

FMM has gone International!

2017 started with FMM's first international trip to Guatemala and what a joy it was!!! Thank you for your prayers. The Lord definitely prepared the hearts and minds of the participants to receive the work of this ministry. FMM is so grateful for your prayers and generous support of this work. Thank you for helping us start 2017 well, praise the Lord! Don't forget, please read the Praises and Prayer Requests ([Click here](#)). I'm stepping into a new season embracing the Lord as my "Papa". This is a new concept for me. I've never used an affectionate term with my step father...

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Update by Month

January

I spent a lot of time rehearsing the timings for the Guatemala training. As I practiced I felt that this was the best flow of the material that I have had yet. Being able to produce the [L.I.F.E. Recovery Model](#) and [Reflective Listening](#) videos has freed up a lot of time during the two day training and has made reinforcing these principles easier long after the training is over. All Glory to God!! I am beyond words to express the favor of God over the entire Guatemala trip. Both the training and the development of Kingdom friendships are set to bear fruit that remains! I spoke slowly and they understood completely (praise the Lord)!! The Holy Spirit was evident in their comprehension. Due to slower than normal speech and a few reschedulings we were unable to cover the LRM as much as I'd liked, but we hope for a return visit.

There is talk about more training and equipping of these wonderful people. We were united in the love of the Lord and the desire to bring freedom to captives. May God be praised!!



Hey join me in a shout out of gratefulness to God for Dawn Coulter, my Confidante! Dawn was so encouraging and gracious to travel with me. Dear God bless her abundantly, she even funded her own way! We were covered with the favor of God with flight upgrades, no health issues and sweet kindness from start to finish. God's eternal plans for Guatemala are evident. We were even able to sight see around Antigua a bit and enjoy an authentic Guatemalan dinner! (Thank you Francis and Fabulous Ana 😊) [Click thru the pictures at right. THANK YOU for praying!](#)

The last weekend of January called for a trip to Florida for GOHTTF's and Florida Abolitionist's 9th Annual HT Awareness Day in Orlando. E4HI's Clinical Director, Rachel Russell and I were able to attend a meeting with speaker Carol Robles-Román of Legal Momentum. Ms. Román was lead prosecutor for the recent Backpage case. Our meeting provided an opportunity to present restorative justice principles for buyers' schools, which was well received, and potentially opened future doors informing judiciary. During the Awareness Day event, Rachel and I presented public workshops explaining E4HI's approach to Demand Reduction. A bonus during this trip came when we learned that E4HI has been approved by Florida's Department of Corrections – a major praise since there were seemingly long delays. Thank you for praying! January closed with wonderful visits with Florida friends, boy I have missed them!!

February



It's the simple things in life, eh? Upgrading to a new phone for less on your monthly bill, gotta love that. Waiting for two years was worth it, but the last commode drop was what did it in, lol. Early February also brought news of Seminole County placing E4HI on its approved program list. Now, we are ready to launch! We've scheduled our location and May 20th is the date (God willing) that is if there are arrests/referrals to accommodate 8-15 in the group. Worst case it's rescheduled for the next month.

As we ramp up to launch, E4HI's leadership has increased to weekly phone meetings which is both exciting and beneficial.

FMM presented in Chattanooga at the Woodland Park Baptist Church Mission Conference. I am always encouraged when FMM's ministry is well received. I am especially grateful to have been able to speak directly to Dr. Charles Price, the keynote speaker. Dr. Price's 2012 Moody Founder's Week message on prayer ministered to me greatly and profoundly changed my perspective. I had questions that the Lord allowed an opportunity to



discuss along with a bonus reply on matters which were unspoken. Just got to love the Lord's orchestration! FMM's website was down mid-February. Praise the Lord for online IT help. For a long time I've been seeking website help for matters that pop up. With this service I've not only learned a lot about managing the site (although I was reluctant to handle this initially), I'm grateful now for the experience, understanding and the ability to do it myself. We closed February with a gracious donor giving the ministry a new lightweight Dell Latitude laptop! Hooray, less weight to carry on trips, thank you God!!

March

[L.I.F.E. Recovery International](#) has reached out to [Freedom In Christ – Guatemala!](#) Please pray through their ability to distribute L.I.F.E. Recovery Guides in Central and South America to bring freedom to those struggling with sexual addiction and all addictive behaviors.

