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FIT AT THE ORLANDO RESCUE MISSION



HELEN CAMPBELL, LEFT, WITH THE DEDICATED WORKERS AT THE ORLANDO RESCUE MISSION

Thursday, February 21st, 2013, was an exciting day at the Orlando Rescue Mission. Twelve faculty members of this Rescue Mission Organization came together for training to be facilitators to the residents of this ministry. The enthusiasm and excitement began the day and continued throughout the day as we discussed the training modules, group dynamics, communication issues, and conflict resolution. The overall day was a success as each one participated in hands-on training to become well-equipped facilitators. Thank you, Orlando Rescue Mission, for the ministry you give to those who come through your doors. In the words of one of their residents, "she isn't homeless; she is just houseless as she has a home at the Mission".

- Helen R. Campbell, FIT Facilitator Trainer

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FIT IN NEW PLACES

At right is a photo of Board Member Joe Moore representing FIT locally at the Manatee County Missions Convention sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Palmetto, FL. The church moved this annual event to the fairgrounds as representation grew to over 100 agencies. Since FIT is scattered about Florida and beyond, it is necessary to recruit volunteers and obtain funds from each geographical area served.



Joe Moore's church, for example, is gracious enough to help him out with the cost of the books for his classes. In Lakeland, Ed White gets donations from his Sunday School class. Generous donations also come in from churches and individuals. It takes all the efforts like this from all over to keep FIT operating.

FIT continues to expand in areas of previous trainings and ground work. The past year has seen first-time graduations at Ave Maria Preparatory School, Myakka City, FL; DeSoto Correctional Institution, Arcadia, FL; Harvest House Transitional Center, Sarasota, FL; Collier County Jail, Naples, FL; Lowell Reception Center, Ocala, FL; Hardee Correctional Institution, Bowling Green, FL; Lighthouse Men's Center, Lakeland, FL; Lighthouse Women's Center, Lakeland, FL; Franklin Correctional Institute, Carrabelle, FL; Jackson Correctional Institution and Jackson Work Camp, Malone, FL. In the same time period, three new Rescue Mission operations have been added and leaders trained.



Pictures at the top and right courtesy of Carol Fox. She is the wife of the director of the **Panama City Rescue Mission**. The man addressing the group is Mr. Fox, director of the Mission.



At left is Helen Campbell's group in late September at **The Lighthouse** in Lakeland, FL. Since training these leaders, there have been 27 course graduation certificates issued at this facility (Women's Center) since January 10, 2013. The Men's Center has been issued 39 certificates since the end of August. Altogether, the two centers represent over 1,000 contact hours with clients! Expand **your** ministry with FIT. Go to www.100hour.org for training schedule.