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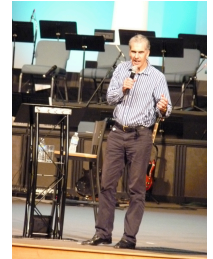
## Alpha Americas Conference Edition

### Alpha's impact on the Americas

*"May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth." Psalm 67:4*

The first biennial Alpha Americas Conference was held June 21 - 26 at Calvary Church, Naperville, Illinois. 2500 conference attendees travelled from all over North America, Central America, South America and the Caribbean. They came from many denominations, each bringing their own expressions of the Christian faith and culture that enriched us all. Simultaneous translation was provided in Spanish, Portuguese, and French. We all worshipped, learned, and shared together.

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### Those new to Alpha learned the Principles and Practicalities of

- how to start Alpha
- how to run Alpha
- how to attract guests to their courses

### Those with Alpha Experience learned

- how to improve their courses
- how to build their leadership team
- how to attract guests from beyond their church membership
- how to integrate the values of Alpha into church life

### A great variety of topics

Each day there were breakout sessions on a wide variety of topics, such as:

- Church planting with Alpha
- Alpha for Latinos in North America
- Global Alpha Training (GAT) this involves churches sending Alpha teams to foreign countries for the purpose of training locals to use Alpha
- How to improve your weekend away

*And much, much more*

### Alpha Speciality Courses

Alpha offers numerous specialty courses, such as:

- Alpha for prisons and re-entry
- Alpha for the military
- Alpha in the workplace
- Alpha on Campus
- Youth Alpha
- Alpha for Catholics
- Alpha in a multicultural setting
- ESOL Alpha - Alpha for English speakers of other languages.

*The Marriage course and the soon to be released Parenting course*



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### Free Inside News

- Seven, possibly nine, new volunteers soon to come on board
- Additional courses to start at Brooklyn Correctional Institution
- New England Alpha for Prisons & re-entry Spring 2011 Conference in the planning stage with both Paul and Jack Cowley as featured speakers
- Keep up to date by visiting [www.free-inside.com](http://www.free-inside.com) and the Free Inside Facebook page



### Pray for

- A powerful work of the Holy Spirit in transforming the lives of every participant in our Fall programs
- A daily filling of the Holy Spirit in myself & all of our volunteers
- New Volunteers
- Planning and preparation for the Fall & the New England Alpha for Prisons & re-entry Spring 2011 Conference
- I am still editing and trying to improve our handouts given to course participants.