

September/October 2024 Newsletter



God was in the Right Place at the Right Time!

God provided the necessary protection at the right time. This tree (pictured to the left) was sitting immediately north

of the FIT office when Hurricane Helen came through. Its' strong winds blew down this huge limb away from the office. After the hurricane passed, the tree limb was removed before Hurricane Milton came through. Milton's eye passed over the office and blew many of the shingles off the roof. There was no flooding or further tree damage to the office, although there was no power, internet, or phone service for most of a week. The computers, books and printers were unharmed! What would have happened if Milton cam first, or Helene had come closer? Helene cleared that limb before the destructive forces of Milton, which was nothing short of a miracle.

We are also happy to report that although the residences of Don and Betty were without power, phone, or internet, their residences were spared!

Fall Fundraiser Set for November 12

A Fall Fundraiser is set to begin shortly. The all-day event raises money for so many things: 1. mailing and packaging material; 2. creating and purchasing the necessary books, certificates, flyers and other information materials; 3. updating a massive database; 4. providing the hours of labor (mostly of love) in getting all needs taken care of, 5. equipement and programs. Without your support, these things could not be done! Let's all do something to reach those who are mostly unnoticed and underserved. Our president will match up to \$100 for each contribution. Let's break our last fundraiser's grand total of \$8,260!

Contribute and follow us on November. Totals will be given out during the day.

You can find our donation page link on the home page.

Member Spotlight: John Woods Tell us a little about yourself:

I am originally from the Los Angeles, California area. I was not raised in a Christian Home. However, I came to know Christ while in High School through a friend I met during summer vacations in Colorado. After High School, I entered the US Air Force and retired in 2007 after 30 years of Active-Duty Service. In 2008, I began teaching Middle School/High School Social Studies in Escambia County, FL. I was introduced to prison ministry by a friend through the Kairos organization. I am currently the Director of Veterans Student Support Services at Pensacola State College. My education includes a Bachelor of Science in Social Science, a Master of Public Administration, a Specialist in Education and a



Doctor of Education degrees. I am married to Debra Anita. We have 4 Children, 6 Grandchildren, 1 Great Grandchild.

How did you get into FIT?

I was introduced to FIT through Joseph Sheehan while doing prison ministry.

How many years have you been in this ministry?

I have been with FIT, I believe, around 10 years.

What are you doing in the FIT ministry?

I currently serve as a Facilitator in Santa Rosa Correctional Institute and as a Board Member. I am a co-author of the Practical Parenting course. I just accepted the chair position of the Recruitment Committee.

Why are you still in FIT?

I believe in the Mission of FIT. I enjoy facilitating the courses and I have seen Christ change lives through this ministry.

Any future FIT plans?

I would like to continue to be used by Christ through FIT in whatever capacity God allows me to serve.

If you would like to become a member of the Recruitment Committee, please contact John through his email account.

Membership Anniversaries		
Name	Anniversary Date	Years
Helen Campbell	September 13, 2007	17 Years
George Nowling, Jr.	October 6, 2018	6 Years
Gary Ensign	October 15, 2016	8 Years
John Woods	October 18, 2014	10 Years