

NewLife Behavior International Spring Roundup

2009 has been very busy for NLBI. By April all of my seminars, *Transforming Behavior*, were finished until the fall; we had trained and certified 414 NLBI instructors in ten countries: South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, Nigeria, Russia, Philippines, Mexico, Honduras, South Korea and Ecuador. The summer was to be equally busy...



Friday Adima (right) with Nigerian Students



Four seminar graduates

2009: A Fruitful Summer

This summer was spent raising funds for 2010 expenses, building partnerships and sharpening our tools...

April 8: I had lunch with Gary Bingham an elder of the Saturn Road Church of Christ, and Ray Hooper. Gary surprised me by beginning the conversation with the question of how the Saturn Road congregation could help with the NLBI effort.

May 3: Nancy and I placed our membership at the Saturn Road Church of Christ, in Garland, Texas.

May 22: Bill Rudd, Steve Jordan and I drove to Abilene to visit with Kit Carson Mullins, director of World Bible School. The purpose was to determine if WBS wanted to partner with NLBI on their web-based program – there was great interest! Needless to say, we are excited.

June 10-14: Buck Griffith, president of NewLife Behavior Ministry (USA activities), invited US instructors to Corpus Christi for a training seminar. Two hundred eighty-nine attendees from 15 states shared ideas and activities that work in reconciling individuals to God, family and community.



Hillery & Buck



Steve & Carrie Hadley

Reconciling men and women to God, their families and society

June 14-August 23: Fifteen adults from the Saturn Road congregation met with me to study the *Personal Transformation* seminar. Each one became a certified NLBI instructor with the rewarding part being that each graduate had a project in which they will use some of the curriculum.



glasses. Later Friday studied with 74 inmates and three families of inmates. This resulted in nine more baptisms!



Friday Adima—Dirt Floor & Laptop!

July 25: On my return trip from North Carolina, I met with Alsoha and Masha Pronin of St. Petersburg, Russia. They live in Lexington, Kentucky so that Alosha can earn an advanced degree in economics. Alosha and I became friends in 2001 when he helped me with traveling from Tomsk to Barnaul, Russia. They studied NLB lessons on the website, and recently began translating the questions and answers of the Russian NLB version to make an online course.



The entire month of July was special for Friday Adima in Nigeria. Many Abia prisoners attended his NLB lesson “Why Did I Do That?” Most of the prisoners stated that they were with the wrong group and just went along. Through the lesson and Scriptures they were able to find solutions – six were baptized. At that time Kay Price, a nurse, gave free medical treatment to 96 prisoners and 5 wardens. Her husband, Bob, brought in Bibles, pens, booklets and reading



Alsoha & Masha Pronin

Reconciling men and women to God, their families and society

August 4: This day will “live in infamy” for me; I had day surgery on a torn meniscus in my left kneecap. Since that date, I have suffered severe pain from a blood clot and blood inside my kneecap. This trauma has caused me to find others to do my seminars: John Dickmann of Tulsa went to Donetsk, Ukraine; Friday Adima of Abia, Nigeria went to Kenya, and Gambia and Louis Gerber of Benoni, South Africa went to Capetown. By being unable to go myself, others went – this simply strengthens our ministry. *(Romans 8:28 still works!)*



Hillery & John Dickmann

August 9: The NLBI Trustees met for their quarterly meeting and new officers were elected to a three-year term, beginning in January 2010.



Lyndah Drum

Lyndah Drum will be chairperson, Thurman Alexander will be vice-chairman, Bonny Green and Ken Sewell will continue their respective roles as secretary and treasurer. The Trustees are so grateful to James Ard for his unselfish service as he leaves his position as chairman – Lyndah has a magnificent example to follow.

August 10: Bill Rudd and Ray Hooper accompanied me on a presentation to Mission Resources Network about our instructor training seminar and our Responsive Teaching Model. Bob Waldron, Phil Jackson and Lanny Tucker heard our presentation. October 19-21 has been reserved for me to train their staff in our curriculum and responsive method of sharing the gospel.

August 12: I had the opportunity to explain the NLB curriculum to Clint Bunch of the Highland Oaks congregation. He is interested in sending the materials to an Asian country for its use in building strong families. His committee has discovered that many new converts need help in changing their past behaviors and NLBI can serve a vital function in that area.

August 17: David Campbell invited me to a luncheon with Ray Hooper, Richard Baggett and George Miller of Eastern European Missions. Richard gave a report on his trip to Donetsk, Ukraine where he met Anatoly Kluchev, who works with the NLB curriculum in the Donetsk prisons. EEM has blessed Anatoly and NLBI by offering to print the NLB lessons for Anatoly. Richard stated that NLBI will be one of EEM’s partners. *Thanks, EEM!*

Bill Rudd, director of our NLBI Golf Tournament, along with Chairman David Alexander, has been successful in procuring the Waterview Golf Center for our next event to be held on April 17, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. For information, please contact Bill at Brudd001@tx.rr.com or 214-403-2121.

August 31: Robert Taylor, associate minister at the Waterview Church of Christ, finished the 13 video lessons on Course II, *A Sense of Family*. The videos will be uploaded to the www.nlbi.net website by October 15. Thank you, Robert, for volunteering your services.



Robert Taylor

Also in late August, the Saturn Road elders made the decision to invest in the NLBI instructor seminars for foreign missionaries.

September 16: Bill Rudd and I met with the Waterview elders and mission committee to update them on NLBI activities both stateside and internationally.



Bill Rudd

September 19: Wayne McReynolds, associate minister/office administrator and director of the *North Texas Equipping The Saint's Workshop*, invited me to make one devotional presentation and two classroom presentations on the NLBI ministry.



DD Coleman & Larry Bowditch

Future Activities:

- I go to Vienna, Austria the first two weeks in November to teach at the International University. (Ken Sewell will teach half of the course online.) Fifty students are enrolled for our first class.
- Following that I go to India for two weeks to offer our instructor training seminar in cities where Jacob Chukka and Ray Hooper have made arrangements.
- In 2010, I am scheduled to do training seminars in Honduras, Mexico and Ecuador.

Thank you for reading this newsletter and praying for NLBI's success!

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