

FOUR LEADER TRAININGS IN MAY AND JUNE



WEST PALM BEACH, FL One thing that I've learned over the years: never get upset if God changes our plans. When the leaders at Trinity United Methodist Church in West Palm Beach asked for another leader training session, it was exciting to make the plans to meet these precious people and get them on their way in an outreach of their church for restoration ministry. God had different plans. The training was postponed from March to May. It was disappointing, but God's timing is always perfect. Because the training was postponed, there were numerous people who could not make the training in March but it worked out perfectly for them in May. There were also individuals who traveled from Belle Glade as well as Miami. When you know God is directing your efforts, it always makes our training so much more effective.

Nine participants meet to enjoy the day together going through the curriculum and learning the role of facilitators. Trinity United Methodist hospitality ladies provided an excellent lunch to add to the day of fellowship, learning, and sharing together. Thank you Pastor Davis, Donna Ross, and all those who made this day a total success.

We look forward to hearing of the lives that will be changed as time goes on.

-Helen Campbell, FIT Trainer

ST. AUGUSTINE, FL Greater Love Ministry in St. Augustine was the site of the May 18 training. This was an exciting session with 17 leader-graduates. Some participants traveled all across the state from West Florida to attend. Ministries and people represented included, the Santa Rosa Correctional Institution, many from the hosting institution a US Navy instructional designer, a person with a J.D. from New York University, a long-time church worker from Glad Tidings Church in Bronx, NY, and church officials and pastors.

-Elena Bozzi, FIT Trainer

BRADENTON, FL

The June 15 session in Bradenton was very productive! This dedicated group represented a wide variety of ministries, as is typical with FIT volunteers. They join FIT to enhance their own ministries and make them stronger. They like the collaborative efforts, structure, support, and the research and effort to provide the most effective materials to meet the huge task of improving the lives of clients. Ministries represented were homeless services at Turning Points of Manatee County; Celebrate Recovery; New Creation Ministries of Harvest Baptist Church in Orlando, FL; Women Encouraging Women, Bradenton, FL; Christian Retreat Family Church, Bradenton, FL; and the Manatee County Jail, Palmetto, FL.



-Don Pratt, FIT Trainer

BROOKSVILLE, FL

Saturday June 15th training went with such a blessing. We had 10 people present for the training. All but two were from Grace World Outreach Church. One gentleman is a student of Global University, a part of the Assemblies of God ministerial courses. One person came from Jericho Road Ministries in Brooksville, FL. The other trainees will be volunteers facilitating at



Hernando Correctional Institute (state prison for women) in Spring Hill, FL. Two weeks ago I had a chance to meet with the new Chaplain there with groups from other ministries. I was given the opportunity to share about FIT. I am very excited in how FIT is growing everywhere and being accepted with the favor of God. I am trusting all our facilitators be filled with the Holy Spirit. They deserve a great applause for all they do and will do for those who are incarcerated. Thank you, Don and Paul, for the new Anger Dynamics course. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon (us), because He has anointed (us) to preach the Gospel to the poor. He has sent (us) to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives. And to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." Luke 4:18-19. This is what FIT is all about. Amen!

-Elena Bozzi, FIT Trainer