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 3/20/10  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 took some inspiration from the life of Barnabas, who was a great encourager. Barnabas and his ministry of encouragement is described in Lesson 8.3 in the textbook. I began to pray about who I could be an encourager for. I have been involved with the youth group at our church, and the Lord seemed to direct my attention to a young person that started to attend our youth group a few weeks ago. I found out that he has been through a lot of family problems.

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).

During a couple of youth activities I started building a relationship with this young man, named David. We have a mentoring program at our youth group, and I had been a mentor for one of the other youth in the past. So I asked David, the youth pastor, and then David's mom if I could be his youth mentor. They all agreed, and so I have been able to meet with him now as a mentor. We had explained to David's mom about the mentoring, and that we have a careful screening process as far as who can be a mentor. It also helped that David's mom had had some good contacts with our church over the past year, so she was very open to David having a mentor. I have started to share some words of encouragement with David, and build relationship with him. He seems to appreciate it - and we have done a couple of fun activities that he has liked.

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?

David is in a single parent home and been through a lot of family problems. He has been teased by other kids at school, and is somewhat of a loner. Not having a father in his home, and having been through all the things he has, I believe it meets a real need for David to have a mentor.

Were you adequately prepared to engage in this activity? Why or why not? I feel I have been adequately prepared. It helped that I had been a mentor one other time.

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

My heart goes out to David because of all he has been through. David can be shy and withdrawn, and that can make me uncomfortable - because I'm not sure where he is at. But I need to remember to be faithful, and continue to show love to him regardless of how he is feeling.

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

I believe this mentoring was guided by the Holy Spirit, to bring encouragement and a good male role model to David.

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

I think I would have done a little more relationship building with David, before offering to be his mentor. I think it would have been a little easier for him to take that step, if he knew me better.
What strengths or weaknesses within yourself did this assignment reveal to you?

This assignment stirred up my desire to be an encourager to others. That has been a strong area of ministry for me. I also see an area of weakness: when David seems withdrawn or unresponsive, I start to blame myself or get into a fear that I "blew it." I need to remember that David has been through a lot, and it is going to take time for him to begin to trust me. I need to just stay faithful, and be there for him.

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

David's mom has expressed appreciation that I am willing to spend time with David.