A passionate participant of February's CCAHT meeting expressed a desire to educate the community on what can be done about human trafficking. Our conversation was fruitful; they viewed FMM's statistics video and have scheduled a kickoff presentation to their congregation April 2nd> Let's pray this is the first of many! Another encouragement came from a highly recommended Richmond University counselor who expressed interest in becoming an E4HI Facilitator and also provided other alumni connections to further efforts on Atlanta's campus as well.

In mid-March I attended the 2017 kickoff meeting of the Georgia Human Trafficking Task Force in Atlanta. Our Demand Reduction Workgroup decided to continue building on previous work with businesses enhancing prior year projects. Due to the success of the 2016 Corporate Lunch N Learn, in 2017 we will build on our human resources project with [BEST Alliance](#) and combine efforts with [Alliance for Freedom, Restoration, and Justice Inc.](#) (AFRJ) to host another fall Lunch N Learn connecting more Atlanta businesses with AFRJ's comprehensive network of local and nationwide vetted organizations that provide services to train, mobilize and match the like-minded abilities and interests.

During our meeting I expressed concern that the DR Workgroup was morphing into a (although needed) Business and Commerce workgroup and veering away from a front line demand reduction emphasis. I stated my desire for the workgroup to consider capturing data on societal attitudes and actions that fuel sex trafficking for the purposes of creating a platform to interrupt society's cycle and reduce its hypersexualized appetite. I firmly believe it is time to confront society (in a digestible way) with its sexual appetite and the empirical data on the psychological, neurological, biological and social aspects of buying and selling sex. One cannot have its cake and eat it too without getting fat... I hold out for this to become 2018's DR project.

Update by Initiative

Making a Difference in our Generation

Forgiven Much Ministries (FMM)

The next big project for FMM will be to upload its CIAR Training content online. This will be a big endeavor that will most likely take months to complete. The vision is that once its uploaded, FMM's online CIAR Training will be accessible to anyone anywhere. With a CIAR "website membership" one may view the vast content at home. I have thoughts of offering continual access with a monthly charitable contribution to enhance learning and support the ministry. These are works in progress but currently, whatever the metaphor I'd like to use, spinning plates or bandwidth, this project awaits.

E4HI, Education for Healthy Intimacy Skills

[E4HI](#) is now an Approved Program for the state of Florida and Seminole county! ~ We are set to launch May 20th, God willing, if there are 8-15 participants. If arrests and referrals are less than minimum the launch will move to the next month. There's much to do. Among the many areas of tweaking content and creating are the projects related to launch: creating paperwork documents and reporting systems. The participants workbook has a few remaining additions before publication process can begin. Take a look, [E4HI's](#) website it's coming along!

Demand Reduction (DR) Initiatives

Committed volunteers are needed to communicate DR initiatives in local communities i.e. speaking in churches/faith communities about DR strategies including the implementation of buyers' schools (for purchasers of adult commercial sex) which funnel participants toward local support groups for further healing on the recovery journey. Every community needs more [L.I.F.E. Recovery Groups](#) and could benefit from [CIAR Training](#) to provide a biblical and clinical foundation of the addictive condition and the healing journey.

GOHTTF (Orlando) – DR Subcommittee:

As E4HI (our buyers' reform school for purchasers of adult commercial sex) approaches its launch date, the Demand Reduction focus returns to the subcommittee and implementing the next initiative to build the General Population Presentation (GPP). Praise the Lord, He has brought two new volunteers with expertise and passion for the GPP! The GPP addresses both the public and faith community on its attitudes and actions that fuel s*x trafficking. The GPP effort,

along with FMM's training that plants s*xual addiction L.I.F.E. Recovery Groups and E4HI's buyer reform efforts, offer what we believe to be a comprehensive community strategy to end human trafficking. If you are interested in joining this DR initiative please send us an [email](#). Click here for [GOHTTF's](#) website.

GHTTF (Georgia Statewide):

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CCAHT (Chattanooga Coalition)

We are plowing ground in Chattanooga to launch the same strategy as in Orlando. But first, we need a core team to join the work group. Second, we need the faith community to start L.I.F.E. Recovery Groups for post E4HI participants to attend voluntarily, and while we're doing this we'll train local clinicians to instruct the E4HI program. Lots of steps in between that are not listed but you get the idea. If you are interested in joining the initiative please send us an [email](#). Click here for [CCAHT](#).

