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Ministry Group Management Workshop

As part of Elijah House Ministries Approved Training (Certificates III & IV), a Ministry Group Management workshop will be presented by Greg & Meryem Brown at Heritage Christian College, Mansfield, Queensland on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th November 2008.

Greg & Meryem, whose primary ministry focus for many years has been to support Christian leaders, have subtitled the workshop "**Healthy Leaders; Healthy Groups**", with the topics:

Day 1 - *Knowing and Understanding Myself*

- Theological reflections on leader health
- Self-management & group leadership
- Self-awareness & group leadership
- Group leader's blind spots
- Group leadership micro-skills

Day 2 - *Healthy Group Dynamics*

- Theological reflections on group health
- Participants—the good, the bad & the ugly!
- Stages of group life
- The games people play in groups
- Dealing with conflict
- Developing a group behavioural covenant



The workshop is open to all is ideal for people involved in any type of small group ministry, such as church home groups and twelve-step programs. The cost is \$100, or \$50 for current EHMA volunteers.

To register, contact the Resource Centre on 07 5492 8588 or info@elijahhouse.com.au.

Elijah House Ministries Seminars



Do you have family or friends that you would like to attend a Prayer Ministry Training Course? Elijah House Ministries Seminars are aimed at introducing people to the truth and power of the course teachings, as well as the presentation style.

Two seminars will be taking place in the near future:

Northside Fireplace, Lawnton (QLD)

Saturday, 29th November 2008

Contact: Terry & Monika Lewis
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Uniting Church, Wagin (WA)

Saturday, 18th October 2008

Contact: Wendy Pederick
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Micro-skills Workshop Reminder

The final Micro-skills Workshop (also part of Approved Training) for this year takes place over two Saturdays, the 1st and 8th November at Bribie Island, Queensland.

Micro-skills help us not only in daily communication, but also to apply the Elijah House Ministries teachings as we are led by the Holy Spirit in prayer ministry.

You can register through the Resource Centre on 07 5492 8588 or by email to info@elijahhouse.com.au.



Volunteer Assessment for RPL

The final assessment sessions this year for volunteers' Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) are taking place at Judah, Everton Park, Queensland from Friday, 31st October to Sunday 2nd November 2008.

To register, contact the Resource Centre on 07 5492 8588 or info@elijahhouse.com.au.

Enrichment as we learn

*"For in Him you have been **enriched** in every way—in all your speaking and in all your knowledge."* 1 Corinthians 1:5

In the last issue, we looked at the Enrichment (from the Prayer Ministry Training Course workbooks) titled *"How to Run To God as Refuge When Hurt or Wounded"*; a helpful reminder as we choose daily to discipline ourselves to walk in a new way. The Enrichment below is a helpful reminder that learning these disciplines takes time...

E n r i c h m e n t

Language Learners and Kingdom Learners

No-one criticises language learners for needing as many as five years to achieve fluency in a second language. Rather, we compliment and encourage their progress. Why, then, can we be critical of ourselves or others when healing and transformation take time? The chart below depicts the similarities between learning a second language and learning Kingdom language.

LANGUAGE LEARNER

Stage 1

- Does not hear mistakes
- Has limited ability to take in new information
- Learns basic language patterns, sound system, and survival vocabulary
- Instructor corrects only mistakes which hinder message

Transition To Stage Two

- Begins to hear the mistakes
- Knows the rules, pronunciations, but structures are not stable
- Speaks, but accurate production is hit and miss
- Instructor encourages learner to stay immersed, even when all senses are assailed and nothing makes sense

Stage Two

- Feels tremendous frustration and is tempted to quit due to:
 - limited production
 - unstable structures
 - possible depression, physical ailments, or despair brought on by learning fatigue
- This is the most difficult stage of learning

Transition To Stage Three

- Develops, by degrees, clear pronunciation, stable structure, and adequate vocabulary with less and less need for concentration
- Can self-correct with relative ease

KINGDOM LEARNER

Stage 1

- Doesn't recognise mistakes, sin, etc.
- Doesn't comprehend the wounds driving hurtful life patterns
- May not discern patterns of behaviour, thoughts, feelings
- Prayer minister is careful to reveal only what the person needs in order to begin healing — does not overload

Transition To Stage Two

- Sees the wounds and begins to understand the destructive life patterns but has no power to stop the behaviour
- Able to explore problems with direction
- Prayer minister comforts, but also gently encourages person to stay with the process, even though issues are not clear and it seems like "too much"

Stage Two

- Feels frustrated and overwhelmed, and tempted to stop due to:
 - struggles with doing the right thing
 - battles with impatience over time the process takes
 - feelings of stupidity, rebellion, or guilt over the stress put on family, friends
- This is the most difficult stage of healing

Transition To Stage Three

- Becomes increasingly familiar with new and appropriate disciplines
- Develops ability to stop bad behaviour after it has begun

Stage Three: Fluency

- Able to incorporate language as second nature
- May revert to old habits when under stress or tired, but fluency is not lost
- Instructor directs student in disciplines which will maintain fluency, i.e., consistent writing and speaking

The Critical Period: If language students return to a place in which they will be saturated in the original or old language, they may experience severe setbacks in fluency. They must continue to stay in the new.

Symptoms of the onset of this critical period: Students are convinced they will never learn in the face of what they feel is a lack of progress; they are convinced that the instructor thinks they are hopelessly stupid; and they become extremely tired.

This period often comes just before an emotional, psychological, and possible neuro-linguistic breakthrough into all forms of expression.

The same is true for healing and transformation!

Stage Three: Transformation

- Allows God's way to become second nature
- Able to stop behaviour before feelings arise
- Able to keep healing, even in the face of severe trial
- Prayer minister encourages the person to employ the disciplines of the Lord.

Resource Centre News

Elijah House Ministries was very sorry to say goodbye in August to Caroline Kettle, who had worked in the Resource Centre since March 2007. Caroline has returned to her home in England to care for her elderly parents. It is wonderful to know that we have such a gracious and kind Elijah House Ministries friend in the UK.

After many years involvement with Elijah House Ministries, Joan O'Hara has come on board to work part-time in the Resource Centre, supporting the manager, Kay Blue and Gudrun and Ann-Marie.
