October 28, 2021

Dear West Virginia Churches,

It is with great excitement that we are inviting you to participate in a ministry equipping and training opportunity that will take place in our State, February 10-12, 2022.  This event will be held at Cross Lanes Baptist Church in Cross Lanes, WV and is being conducted because of a great desire to see our churches better equipped to help those who are suffering from the effects of trauma.  This event will allow 28 people to receive initial training in order to be equipped to lead healing groups in their churches and associated ministries, as well as to minister one-on-one.

The Trauma Healing Institute training in February will provide an opportunity for individuals from your church to be trained in Bible-based trauma healing. This model guides individuals in a healing group to address spiritual and emotional wounds caused by trauma of violence, abuse, disasters, addiction, divorce, and more. This equipping session is for lay people, pastors, mental health professionals, NGO workers, and those who are already ministering to people who have high levels of trauma.  The American Bible Society and the Trauma Healing Institute equips and supports a world-wide community of workers in trauma care.

Cross Lanes Baptist Church will also be hosting this event and registration is necessary.  Enclosed you will find the details of the program, the cost, and how to register.  Feel free to direct any questions to the emails or phone number noted under "Contacts" and "Registration" on the enclosed flier.  Although the Master Facilitators conducting the training are part of *Good News Jail & Ministry*, this training is *not* specific to jail ministry.  Also, there are links on the WVCSB website for additional information on the Trauma Healing Institute.

We look forward to hearing from you for registration, as well as answer any questions you might have concerning this event.

Blessings,


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