BSB SERVICE LEARNING REQUIREMENT (SLR) REPORT  
(Formerly titled Pass It On)
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Course Name and number: BIB117 Prison Epistles: Colossians, Philemon, Ephesians, and Philippians

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Date 4/16/10

1. Ministry activity date 2/20/10
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.

While I was working my way through this course, I came upon the last section on Philippians. The end portion of lesson 10 really spoke to me (page 131 under the subheading "Let Others Know How Much You Care about Them" (1:7-8)). This section talked about how "we need to let other people know how much we love and care about them." It talked about how "Paul claimed the Philippian believers were in his heart all the time---in all kinds of situations and circumstances." The reason for this was because the Philippians partnered with Paul in spreading the gospel. I am currently going through the Berean courses to become a minister. I am also working in my church, kind of like an intern under my pastor. He has me do various things. The experience is great! Well, there is a lady in my church who has invested in my education. She has given funds toward my Berean courses. I wanted to show my gratitude toward her. So, one Saturday I showed up at house with my lawn mower, weed-eater, power-washer, and other supplies and I cleaned up her entire yard. I also washed down her house and planted some flowers. She tried to pay me but I decline the money. I explained to her the portion from the course. The thought never occurred to her that we are partners in ministry. Then she told how much of encouragement I have been to her when I spoke in church. She knows God has big plans for my life. I never knew that I used me in such a way. It was great to serve her that day and to show gratitude. This is an experience I will never forget. It has defined my ministry and alter how I view ministry and the church. We do need to let other people know how much we love and care about them. I come to believe this should be at the heart of Christian community living.

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).

The results from this activity would be two lives were changed, me and Mrs. Smith. We both realized how important it is to be in the Body of Christ. That we need to help each other and show appreciation toward one another. Mrs. Smith is an elderly lady who can't do much around the yard. She felt completely valued as a person when a young person like me came over to help her out. It really hit home with me when she told me what I had to say in church challenged her. I guess I always viewed myself as a young person that the older people just write off. The biggest result from this activity was the generation gap was closed. We both realized we needed each other in the Body of Christ. Both of us need to be valued.

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! This activity did satisfy a need. Mrs. Smith's husband had passed away about 10 years ago. All of her children live in other states. Her yard needed help. But that simple act of service toward another person went deeper. It showed Mrs. Smith that someone cared about her. That is what the church should be about.

Were you adequately prepared to engage in this activity? Why or why not? No! I haven't worked that hard in all my life. I was in bad shape when I finished. My motivation adequately prepared me. I could not stop thinking about that section in the course. I knew exactly what I must do for this assignment.
What positive or negative feelings were you aware of while you were completing this activity?
The work was hard and it was hot that day. But as I pushed through it, it felt good to help someone out in need. There was a positive reinforcement while I was completing this activity. No negative feelings! All good!

In what ways were you aware of the Holy Spirit’s help during your ministry activity?
Absolutely! There were times during the day I thought I was going to drop dead. But I reminded myself what I came to do. I felt the Holy Spirit comfort me while I was working in Mrs. Smith's yard.

What would you change if you did this ministry activity again?
Be in better shape. Actually, I don't know what I would change if I did this again. Maybe, take someone who is younger in the faith along and show them what it is like to serve one another in the Body of Christ.

What strengths or weaknesses within yourself did this assignment reveal to you?
That I am physically stronger than I thought I was. A weakness would be no matter how much I prepared myself to be a blessing to Mrs. Smith, I did not realize how much she has been a blessing to me. I thought the "blessing channel" would only flow one way that day.

Did you receive feedback about this activity? If so, describe:
Yes! Mrs. Smith was so thankful about all the work I did in her yard. It looks great! She received lots of comments from her neighbors. They thought she hired a professional company to do all the work. That gave her the opportunity to talk to them about caring for one another in the Body of Christ. That is what I learned in a big way!