



# September 2009 Newsletter [www.100hour.org](http://www.100hour.org)

## Where did the July and August Issues Go?

We have not gone anywhere. July and August were just incredibly busy and we were not able to get out the newsletter as usual. First, there was the preparing of our 501.c.3 application. This took about 100 hours (no pun) of preparation time. We are still waiting for approval. We will probably not hear anything definite until the new year. Secondly, we had an unusually heavy volume of activity over the summer. Praise God! We are looking forward to the new possibilities that will open to us as we make the adjustments.

## First Annual Fundraiser slated for Saturday, October 3

Florida Integrity Training Inc., is hosting a fundraiser to provide printed materials for its rehabilitation program.



The fundraiser will be held on Saturday, October 3, at 6:00 P.M. at the Sahib Shrine Center 600 N. Beneva Road in Sarasota, FL. It includes dinner, music, speakers, and auctions. Registration is \$50 per person or \$400 for a table of 8.

Proceeds of ticket sales will pay for event costs. Proceeds of donations from churches and individuals will be applied to programs closest to their area.

### MENU

**Chicken Cordon Bleu**  
**Butter Crumb Tilapia**  
**Prime Rib of Beef (carved to order)**  
**Choice of potato or rice**  
**Choice of vegetables**  
**Rolls/butter**  
**Dessert (Chef's choice)**  
**Coffee/iced Tea**

*Register online at [www.100hour.org](http://www.100hour.org) or make a donation!*

### Donate Online

Donations to our ministry can now be made online at [www.100hour.org](http://www.100hour.org). Our main expense and major obstacle to expansion is providing free lesson books for each inmate or client in our groups. Our clients cannot afford them, and our groups are not very successful without them. We have tried without books, and it did not work. The lack of books discouraged participation by both facilitators and group members. We do not encourage photocopying loose pages. We feel that our intense program is effective and worth the effort of raising the funds so that the incarcerated, homeless, and needy have their own personal, high-quality books to write in.

### New Dating and Marriage Unit in Progress

Dr. Pratt is currently writing a 9 lesson series written especially for the incarcerated, homeless, and needy. It will emphasize basic Biblical truths that we want our clients to know in this special area that trips up so many. The nine tentative lessons are Sex, Love, Husbands, Wives, Submission, Fighting Fair, Commitment, Selfishness, and Unequally Yoked. The first three lessons have already been written.

### Testimonies, Testimonies, Testimonies

Here are some happenings reported to us within the last few weeks. In the third lesson of **Insight**, a guard asked our facilitator to talk privately. Our facilitator led this person to the Lord. The person reporting this to us said "isn't Insight amazing!". An inmate was so impressed with the **Anger** unit that he wrote an elaborate thank you and testimony about the effect it had on his life. A number of people have decided to kick out their unmarried roommates and wait until marriage as a result of our pilot **Dating and Marriage** course. Our Parenting and Anger courses continue to be accepted for parole and supervision requirements as well as to regain the custody of children.

### A Message from President Don Pratt



Our records show that nearly 1,100 individuals have completed one of our units in the last year and a half. This represents over 15,000 student-hours of intense group interaction in 175 group sessions. None of this would be possible without incredible sacrifice by a large number of volunteers. Everyone in our organization is a volunteer right now. We even volunteer our own expenses and sometimes the materials needed for our own classes.

What can a person do to help us in our efforts? We have chosen the labor-intensive and formal-materials approach because it is effective. In so doing we face special challenges. It is hard to find the volunteers who will submit to the training required and to the rigor of a 5 to 12-week commitment. Our clients need the practical life skills training we bring. They need the interaction with us that we provide as well as the development of their problem solving and decision making skills which are based on faith and God's word. We could never do what we do without God's help and the help of our now-large community of 280 trained leaders, our sponsors, and our network of host institutions.

Here are some ways you can help:

- 😊 **become a volunteer** (go to [www.100hour.org](http://www.100hour.org) for training schedule),
- 😊 make a **cash donation** (see website), 😊 **donate an item** for our upcoming auction,
- 😊 attend our **fundraiser**, 😊 **pray for us** (our program is not any good without volunteers, we do not just pass out printed materials for clients to read on their own), and
- 😊 **pray for favor** with the institutions that we would minister in. There are many obstacles.