Praises & Prayer Requests

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thess 5:16-18

This little kid goat illustrates the word REJOICE! Be glad, gladness, as a kid goat frolicking in the field. I say, let us rejoice ALWAYS in the LORD!

Guatemala CIAR Training

The above [L.I.F.E. Recovery](#) video is from an Affiliate Training that I was blessed to facilitate in Miami in 2012. What a fabulous group of men and women set to make a kingdom difference, praise the Lord!

Join Us in Prayer to the Father

Last November, I stood in my kitchen asking the Lord "What do You want to be for me now, in this situation? I quietly heard, "I am your Peace". Since then I have been pursuing His peace, studying Scripture and learning what peace means – health, comfort, security, well-being, tranquility and divine favor to name a few. He's been teaching me to "stay here" abiding in His presence. Although circumstances come and go the Father has underscored my learning the practice of peace, rest, abiding undisturbed in Him.

"Papa"

As I've stepped into this new season, I have embraced the Lord being my "Papa". This is a new

concept for me. I never used an affectionate term with my step father and, until now, calling God by affectionate terms felt a bit fake or forced. But our relationship has changed. I find great comfort in calling Him, "Papa". If my childhood nickname was "Glue" (stuck to my mom for protection), I wonder what my new name is? I have a sense, several characteristics, but nothing specific, yet. The relational gentleness of God woos me and makes me smile. "Grateful" is a small word to use for expressing the meaning in my heart.

Many Praises ~ The favor of God is with us!

- Generous end of the year donations, praise the Lord!
- Guatemala and Florida safe travels and favor!



- I am beyond words to express the favor of God over the entire Guatemala trip, the training and the development of Kingdom friendships that are set to bear fruit that remains. See picture at left.
- Florida's Department of Corrections and Seminole county have placed E4HI on their Approved Program list
- E4HI workshops in Florida's January Awareness Day went well and connections were made for future opportunities with Carol Robles-Román of Legal Momentum
- Great visit with Florida friends, I've missed them!!
- New phone and donation of a Dell laptop!
- Major progress with Chattanooga's database thanks to Amy, an FMM volunteer
- FMM was well received at Woodland Park Baptist Church's Mission Conference
- Bought an office ball chair for posture while at the desk and is helping my back issue
- Uploaded all of FMM's website videos onto YouTube and Vimeo (especially helpful while the website was down)
- Website remedied, praise the Lord for IT help!
- I bought a new bike with my tax return, yay for Walmart spring sales!!
- A good friend of my son reached out after hearing a presentation on the Psychology of Redemption. Please continue to pray for the younger generation to keep seeking truth and to have a personal relationship with Jesus!

Prayer Requests

E4HI – Education for Healthy Intimacy Skills (buyers' reform program):

- Launch date set for May 20th; pray for law enforcement to make arrests and for participants directed to E4HI's course that they would be willing to choose differently..
- Completion of the Participant Workbook
- Practice presentations, time segments and get comfortable with material and delivery
- E4HI, filled out an application to present at the National Center on Sexual Exploitation in Washington, DC March 2018.

FMM

- Videos: Please lift up the desire to place FMM's CIAR training onto video this will require planning, time and focus.
- A male volunteer has come forward to work with FMM on future trainings
- A female volunteer/partner desires to come alongside FMM to provide life coaching for women

Chattanooga – Westside L.I.F.E. Recovery Groups

- Please pray for the right location and time within the property.
- Please pray that group facilitators are nourished by the Word and love of God in all they do
- For the Lord to raise up male facilitators
- For the Westside community to embrace addiction recovery and the L.I.F.E. Recovery Groups

Spanish L.I.F.E. Recovery Guides: Pray for Guatemala and Spanish workbooks

- Please pray for favor and follow through of all parties concerned to provide publication and distribution of Spanish L.I.F.E. Recovery Guides in Guatemala, Central and South America.

Personal Requests

- Sun-baby pay backs... Skin cancers seem to be surfacing quite a bit these days. Let's pray in agreement that topical chemotherapy will remedy with no more need for surgeries. Praise the Lord for healing!

