



The Ocala Team

Six Trained for Ministry at the Florida Women's Reception Center.

Six enthusiastic people completed the FIT Training Course in Ocala, FL on January 9. Trained and ready to go, by the end of the day they had already begun planning for starting classes for the inmates at FWRC. Standing from left to right are FIT Trainer and Board Member Ellie Larson, Chaplain Jerry Moews, John Sipes, and FIT Board Member Suzanne Wilson.

In the front row from left to right are Linda Norman, Marcia Ricks, Joyce Gilpin, and Margie Sipes. The group spent most of the time role-playing the Anger Dynamics course, as well as the new Practical Parenting and updated Financial courses. Dating and Marriage and Insight were also reviewed. The total FIT program emphasizes many aspects of life-skills development.



FIT WANTS YOU TO JOIN US FOR EFFECTIVE MINISTRY

Positions Available	Facilitators in prisons, jails, recovery houses, community centers, churches, and schools.
Salary	Nothing. You pay your own expenses plus \$25/year membership dues.
Benefits	Filling a needed niche for the hurting and forgotten people of the world.
Location	Anywhere. We will train you anywhere and support you anywhere. Minister six months of the year in Florida and six months in Michigan. No problem.
Training	Next training is on February 6 in Bradenton, FL. Go to our website and click on "Leader Training"
Technical Support	Beginners may want to team up with one of our experienced facilitators to get started.
Material Support	Free professional-grade course books and custom-made certificates for your clients and classes as funds permit.
Ministry	Our staff can help you set up ministry opportunities anywhere even if you are unsure of how to start or who to contact.

HAPPENINGS...

Board Member Joe Johnsick is working with the GEO prison group to set up FIT classes nationwide. Joe will travel anywhere in the country to do this. He is not paid and pays his own expenses. Travel support from either hosts or from designated donations are appreciated. Currently, Joe is working with two prisons in the Lake Okeechobee area and two in the Florida Panhandle area. Joe has agreed to head up the new Pioneering Committee to be presented at the next Board Meeting.



Board Member and Founder Ed White will be working with an inmate at Zephyrhills Correctional to certify him as a “peer facilitator”. Peer facilitators graduate from the complete program as a client, receive mentoring from a FIT trainer, and obtain recommendations from the officials of their facility. They then work with the local chaplain to conduct classes, and to order materials and certificates of completion. Ed and **Board Member Fred DeMouey** will also be going to Tallahassee, FL this month to present in a case before the Florida Clemency Board. On their way they will do groundwork in setting up classes in prisons new to FIT.



Board Member Joe Sheehan has agreed to head up the new Curriculum Committee if adopted at the next board meeting. Joe and **Board Members John Woods and Don Pratt** rewrote the former Parenting 101 course. The new course is called *Practical Parenting*. It has nine two-hour lessons for a total of 18 hours. Joe has also begun work on a new course called *Reality, Repentance, and Restoration*.



Board Member Ted Gaines continues his work at the DeSoto Correctional Institution in Arcadia, FL and the Charlotte Correctional Institution in Punta Gorda, FL, and he needs help. These facilities are within reasonable driving distance for facilitators from Bradenton-Sarasota, Ft. Myers, Lakeland, and South-Central Florida. If you can help, please call Ted at 239-771-4924. Ted will train and mentor you if needed.



Board Members Don Pratt, Ellie Larson, and Suzanne Wilson continue to upgrade the accountability and client-reporting systems used with courts, officers, and judges. The local group in Bradenton, FL meet monthly to improve facilitation in the “Thursday night program”. Four different courses are concurrently offered by a team of up to a dozen facilitators in the classroom annex of Journey Assembly of God.



Board Member Donald Carter is lead pastor of Journey Assembly of God and provides support and encouragement. The church contributes to FIT as a missions project, buys all the books that facilitators from the church use, and leases office space for \$1 per year. -More board member profiles next issue.-

