



December 2017 Newsletter

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Eleven New Facilitators Trained in November

6 in North Carolina



Cheryl Grayson, Samantha Hayes, Holly Mendenhall-Spencer, Hannah Menacof, Clint Menacof, Allie Green, Helen Campbell

Cathy McIlroy, Nena Halsey, Roxanne Powell, Colette Jay, and LeiLani Michaux

5 in Florida



North Carolina

Friday, November 10, was a special day in Sylva, North Carolina. Six future facilitators joined together to be trained to use the FIT curriculum. This curriculum will be used at the Life Challenge Women’s Recovery Home in Sylva. The center is a year-long program for women who are trying to recover from substance and other life controlling problems. Some come voluntarily, others are appointed by the legal system. During the year-long program, they have little to no contact with outside influences. They are required to spend most of their day in classes, prayer, and private devotions. This is where the FIT curriculum is a perfect match for their program. The systematic presentation of scripture, combined with life skill training gives them a well grounded, Christ – centered blueprint for life. Thank you to the staff of Life Challenge for an excellent day of training. Helen Campbell

“It was great to be doing the facilitator training again. Everyone was very impressed with the material”.

Florida

This very special group of ladies met at FIT headquarters in Bradenton to join our family of facilitators. Cathy, at left, traveled all the way from the Orlando area so that she could be part of our already established program at the Orange County Jail. This is a large jail with 3,000 inmates. Next to her, Nena, has already started “on the job training” by co-facilitating at the Learn to Fish Women’s Recovery Center. All three of the ladies to the right of her plan to start doing the same soon. Each is currently studying a different FIT course in preparation for future ministry. All four of the local residents are also potential candidates for facilitating at the Manatee County Jail. We are very pleased with the enthusiasm and dedication of these ladies and glad to have them on board. Don Pratt

Merry Christmas to All

As Christians, we are the most blessed by this joyous season. We wish everyone God’s richest blessings and peace as we celebrate and show our giving spirit. Would you consider helping us in our **12 Days of Christmas** campaign with a generous one-time gift of **\$25** or more or monthly support of **\$25**? Our goal is **12** gifts of each type by **December 12**. Your gift makes it possible for us to continue the services that we have been providing since 2006. Instructions:

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Dear friends at FIT headquarters,

The curriculum overview for *Change of Heart* looks wonderful! I have so enjoyed facilitating the course “*Dating and Marriage*” for the women in Polk County Jail’s faith-based program. I’m richer for this opportunity, and I’ve seen such encouraging enlightenment and change as we’ve worked through the weeks. I’d like to experience facilitating other courses in the FIT program if only for my benefit! But like you, my heart is to see many lives changed for the glory of The One to whom glory is due, and see how that spreads to families, communities, regions..... Hallelujah!

The women will complete our ninth week class next Wednesday, and I understand I’m scheduled after that to return to teaching straight Bible classes, which I also treasure. If another FIT class opportunity is offered at a good time in our family schedule, I’m there! In the meantime, my husband and I are part of a ministry here

In Winter Haven, Cloud by Day Missions, that includes a men’s half-way house. It would be exciting to employ the FIT curriculum in our program. We already have the Authentic Manhood series in progress once a week for our Restoration House residents as well as the community. I know our men open up so much more to men leaders, and that’s as it should be. Since only I (a woman) received your training at Central County Jail in Bartow this past summer, what steps should we take to take advantage of your excellent resource, and help men desiring transformation progress towards godliness? I’m very excited about the possibilities!

Thank you, gentlemen, and all those who’ve supported you in any way, for developing the FIT curriculum. May God be greatly glorified in and through your obedience!

Sincerely, Jennifer Wilson

received October 2017 in response to the October Newsletter

received from Jennifer Wilson on November 6 in response to the November Newsletter.

Dear friends at FIT, this is so exciting! I’m hoping I will be allowed to lead the *Coping with the Losses of Life* course soon at Central County Jail in Bartow. I’ll be asking Linda Houghton about this. Our sessions in the *Dating and Marriage* lessons opened eyes and hearts to the life-changing truth of God’s design for husbands and wives. One could see and hear the ah-has increasing every week, and we’ve been able to revisit and build upon the lessons even though we finished the official course and the workbooks have been removed. Although the hurricane interrupted our class rhythm by three weeks, I could see God’s plan in that the ladies were moved temporarily from the faith-based housing to another dorm that included inmates from general population. We instantly had new classmates, and it was fabulous to note their interest!

God has truly anointed you to develop this comprehensive tool as evidenced by inmates’ engagement and responses week to week and through various testimonies. I look forward to using more FIT materials, promoting them everywhere I can, and to our own men’s restoration ministry implementing these excellent resources. I also anticipate getting to know your ministry team better in the coming days. Thank you! Jenni Wilson, Cloud by Day Missions, Winter Haven, FL, 863-307-8151.

Thank you, Jenni, for your report and enthusiasm for our program. It is gratifying to see you putting it to work so soon after your training.