Lord of the harvest, Mt 9:37-38 – Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest. Thank Him for *raising up co-laborers in the field*, their desire for training and selfless giving of time, talents and treasures to plant L.I.F.E. Recovery Groups.

MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS: Please continue to lift up FMM's financial needs.

The Lord has been very creative keeping this work going over the years, whether I take on tenants or become one, He's always provided. He's grown the ministry and me this way. To be brief, FMM's has many needs and to meet those needs we ask for prayerful consideration to become a **new monthly partner**. Join us, in the Lord's work through FMM!

“He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your store of seed and will increase the harvest of your righteousness.” 2 Cor. 9:10

Every victory and ministry advancement is a direct result of your sowing into God's kingdom work through FMM. All financial gifts are invested directly into the ministry. FMM is a 501c3 charitable organization and your gifts are tax deductible. To join this work, you may send monthly checks to FMM PO Box 22551, Chattanooga, TN 37422 or by setting up electronic monthly or one time contributions at <http://www.forgivenmuchministries.org/partner/>.

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May the Lord richly bless you in all you do and may He be glorified by the work of our hands. Thank you for your prayers; you are a blessing to me and the work of this ministry! Please let me hear from you! If you would like to be included on the weekly prayer distribution list please [email](mailto:) us. Thank you!

Testimonials

CIAR Training Impact

“A very good training! Gives us tools for a better comprehension of the addiction problem.” – **Guatemala**

“After attending FMM’s CIAR training, I understood the factors that can trigger the cycle of addiction such as low self-esteem, anxiety, guilt, sadness, anger and worry. I discovered my triggers for sexual addiction has been loneliness, anxiety and worry. This training helped me identify heavily damaged areas affected early in my life by my cycle of sexual addiction. I understand how mood disorders affect brain chemicals and only by seeking the help of God in addition to being in a support group is it possible to treat sexual addiction. The CIAR training really helped me a lot for continue healing.” – **I.M., Guatemala**

“This training was a blessing to many of us, especially for me because God spoke to my heart very strong about facing my family to restore my relationship with them. I was afraid, but one thing I learned was to surrender all my fears to God before I face my family. I did so. Glory to God! I had great results, it was not easy. It hurt my heart to see how they were affected but when we decide to obey God, He is the one who takes care of everything else. Doing this gave me more freedom in my life.

Also, something else that shocked me was learning on how addiction affected my brain. At some point, I got a little desperate because that day I felt I could not hold any more information about how my brain was damaged. It was clear to me that the enemy has many ways to destroy lives, especially during childhood because of our innocence. I prayed that same moment, to ask God to help me because if I struggle with my own strength I could not make it. Sue taught us that there is hope to restore our brain by renewing our minds in God’s word, praying, having a good diet, exercise, and sharing our struggles with others so they can help us. Not everything is lost, there is hope in God, and He has prepared us to make changes for ourselves and future generations. Sue’s testimony was a blessing for my life, may God continue using her life to help others.” – **Beverly Xiloj, Guatemala**

“FMM’s CIAR training opened my eyes to understand my own struggles. For many years, I blamed myself for the pain that I was feeling but during the training, I decided to be patient with myself. God is still working in me.” – **Laura M., Guatemala**

“No doubt this training on trauma made me think about my process and why I started in all this. The trauma comes much beyond what we believe led us to some addiction, the trauma comes from some experience, a situation that marks our life and that we have not yet been able to overcome. I have learned a lot about this issue and now I can help women get to the bottom of addiction and start the recovery cycle together. Give what you have received by grace.” – **A, Guatemala**

“Enlightening conference with lot of ground to talk about. Excellent and complete information on trauma, addiction and recovery.” – **Guatemala**

“The only thing I can say is your seminar has changed my life. Since then I have enrolled in school, become deeply connected with my sons emotions (at least I think), and have become a ruthless but gentle evangelist for the recovery of sex addiction!” – **Robert B., Georgia**

“I attended one of your training sessions at Florida Abolitionist headquarters. Thank you for your continued work. There are so many who need your help. Don’t give up. I really believe your ministry is going to grow, and grow and grow!” – **MA, central Florida**



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