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Free Inside Newsletter

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Questionnaires.

At the end of every course we try and get feed back from participants by giving out a questionnaire containing 14 questions. Here is a selection of answers from the Fall courses, to some of the questions, from both men and women who attended our courses.

Why did you sign up for the course?

I wanted to learn about Christianity.

I wanted to know more about Jesus

I am hungry to know more about Christ.

I wanted to have a better understanding of the Bible.

What is the major impact Alpha has had on your life?

It opened my mind to Jesus

It has influenced my life to dedicate myself to God the Father, Jesus my Savior and the Holy Spirit.

It gave me a desperate desire to live a better life for God.

Showed me how to get a closer relationship with God.

When sins are confessed they are forgiven.

That God forgives all my sins.

What changes will you make because of Alpha?

To give myself more to God.

Read the Bible daily; attend church and Bible study weekly.

My past behavior and how I speak to people.

I plan to attend church . . . and change my thinking.

To live my life for God.

To learn more and seek answers from God in the Bible.

Do you have any other comments about the course?

I felt loved, not condemned.

Please come back!!!!

It was totally awesome and encouraging.

More prayer time.

I thank the volunteers because they showed me that someone really cares.

Stick to the topic in the discussion groups.

I like it as it is.

Another wrote this moving comment at the end of his questionnaire: *"Seeing the love of God in all the volunteers, in the way they are determined to visit, teach and share with us prisoners. To see that people still care for us, considering that we are outcasts to every one."*

Spring Courses.

Our Spring Courses begin in February; we have a full load at Bergin, York and Gates. Please pray for the volunteers and for the participants, especially that there will be a good sign up for each course. We will be offering both Alpha I and Alpha II, "A life Worth Living."

Team Leaders.

Praise God for answered prayer in regard to the need for team leaders to take some of the load from me. Five of our volunteers have each agreed to lead one of the courses this spring. I hope that this will free me for more development work, such as training new volunteers, speaking in churches about the work and seeking new prison openings.

Connecticut Prison Workers Conference.

Our Spring Conference is set for April 9th at First Baptist Church, Manchester, CT. I have confirmation from Morris Webster a veteran prison evangelist working in New York and New Jersey as keynote speaker. He is an ex-offender jailed in the '80s for Mafia related crimes.

Thank you.

I want to thank all of you who have supported the work of Free Inside financially during 2004. Our treasurer will be sending out your giving records for your taxes before the end of January.

Sincerely,

Peter.

For Christ and His Kingdom.