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On-Campus Training: Report

Living it's first weekend training event with an "on-campus" visitation element was held August 23-26, 2013
Ideas. All videos are 3-9 minutes in length and great for showing to your youth group and/or church.

**Jesus Living in You** is the portion of the site that helps you to be connected to Jesus in an intimate way so that all your outreach can be powered by Him. Here you will find new ideas for structuring your devotional life and dozens of devotional readings by authors such as, Dwain Esmond, John McCann and Scott Ward. If you are a devotional writer please submit your ideas at [http://livingiths.org/contact](http://livingiths.org/contact).

**Outreach Ideas** are just that—ideas for reaching high school students in their world, both on and off campus. All of these ideas have been tried and found to be effective. The ideas have been contributed by various youth pastors and youth directors around the NAD. This is not a one person show—it's a movement!

**At-Risk Help** is contributed by Loma Linda University’s Behavioral Health Institute. Here you will find overviews of various at-risk behaviors that you may encounter and ideas for helping to deal with each kind of situation. This is an invaluable resource!

in Florida. The goal of the weekend was to plant campus ministries in preparation for JCI 4 coming to Miami in February of 2014.

The weekend featured two youth rallies and a four part Sunday training seminar. Each attendee at the training seminar was equipped with the new Public Campus Ministry Quick Start Guide, *Living it* t-shirts and wristbands and church groups were signed up for one of 5 levels of commitment:

Level 1: Prayer Warriors--pray for your local public schools and students.

Level 2: Friendship--get to know every public high school and academy student that attends your church by name.

Level 3: Visitation--plan to visit students from your church for lunch at school.

Level 4: Youth Ministry--establish a youth ministry at your church that includes a variety of activities for youth.

Level 5: Official Campus Club Status--establish and sponsor a Christian club at your local public high school.

On Monday several attendees put what was taught into practice by visiting Miami Union Academy for a chapel presentation and to plant a Living it Club there and then a small group went to visit two nearby public high schools and met with students on-campus for lunch. The students were excited to see our team of pastors, lay-leaders and Florida Conference Youth Director, Pedro Perez. One Freshmen student was challenged to live his faith at school and was connected with the existing Christian club
leader and students visited at the other high school engaged in a heartfelt conversation about what their faith means to them, the role church plays in their lives and what they felt they need help with in order to better live their faith at school.

The team prayed with the principal at one high school and an assistant principal at the other, we talked and laughed with security personnel and had great conversations with the students we knew. We also got the local youth leaders the information they needed to get registered with the school district to visit students regularly and engage campus ministry.

Pedro Perez said, "Seeing a young person's face light up as they see a way for them to be used by God to reach their peers on their high school campus... Priceless!"

Pastor Barry Bonner from the Southeastern Conference said, "I believe that we must be actively involved with High School Outreach Ministry so that we will not miss this golden opportunity to connect and stay connected with our youth that are in public schools."

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2013 Pathfinder Bible Experience Guide
The new 2013 PBE Guide is available now! Please help promote this resource that will help your pathfinders apply the lessons they find in the scriptures they are memorizing. This year application/sharing elements are being planned for the actual PBE events, as well. *Living it* is excited about helping Pathfinders *LIVE* their faith.

This resource is available at AdventSource, and can be found on the *Living it* website under [Pathfinders](#).

(Remember, now is the time to encourage your Pathfinder clubs to pilot the new *Living it* [Public Campus Ministry](#) honor.)

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**Public High School Quick Start Guide**

Help your church leaders catch the vision by providing them with the [Public High School Ministry Quick Start Guide](#). Each church can make a commitment to minister to high school students in some way. This booklet helps you determine what level of commitment your church may be ready to take on.

The [Public High School Ministry Quick Start Guide](#) is now available from AdventSource! You can also find it on the
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Our calendar is up and we're ready to tell people about your events. Let us know what's going on in your area.

October 18-19: DO Fast

October 24-26: LI team presents at the NV-UT Conference Youth & Young Adult Rally - Las Vegas, NV

November 1-3: LI team presents at the AR-LA Conference Teen Prayer Conference - Hot Springs, AR

January 20-24: Living it Training School in conjunction with

Living it website.
February 19-23: Just Claim It 4 World Youth Prayer Conference - Miami, FL
Teenagers are in a unique position in their identity formation and spiritual development. They are no longer attached to their parents in the way they were as children and it’s important to recognize and acknowledge this independence by visiting them in their own world – which for most teens is on campus – at school.

During the teenage years a child spends far more waking hours at school than at home – it is the environment they identify the most closely with, in most cases, and the place where they are faced with the most decisions regarding who they are becoming as a person – especially whether or not they will embrace and actually put into practice the things they are learning in church. If teens don’t learn how to “live” their faith at school – they may never learn how to live it at work as adults or anywhere else in their future lives either. Here are a few suggestions for making successful pastoral visits with teens at school:

1. Start out by getting to know their names when you see them at church. Everyone wants to be known and teenagers are especially insecure as they are trying to figure out who they are. Showing a desire to know them is a great affirmation that church is a friendly place and you are also modeling the fact that God is interested in them as well.

2. Let them know that you trust them by asking them to read scripture or make the offering appeal. Try to find out their interests and let them know you would love to have them be full participants in the life of the church.

3. Now that you know their names and have shown a desire to have them involved in the life of the church the next step in discipling them is to enter their world. Having lunch with teens is a powerful first step into their world – this is teen visitation – meeting them on their turf. Here are the basic steps for setting up the visit:

   a. Check with their parents first and let them know that you are planning to have lunch with their child. Have the parents call ahead and let the school office know that you will be stopping by. Sometimes it is easier to pick the student up and take them out to fast food for your first lunch-time visit together and then when you drop them off back at school stop in at the school office to see what is required to meet students and their friends on-campus for lunch. This is especially important if the student attends a public school. In fact it would be a good idea to stop by the public high school office to see what all is involved in visiting students on campus before you plan to meet. When you do meet for lunch on campus, pizza is easy to take and always a hit!

   b. Once you have decided to have lunch on or off campus make sure you have the right people present. You never want to take a student off campus by yourself. Always take your spouse or another youth leader with you. If you are meeting on campus make sure the student knows that they can bring a friend or two – for teens having a friend...
c. Be prepared for the conversation by having some topics in mind to discuss. I like to start out my first visit by asking the student what it is like to be a Christian in a public school or for an academy student if it is considered acceptable to be open about your faith and love for God. In public schools teens tend to be either on fire for Jesus or completely struggling with the temptation to engage the party scene – and in most academies the struggle is very laodicean in nature – it’s often considered very un-cool to be serious about your faith in academy. No matter what the situation, always be encouraging and take prayer requests and pray together before you leave.

The bottom line for teen visitation is to show that you care just by showing up in the middle of their lives and by trying to help them to apply their faith to the real world in which they live. This is especially true for the 70% of Adventist teens that attend public high schools and are therefore not benefiting from the spiritual nurture and care offered by our academies.

After meeting students at school your sermons will tend to become more practical and real and the students will tend to listen more because they know that you are more familiar with their struggles and that you care about them and their journey of faith.

For more tips and resources on public high school and academy campus ministry visit: www.livingiths.org

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