

# February 2021 E-News

New Training Strategies for a New Year

# JAMAICA!

LTI's 1st Online Site Certification



Students From the First Online Site Certification Training LTI Staff Members Terry & Lianne Nutter (Upper Left)

In November 2020, LTI staff members Terry & Lianne Nutter completed the first online site certification for our newest training site with Trumpet Call Ministries, located in Montego Bay, Jamaica! The three-day event required a significant amount of preparation and planning, but all of that work paid off because the event was a great success. Terry & Lianne led the event from their home in Florida, while the students particiapted, online via Zoom, from Jamaica.

Initially, the Nutters were to travel to Montego Bay to conduct the training in-

person. However, due to COVID travel restrictions, they had to cancel their flights and switch to "Plan B". Terry & Lianne were faced with a lot of work in a limited period of time. They researched and purchased all of the equipment they needed to set up a studio in their home office.

They obtained the necessary lighting, the web camera, the "green screen" backdrop, the monitors, and a good microphone were only the first steps in the process. They then had to rethink the entire certification training and make adjustments to their presentations so that they would work in an online format via Zoom.

#### So, what is Zoom?

Zoom is a cloud-based video communications app that allows you to set up virtual video conferencing, online training, live chats, screen-sharing, and other collaborative activities. The platform is compatible with Mac, Windows, Linux, iOS, and Android, meaning nearly anyone with internet access can use it.

During the COVID pandemic, Zoom has quickly become the "industry standard" for hosting meetings, training and other events that cannot be done face-to-face. Nearly all of LTI's training sites, domestic and international, are using some form of online, video training. Most of our sites use Zoom.



During the online training event, Terry & Lianne trained:

- 1 Site Director
- 12 Certified Instructors
- 15 Small Group Leaders

This event was a huge success for LTI and it is definitively an indication of where training is headed in the future. Even after the COVID pandemic is behind us, we expect that there will be a great demand for more and more online training and site certification.

We still believe that in-person training is the best training, but we also realize that the cost and time benefits of online training are going to make it a reality for us as we move forward. The Jamaican Site Launch proved that we can do the event and that we can do it with excellence. We had a lot of great feedback and testimonies from the students...

"As a teacher for many years in my church, through this seminar, I believe I have been equipped to move from 10 to 100-fold! Thank you LTI!" Nichola, Montego Bay Student







Screen Shot of Students Giving Presentations

Terry & Lianne Nutter During Training

Terry Nutter The Six "I's" of Instruction

Finally, we want to extend a huge "Thank You!" to Terry & Lianne's son, Andrew, for his help in making this training a reality. While his parents were providing training in front of the camera, Andrew was behind the scenes, using his technical skills to make the event a success. Andrew even created the digital backdrops with the LTI logos that you can see in several of the photos. Thanks for all of your hard work, Andrew!!



### **Zoom Training**

### LTI to Provide Online Training for All Certified Training Sites



Nearly all of LTI's training sites are using Zoom. There are several more that would use it, if they were more comfortable with the app. So, we are going to help them become more comfortable with Zoom.

On Saturday, April 24th, we are planning to offer two-hours of online training for our Site Directors and for a limited number of LTI Certified Trainers. The training will cover the basics of using Zoom as a training platform. We will also cover the basic hardware a site will need to use Zoom successfully and, finally, we plan to address more advanced "best practices" as well as tips and tricks that our instructor has developed.

Mr. Neal Kelley will be providing the training. LTI is blessed to have Neal as a

part of the LTI Board. He is also a former LTI staff member. In his current role, as Director of Auburn University at Montgomery's Office of Continuing Education and Community Engagement, Neal has trained many people in using Zoom as a training platform. He'll be sharing from his experience with our LTI trainers and it's an event that our Site Directors do not want to miss.

We plan to record the training session and make the recording available to all of our training sites in the future.

We will be sending more detailed information to each of our Certified Training Sites shortly. Site Directors, keep an eye on your email inbox for more information.

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