BSB SERVICE LEARNING REQUIREMENT (SLR) REPORT
(Formerly titled Pass It On)

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Course Name and number: BIB115 Acts: The Holy Spirit at Work in Believers

Your Name John/Jane Doe  Student Number 099999999  Date 3/30/10

1. Ministry activity date 3/20/10  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.

About three months ago I joined a team at our church that has begun a ministry for helping homeless people. The number of homeless people has really increased in our area, and we feel the Lord is calling us to help meet this need. Chapter 1 (Objective 1.2.4) in the book describes many of the different layperson's ministries recorded in Acts. It included different types of ministry to the poor and needy, and talks about how the Holy Spirit is still inspiring lay people to do these kinds of ministry today.

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).

I helped to set up a temporary housing shelter for the homeless. We can only allow people to stay for a short time (3 nights) because that is all we have resources for, and the number of beds is limited. As we started to provide the overnight shelter, I have also had some good opportunities to do some one-on-one ministry, and was privileged to be able to pray with one person to accept Christ. Others have been led to Christ by other team members as well. We have the beginnings of a follow-up discipleship ministry, to help them to connect to other believers and the church. There are still a lot of challenging issues we are facing such as how to avoid being taken advantage of by a street person, what to do when someone has medical needs or mental issues, and other challenges.

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?

Yes - the needs of the homeless are pretty obvious, as far as the physical needs. But there are many other needs as well - the need for love and acceptance, and most importantly the need for Christ in their lives.

Were you adequately prepared to engage in this activity? Why or why not? I didn't feel adequately prepared for this ministry, because there are many needs and we weren't even aware of some of the needs until we started getting involved in this. We don't have nearly the resources to meet all of the needs, so we have to be wise in what we do.

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

I have had positive feelings as we have started to touch the needs of homeless people. There have also been feelings of frustration about the lack of resources, and that we cannot do more. It's hard to send someone back out on the street - but we just don't have the resources.

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

I sensed the Holy Spirit nudging me to ask a homeless man, Mike, if there was anything I could pray for him about. We were talking in a small activity room at the shelter. This opened the door and he began to share some of the struggles and difficulties he had been through. After awhile I was able to share the Gospel with him, and he prayed to receive Christ.

What would you change if you did this ministry activity again?
I'm not sure what I would do differently, except that I would have gotten involved sooner if I had been more aware of the need.

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

This ministry has stirred my compassion for people. That I see as a strength. I also can have a weakness of impatience and irritability, when things aren't going right or when we hit a roadblock.

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

We have received some positive feedback, some "thank you's" from some of the homeless people we have helped.