BSB SERVICE LEARNING REQUIREMENT (SLR) REPORT
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Course Name and number: BIB115 Acts: The Holy Spirit at Work in Believers

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1. Ministry activity date 10/20/09

Description of ministry activity and its content: Briefly describe your ministry activity in the space provided and show how it relates to the course content. Identify related course content by chapter, lesson, or page number.

I attend a Master Commission at my church. We use courses from Global University. We are currently going through BIB115 Acts: The Holy Spirit at Work in Believers. One night, my friend, Lorin and I were studying together. We came to lesson 5 Peter and John Heal a Lame Man (pages 74-78). This lesson was about reaching out to people who are drowning. It also taught about embracing the need in others and reaching out to others in faith. This lesson really got us talkin’. We started talking about the church today compared to the church in Acts. Some of our main questions were: where is the miracles today? Why don't we see much evangelism in the streets? Why don't we see lives change drastically like the beggar at the Gate Beautiful? We soon realized that the church has become complacent. And then a bigger realization struck us; we have become complacent in sharing the Gospel to others. The conversation was just getting good when we noticed the time. We were suppose to pick up a friend from work. We put our books away and jumped into the car. We still continued our discussion about the church. We prayed! We asked God to help us not be so complacent with our faith. We prayed for opportunities to share the Gospel like Peter and John had done on their way to the temple. We had no idea what God had up his sleeve. We picked up our friend and headed back to school. We asked her if she needed anything to eat. We decided to stop at a grocery store to buy some study snacks. Lorin jumped out of the car and ran into the store. Our friend was going to stay in the car. But as I was getting out of the car, I noticed a man approaching us. I told her she was coming with us. She got out of the car and we made our way to the store. This man approached us. It was obvious he was homeless. He asked for a hand-out. It was at that moment I remembered the beggar at the Gate Beautiful. I used the exact words Peter said 2000 years ago. We witnessed to him on that rainy night. Lorin came out of the store wondering what was going on. We filled him in and introduce him to Gary. The four of us stood in the rain talking about God and the offer of eternal life. Gary did not accept the Lord that night. But we did take him to Burger King for a Whopper. We sat there in the bothe listening to his stories of being homeless for the last 17 years. After dinner, we took Gary back to school with us. We introduced him to several people. We found him a place to stay that night. For the next week, Gary would be part of our small group. He became an instant hit around the school. Gary had a way of telling what you needed to hear at that particular moment. As we ministered to him, we could not believe he was returning the blessing. A lot of stories could be told about Gary. But I must get to the end of the story. On Sunday evening during the service, Gary accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior. It was truly amazing! But the story does not end there. We got him enrolled into Teen Challenge. We needed to raise some money to get him there. When word got out around the school that Gary needed money for Teen Challenge, students from all over the place contributed. On Tuesday morning, we put Gary on a bus. He was a changed man, drastically changed!

2. Results: What resulted from your own participation in this activity? Include descriptions of people’s reactions, decisions to accept Christ, confirmed miracles, Spirit and water baptisms, life changes, etc. Describe the individuals or group who benefited from or participated in your ministry activity. Use numbers to describe results when appropriate (approximate when unsure).

Of course the most obvious result was a homeless man asked Jesus to be his Lord and Savior. We got him help with his alcohol addiction by sending him to Teen Challenge. But I think the most unexpected change or result was us. This experience has changed my life. I will never be the same again. As I ministered to Gary, he...
in return began to minister back to me. It was like if God used a drunken homeless man to remind me of the calling that He has placed on my life.

3. Reflection: Answer the following questions based on your experience in completing this assignment:

Did this activity satisfy an evident need in others? How so?

Oh yes, this activity satisfied a need in others. For one man, Gary, it brought stability to his life and purpose. He has a place to live and treatment for his addictions. But most of all, he has a brand-new relationship with God.

Were you adequately prepared to engage in this activity? Why or why not? Absolutely not! This activity happened suddenly. It came out of nowhere. The course initiated the conversation with my friend about evangelism and the church. But running into Gary on that rainy night was totally a spontaneous God-thing.

What positive or negative feelings were you aware of while you were completing this activity?

It felt good to help someone in need. However, there is always that feeling of wanting to do more for them. I guess this would be the positive/negative feelings I was aware of while I was completing this activity.

In what ways were you aware of the Holy Spirit's help during your ministry activity?

Not at first. When Gary approached me and asked me for some money, I had no idea what to say. Then, the whole night hit me in a flash. As I opened my mouth and stepped out in faith (just like the course had taught), I was then aware of the Holy Spirit's help.

What would you change if you did this ministry activity again?

Next time I will be looking for the opportunities to share rather than have the opportunities walk up to me. It made me more aware of people's needs. There is a section in that lesson titled "Look Needs in the Eye." It pointed out how Peter and John must have crossed the path of this beggar daily. After they were filled with the Spirit, then they look at the need in the beggar's life. Now I am aware of people's need.

What strengths or weaknesses within yourself did this assignment reveal to you?

I think the strength I found in myself is also my weakness. That is dependence. When Gary approached me, I had to depend on God for what to do. I had that strength of dependence. But the weakness is to never let go of that dependence on God. He needs to lead always and I need to follow.

Did you receive feedback about this activity? If so, describe:

Gary was so grateful that we helped him. But I think the biggest feedback was the students at our school who thanked us for introducing them to Gary. Everyone was touched and moved by this man. He definitely made a difference in all of our lives. He will never be forgotten.