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 3/15-20/10  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 asked the pastor of my church if I could write this week church's blog on our website. Our church has a weekly blog. Mostly the pastoral staff would blog about a certain topic and people in the congregation can comment and ask questions. I approached the pastor if he would considered me to run the blog for a week. He approved. When I told him what topic I wanted to blog about, he called me "gutsy." I am currently enrolled in the Berean courses through Global University. I am going through the Acts course at the moment. I came across the lesson on speaking in tongues and I thought this would make a great issue to blog about. There is definitely lots of different opinions about the subject (and those are the people who attend my church). I wanted to explore the Pentecostal position on speaking in tongues and its role in the community of believers. I used lesson 3.3 (pages 47-50) as a guide to my blog. I really wanted to zero in at the purposes of speaking in tongues. I hear lots of different opinions about what tongues are for. I wanted to clarify the Pentecostal position for the people who attend my church. So, Monday the 15th I posted my first blog about the topic. Throughout the week, I posted updates and answered people's questions. It was a very interesting experience. Of course, my pastor helped me throughout the week. He was really proud of me. He admired me for taking a stand on an issue and offer gentle correctiveness to critics. It was a great week.

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).

A lot of people thanked me for clarification on the issue of tongues. A handful of people said they learned some things they never knew before about tongues. There was one lady who has been attending our church for a long time. She kept asking me questions throughout the week about tongues and the baptism in the Holy Spirit. She has always been scared by this experience. We had a nice discussion about it throughout the week. On Sunday night, our pastor preached on Pentecostal. That lady was in the service. At the end of the service, she went forward for prayer. She was filled with the Holy Spirit! Wow! It was neat to see that happened before your very eyes.

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?
I think so. It answered lot of questions people had concerning tongues. And of course, one lady was filled with the Spirit. It also gave the pastor and his staff a break in blogging for that week.

Were you adequately prepared to engage in this activity? Why or why not? Yeah, I was prepared. The Berean course really helped me to organized my thoughts and to look at the topic from a Pentecostal view.

What positive or negative feelings were you aware of while you were completing this activity?
I tried to kept a positive attitude throughout the whole week. We have some people in our church who just like to argue for argument sake. Dealing with those people was kind of difficult but I was determined to remain positive and to be positive.

In what ways were you aware of the Holy Spirit’s help during your ministry activity?
I approached each question with prayer and lots of it! I really felt the Holy Spirit helping me craft out a response to people's questions, especially the lady who received the Spirit on Sunday night.

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

I probably would spend more time in study about the topic before I blog about it. I felt prepared but I soon realized with people's questions how much I don't know about the topic. I spent a lot of time researching the questions throughout the week.

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

My weakness would be I need to know just a little more about the topic before I blog about it. My strength was something my pastor noticed. He was amazed how I handled the negative comments from the critics. He said I responded in love, stood my ground, but did not give in to arguing. I guess that would be the strength this assignment revealed to me.

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

Well, my feedback was kind of like a Clint Eastwood movie. There was plenty of good encouraging feedback. There was also some bad feedback. Some people just did not believe in speaking in tongues. They tried to argue their point. And then, there was the ugly! A few people took disagreement and arguing to a whole new level. These people were highly critical to point they were making fun of the issue. It just made me realize that at the end of the day we all need Jesus.