

# Tips for a Successful Encounter Healing Training Seminar & Encounter Healing Service

## Pre-seminar/Service Preparations (check off list)

\_\_\_ **Have a team ready!** The time to gather a team is not the day before the training. Make an announcement asking people who are interested in being part of the Encounter Healing Prayer Team to come to a brief meeting on that Sunday or the following Sunday. **It is very important that you do not force anyone to participate!** For the ultimate good of the team(s) and for the very nature of the ministry we only want people who are truly interested in helping others through healing prayer and training others to do the same. This meeting should occur and you should have a list of at least 10 persons **BEFORE** you contact us to set up an Encounter Healing Training Seminar.

You can have a successful seminar with less than 10, but more is usually better. Consider combining with a couple of other churches if necessary or desired. We like to have between 10 and 25 participants for the Encounter Healing Training Seminar. Any larger than that and the training begins to suffer due to time constraints. The Encounter Healing Service can have as many people as your facility can hold or however many the Prayer Team can adequately handle. God usually takes care of both. We recommend setting up a minimum of 35-45 chairs (with additional available if needed).

\*Note: Please remember promptness is necessary as we will be applying what we learn right away at the Saturday evening Encounter Healing Service.

\_\_\_ **Training Manuals for the Encounter Healing Prayer Team:** Upon registration we provide all the pages on our website. Your church will copy and assemble the manuals. We recommend either 3 ring notebooks or spiral binding. You can charge participants whatever you need to cover your expenses. We would like to see as much participation as possible so we ask you to keep it reasonable. We ask that you provide us with one copy for our archives. Each seminar participant must have their own copy of the Training Manual at the time of the seminar.

\_\_\_ **Other Pastors:** You might want to discuss with area pastors the possibility of co-sponsoring the Encounter Healing Training Seminar / Encounter Healing Service with you, so they have a sense of ownership. This will make them more eager to support a city-wide endeavor.

\_\_\_ **Literature Table:** We suggest that a table be set up for literature participants may take home. We have provided two pieces on our website that you may reproduce. One is called Encounter Healing Scriptures and the other is titled Healing Brochure. They are both in .pdf format. There is a space on the Encounter Healing Scriptures where you can add the name of your church just above our name before copying. You may want to add flyers regarding church service times, small groups, Bible studies, prayer groups, upcoming special events, etc.

\_\_\_ **Advertise the Encounter Healing Service adequately.** We include a sample bulletin insert on our website. We recommend that the Encounter Healing Service be advertised in the bulletin and highlighted by the pastor every week for at least three weeks prior to the event.

\_\_\_ **Service Preparations:** Refer to the list of materials/equipment needed for the Encounter Healing Service itself. It is very important that everything be set up and ready to go no later than 1 hour prior to the scheduled start time. We also have provided a suggested layout which we have found to facilitate the smooth flow of service participants from one station to the next.

## Hospitality

\_\_\_ You may want to arrange for nursery and/or child care services for those attending the seminar and especially during the Healing Encounter Service on Saturday evening.

\_\_\_ You will want to arrange for refreshments to be served during seminar breaks. (The Saturday morning session will run from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm with a break around 11:00 a.m. and the Saturday afternoon session will run from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm with a break around 3:00 pm. All breaks are 15 minutes.

Saturday evening will be the Encounter Healing Service from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm OR SO.

**It is important that we remain until all those seeking prayer have been prayed for.**

\_\_\_ Decide whether you will have Saturday lunch at the church or have people disperse to area restaurants. It is important that we be able to start back on time. 1-1/2 hour lunch is usually good.

\_\_\_ One thing we do ask is that you make arrangements for Pastor Tim & Laurie to have a place to stay. They are flexible and will stay in either a home or a hotel. Please do not feel obligated to put them up in any particular spot, but we do ask that it be clean and safe. If invited they usually will stay for your earliest service on Sunday. Travel arrangements will dictate availability.

## Finances

\_\_\_ There is no obligation, but as this is the ministry's major source of income and as you can see we do not charge a fee for the seminar or the literature we have developed we usually request that a "Love Offering" or "Free Will Offering" be taken up at the Sunday service and given to us to help the ministry receive the support it needs to continue operating. In addition to all the expenses every ministry has, travel is expensive and takes a large part of our budget so we would appreciate your Pastor making an appeal to the congregation for a good offering and saying a prayer for the offering.

Have everyone make their checks payable to – either the name of your church (then you write one check) or to "Encounter Healing Ministries" (Your choice – but make it clear to the people.) Checks should not be made to Pastor Tim or Laurie Morstatter. For safety purposes we prefer you either use the PayPal On-Line Donations link on our website or write one check directly to the ministry.

If you are a Canadian, European, Asian or other non-USA church, please use the PayPal On-Line Donations link on our website or send a U.S. money order. Because of the time it takes for out-of-country checks to clear U.S. banks, these options are much more efficient.

## Physical Set-Up and Worship

\_\_\_ Pastor Tim & Laurie will need access to a computer with PowerPoint, a projector, a podium and a roving microphone for their presentation during the day & the Encounter Healing Service at night.

\_\_\_ This is all about God. Please provide about 10-15 minutes of praise & worship music we can sing to at the beginning of both the morning and afternoon sessions. Live music or CD (either is fine)

## Post-Seminar

\_\_\_ **IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU PLAN TO TEACH OTHERS TO DO WHAT YOU HAVE DONE AFTER THE ENCOUNTER HEALING TRAINING SEMINAR & ENCOUNTER HEALING SERVICE.**

"Freely you have received, freely give..." (MAT 10:8)

Consider following up this seminar with seminars and services at other churches so God may continue to be glorified through His words and actions being shared and spread throughout the whole world. We know we cannot reach the whole world ourselves. That is why we provide the training and materials for your Encounter Healing Prayer Team to share this experience and sharpen their skills with other Christians with a "Heart for Healing."

**Please be sure to send us copies of the testimonials from those who participate (Team members as well as those requesting prayer).**

**Remember to get their written permission so we can use them on our website & literature.**