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Dear

Thank you for your interest in a Back to the Bible Evangelism Workshop. This material was developed to fulfill the Great Commission. It was first used in 1976 and has been used every year on annual one-week-long campaigns as well as throughout the year. Under the leadership of the elders, the Northwest congregation has conducted these campaigns in Oklahoma, Texas, Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas, Arkansas and Missouri. From these experiences and from reports of individuals like you, we know this method works and we hope it will be helpful to you.

We generally conduct the workshops on Sunday. We teach the morning class which is designed to be motivational and is titled "Should We Teach?" This class is usually taught in the auditorium and we ask that this be only available class for all members from middle school age and up and that they all attend. I have enclosed the notes for this class.

We will also preach the morning sermon whose topic is "The Challenge of Evangelism." I have enclosed the notes for this lesson as well..

In the afternoon we teach the actual hands-on workshop. This lasts about 3 hours. We cover everything your members need to know to use an open Bible to teach God's plan of salvation to a student. This includes a demonstration study, how to mark your Bibles, how to ask the student to obey, how to ask people to study, and role playing by your members. This material is in the packet I have enclosed.

We have found that attendance at the afternoon workshop is greatly increased if we all eat a quick lunch in your fellowship hall and then immediately start the workshop. It is best if you plan the meal so that within one hour after the end of the worship service we are all done eating and we can start the workshop. We have also found that it is best to conduct the workshop in the room in which we have just eaten.

We generally use a Power Point presentation for the afternoon workshop and will bring the computer and projector. It is helpful if you provide a three prong extension cord, and a screen or a blank wall, and arrange the room for maximum viewing. We will also need a small table with three chairs that we ask you to set up next to the screen that we can use for the demonstration study. A microphone system is very helpful, though not absolutely necessary. Also, please ask your members to bring a pencil and a small straightedge such as a small ruler or credit card to the workshop.

We do not charge and expect no stipend for the instruction. The printing cost of the teaching material is included in our congregation's evangelism budget. There are two costs to your congregation. The first is for the Bibles because they are out of print and cost us \$6 each. The minimum printing is 10,000 so we hope you can reimburse us for the ones you need. Each person who intends to use this method needs 2 Bibles for a total of \$12 per person. The second is for transportation. If you are within reasonable driving range of Lawton, we will cover the costs. If we need to fly, we hope you can pay for 2 airline tickets and the shipping costs of the Bibles. If your congregation is absolutely unable to cover the costs of the Bibles and the airline tickets, our congregation may cover them as well. We will stay in a motel and we will cover the cost.

We very much hope that you help in a couple of ways. Please promote the workshop very heavily within your congregation to make it a very important event and encourage 100% attendance.

We also ask that you help us continue to conduct more and more of these workshops. The surrounding congregations whom you fellowship may be interested in learning. We ask that you personally invite the leadership of each of these congregations to attend so they can determine if they would like us to conduct a workshop for them. And, feel free to ask them to encourage their members to attend your workshop. Additionally, you probably have friends and relatives who are members across the country. If, after we leave, you think it has been worthwhile, we ask that you tell them about it and encourage them to contact us.

Finally, it may be that you would like to start conducting workshops for other congregations. If you do, we will provide to you all the material you need to do so.

We hope that you will find this workshop very helpful as you and your congregation fulfill the commands of the Great Commission. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

The Elders of the Northwest Church of Christ