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Our Mission

Beginning Experience Teams
...to serve those suffering the loss of a
marriage – their own or that of their parents

Beginning Experience International Board
& International Ministry Center
...to serve teams who serve the grieving
and to serve the ministry worldwide

Beginning Experience Asia Pacific &
Great Britain/Ireland Regional Boards
...to serve teams in these areas of the world

Together, we are an interdependent ministry
serving those who grieve.

You can help us help. Visit
www.beginningexperience.org/donate.php

*Gifts to Beginning Experience help make
stories like Lisa's possible...*

Lisa's Story

After her divorce, Lisa Hodges thought she'd found her soul mate. She decided to move in with her new love although, as a Catholic, this meant she would not be able to receive Communion.

Four years later, after spending a wonderful Christmas together, her soul mate left for a job out of town. He kissed Lisa goodbye but told her that, when he returned, he wanted her out of the house. He planned to marry someone else.

Heartbroken, Lisa had seen no warning signs. Living in a small town and working at the local school, she was embarrassed, too. Others had known all along.

Later, after seeing a notice in her church bulletin, she signed up for a weekend in Houston, Texas. She attended wearing a hoodie sweatshirt, walking with her head down, and leaving the hood up all the time.

By the next weekend, though, she was part of the team and no longer afraid to look at people. She found writing the talks very healing. This process helped get her feelings "up and out."

She's now much closer to God. Reconciliation on the weekend helped her find her way back to the Church. "Without Beginning Experience, I can't tell how long it would have taken," she says. "I was so afraid of being judged."

Lisa's family noticed the change. They tell her she is so much stronger now, happier, taking more responsibility, and walking around with her head held up. "Without this ministry," Lisa says, "I'd be still hiding."



Lisa Hodges

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Our deepest thanks!

In Review...

Annual Report July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012

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Challenges 2011-2012

- Financing the ministry
- Replacing the Executive Director
- Ministry visibility
- Maintaining team certification
- Effective internal communication
- Developing new teams

Accomplishments 2011-2012

- Held four Regional Conferences with theme "Renewing the Light of Hope"
 - Denver, CO –Cincinnati, OH
 - Galway, Ireland –Auckland, New Zealand
- Held webinar training for local boards
- Advanced the revision of Manual for the Beginning Experience with companion manual for coordinators
- Developed a Facebook presence:
 - www.facebook.com/BeginningExperience
- Began update of the "Vision" training video
- Began revising promotional material

Goals 2012-2013

- Hold International Convention in Oceanside, California
- Plan for simplified 2013 Regional Conferences
- Replace the Executive Director
- Move the International Ministry Center
- Strengthen fund raising
- Further enhance web site
- Develop on-line programming
- Complete revision of promotional brochures
- Complete the revision of the "Vision" training video
- Update Policy Manual for Beginning Experience Teams
- Revise "Continued Beginnings" program

Financial Report July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012

REVENUE:		EXPENSE:	
Stewardship	\$45,248	International Board	\$16,378
Participant Fees	\$44,704	Professional Fees	\$7,207
Fund raising	\$11,697	Team Support/Development	\$2,809
Insurance	\$22,308	Insurance, Misc	\$21,032
2011 Regional Conferences	\$15,790	Regional Conferences	\$37,307
Team Development	\$2,917	Public Relations	\$2,579
Materials & Shipping	\$18,038	Office Operations	\$28,025
Overseas Regions	\$2,288	Bank Charges, Bad Debt	\$8,016
Unrealized Gain	\$1,761	Payroll, Taxes & Benefits	\$80,730
Subtotal	\$222,067	Total Expenses	\$204,083
Less Cost of Materials	\$10,361	Excess (Deficiency)	
Net Revenue	\$211,706	Revenue Less Expense	\$7,623

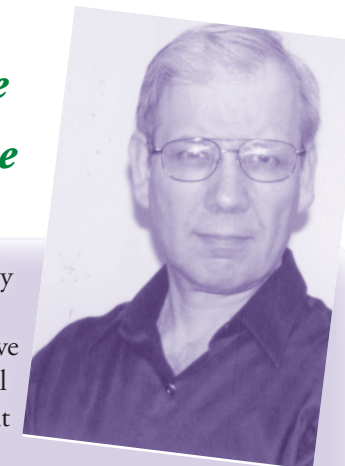
Teams

Albuquerque, NM	Grand Rapids, MI	Northwest Iowa	Trenton, NJ
Alexandria, LA	Greater Kansas City, KS/MO	Oklahoma City, OK	Tulsa, OK
Auckland, New Zealand	Harrisburg, PA	Omaha, NE	Wellington, New Zealand
Baton Rouge, LA	Hawaii	Orange County, CA	Westchester, NY
Belfast, N. Ireland	Hexham/Newcastle, UK	Oregon	West Coast Beyond BE
Birmingham, AL	Hexham/Newcastle, UK	Phoenix, AZ	West of Ireland
Brisbane, Australia	YPBE	Pittsburgh, PA	Western North Dakota
Broken Bay/Sydney, Australia	Houston, TX	Rochester, MN	Western North Dakota CBE
Central Minnesota	Hudson Valley, NY	Rochester, NY	Wichita, KS
Cincinnati, OH	Huntsville, AL	Rochester, NY YABE	Wichita, KS YABE
Connecticut	Kent, UK	Sacramento, CA	Winnipeg, MB, Canada
Cork, Ireland	Lafayette, LA*	San Diego, CA	Winnipeg, MB Canada YABE
Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX	Lake Charles, LA	San Jose, CA	Wyoming
Denver, CO*	Lansing, MI*	San Angelo, TX	
Des Moines, IA	Las Cruces, NM/El Paso, TX	San Antonio, TX	
Detroit, MI	Lismore, Australia	Sarnia, ON, Canada	
Dublin, Ireland	London, UK	Scotland	
Dubuque, IA*	Long Island, NY	Scotland YPBE*	
Dundalk, Ireland	Los Angeles, CA	Singapore	
Eastern North Dakota	Marshall/SW MN	South Bend, IN*	
Eastern South Dakota	New Orleans, LA	South Carolina	
Eastern Tennessee	Northern New Jersey*	Lowcountry	
Fairbanks, AK*		Springfield, MO	
Fresno, CA*		Spokane, WA	

* Teams that found it necessary to close

Teams that are newly emerging

A Message from Steve



It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve as International Board president for the past three years.

As you may know, the overall direction of the ministry is entrusted to this Board. All of us are widowed or divorced persons who strongly believe in this ministry. We have experienced its profound healing in our own lives. We know what it means to serve hurting people, as well as what it means to suffer loss ourselves.

Our current focus is on replacing our Executive Director. Kathleen Murphy, who has served for the past 11 years, plans to retire soon.

We began our search by restructuring the position to 3/4 time. After announcing the position availability, we received 17 applications and reduced them to six. Using Skype at the board meeting following the July 2012 International Convention, we will conduct initial interviews.

Our goal is to further reduce the pool and schedule in-person interviews at the next International Board meeting. We hope to confirm the ministry's seventh executive director by late fall or the first of the year.

We ask your prayers for our success.

*Steven Oldham, President
International Board of Directors*