22,114 course completion certificates which represented 367,483 contact hours with a FIT-trained and certified facilitator. We keep accurate records of every course, individual participant, leaders, dates, etc. so that we can reprint the original certificates or provide a course completion summary for anyone who has completed a course at any of our locations. As to what these locations we have served or are serving, refer to our summary page on our .



As good as our records are, they do not tell the whole story. Due to the length of our courses, generally 9 weeks, and the moving around of our clients, many do not qualify for a certificate and do not get entered into our system. There are probably more of these than the recorded ones. And, our class sizes vary from one to 25 with 6 to 12 the most common. We are a verbally-based curriculum that takes advantage of the small group environment and friendly environment to get our clients to open up and express themselves about things they have never ever talked

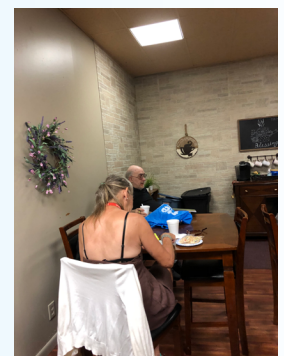
or thought about. We do it in the context of deepening their faith and sharpening their problem solving skills for success in daily living, especially with their interactions with others.

And then there are those who just use our materials on an occasional "mix and match" basis. Each of our nine courses stands alone and focuses on a different aspect of Christian daily living. Some may choose *Anger Dynamics*, our anger management course, or *Practical Parenting* due to case management, child custody, or court concerns. Others may find that our *Dating and Marriage* course fills a need, especially in the current culture where Biblical principles are not practiced, understood, modeled or valued.

One example of our courses being used without being displayed in our data system, at least not yet, is being led by my nephew, Mark Richardson, in his inner-city church in Syracuse, NY. I visited the class this month and was so pleased with how the open discussion was going about the relevant important issues of life they were facing.



Mark Richardson with his family at Destiny Christian Center, Syracuse, NY



Mark Richardson leading the Practical Parenting course at his church.

"I loved the interaction and focus on the issues with this group"- Don Pratt



from the desk of Office Manager Betty ...

Greetings FIT Family Member,

We Pray all is well with you and your Family. Many changes have taken place in our organization in the last year:

Pastor Pratt has worked very hard to update and improve our website. This makes it much more user friendly. We even provide worksheets for all lessons that can be printed and used.

We have added a new book called *Starting Over* and are currently in the process of adding our *Dating & Marriage* book to our existing Spanish collection, which includes *Free to Grow*, *Anger Dynamics* and *Insight*.

You are a very Important part of our Faithful Family of volunteers and givers. We would like to remind you to renew your \$35 dues if you have not already done so. It certainly helps FIT to continue this ministry to others. If it will help, we will discount a second immediate family member's dues to \$15 if they dwell in the same household. This will help keep the cost down for spouses and to encourage them to minister together.

Also, if you do not receive our Monthly Newsletter and would like to, send us your current e-mail and we will be happy to send it to you. Much Love, Blessings, and Prayers, Betty Drawdy.



from the desk of President Don ...

WE NEED YOU BACK!

The institutions which were once closed are now opening up again to volunteers. The COVID pandemic disrupted us all and caused us to be in a position of rebuilding. Many inmates have been moved to new locations where we have no volunteers and many institutions where we were active are not now because we lost our volunteers. We need more volunteers nearly everywhere. If you need encouragement or help in getting back into action, let us know. You can call me at 941.799.4975 and Betty or I will assist you.



Would you like to become a certified FIT facilitator or update your knowledge and skills?

You can join us online on Saturday, August 6 from 9 AM - 4 PM with an hour break at noon. Register and pay on our website at <https://100hour.org/leadertraining1.html>. Click to register in the top black box on the left and click to pay on the right.



from Beverly Shatterly, Southport, NC: I enjoyed this month's newsletter. It was so uplifting.

from Angie Bibler, Bradenton, FL about her *Starting Over* class: Overall, there was a good response from ladies on the course material- comments that the info was helpful. Lots of good discussions and one asking for further help with PTSD/forgiveness that she'd not yet dealt with. One person even drove back over from Lakeland to finish the last two lessons and earn her certificate.