

Four More Trained in Florida Panhandle

Enthusiasm was high for the second successful training at the **Harvest Vineyard Mission** in just a few months. Harvest Vineyard is a recovery house for those who have fallen on hard times and need a place to get themselves together. The ministry recently purchased a former state prison property and operates halfway houses, one for men and one for women. This is the first community-based effort by FIT in the Panhandle area and we are very excited about the opportunities. Interest is high in the area, and yet another training may be necessary to create ministries for people who are wanting them.

Board Member Beverly Shatterly reports four graduations in the region in the last quarter and two more are near. Graduations are at Okaloosa Correctional Institution, Crestview, FL; Jackson Correctional Institute, Malone, FL; Blackwater River Facility, Milton, FL. This involves ten regular facilitators and three peer (inmate) facilitators who have been specially trained. Beverly is also networking with local churches to encourage them and assist in extending their ministries into the local prisons.

Caryville, FL



from left to right are Patricia Powers, Nicholas King, Ann Upp, Jeffrey Upp, and FIT Trainer Beverly Shatterly.

Lakeland, FL



Back row, left to right: Dellana Reeves, Jeanette Phillips, Olivia Gracik, Rachel Stephens, Davis Ramsey, Calvin Brown, and Ellie Larson.
Front row: Nick Cassista, Galinda Fleming, Ann Comeau, Darnetha Flowers, Jessica Cassista, and Kathy Barthelemy.

Twelve New Leaders in Lakeland, FL

Lighthouse Ministries Inc. was the gracious host of our Leader Training session in Lakeland, FL. This ministry has a men's and a women's residential center and has been using the FIT program since 2012. Most of the attendees of this session were there to supplement their already-active team. The Men's Center has seen 171 course graduations and the Women's 162.

Also in attendance were persons from the **Zoe's Journey** women's residential center. Zoe's Journey has been using the curriculum since 2011 and has seen 338 course completions.

Jails, too. Beverly Shatterly also reports that besides the new residential-house ministries in her area, FIT has implemented its program into the Walton County Jail. In the past fifteen months, there have been 46 course graduations recorded there as well as 828 contact-hours. They have graduating classes every quarter.

This brings the number of jails served to eight. The others are located in the Florida cities of Key West, Naples, Ft. Myers, Sarasota, Palmetto, Land O Lakes, and Bartow.

For more information on how to start a jail ministry, contact the office at 941.799.4975.

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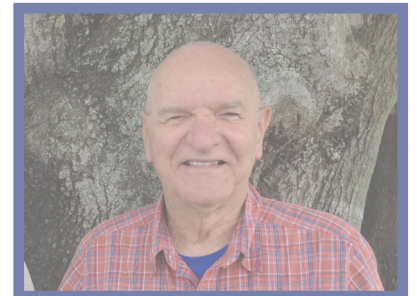
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Indiana? Jail?

Yes, that's right. FIT materials have been sent to **Patricia Carnahan** to facilitate at the county jail in Sullivan, IN. Patricia lives in Lake Wales, FL for part of the year and in Indiana for the other part. While in Florida, she works with the Polk County Jail in Bartow. Patricia is new to the FIT family. She was trained by FIT founder **Ed White** on January 30 of this year. Those of us that know Ed know that he is a very godly and humble man. He loves to set up ministries for others and we just love his motto: "there are no big I's and little you's" in FIT. We are proud to carry on his vision.

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Ed White

FIT is not a one-man show. We are men. We are women. We are people who have never been in trouble - and people who have. We are young, and we are old. What binds us together is the love that God has for us and consequently, the love we have for people. Collectively, we are people of many talents and we network to accomplish our goals.

We are family

Next Leader Training is Saturday, August 6 in Bradenton, FL