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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 help new teams start...

Central Montana's Story

When her marriage ended, Juanita Hooper gained full custody of her three small children. Needing support, she attended "Coping with Life Alone" and a *Beginning Experience* weekend. Deeply moved, she answered God's call to join the team. She became involved again when a re-marriage ended, but leadership difficulties caused the team to dissolve.

Juanita hoped it would re-emerge. She knew how much her weekend had helped her. In her work with divorcing and never-married parents, she witnessed much anger--even hatred--and saw its damage to the whole family system. Finally she realized if not her, then who?

She contacted Executive Director Kathleen Murphy for help. Kathleen began to guide her; current Executive Director Yvonne Stoops has continued this guidance. Many tools were available on the International Ministry website. Juanita accessed forms, sample budgets and bylaws, and the online catalog.

The Diocese of Great Falls offered help. A local Catholic Church donated funds. Juanita took several people to a Western North Dakota weekend, and found former team members to form an initial board. At the first board meeting in June, they scheduled "Coping with Life Alone" followed by the first weekend Nov. 7-9. The International Ministry Center helped find volunteers for the pilot weekend team.

"I felt called to rebuild Beginning Experience of Montana," Juanita says. "If we're not seeking solutions, we become part of the problem. It's time to be proactive." +



Juanita Hooper

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In Review...

Annual Report July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

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Our deepest thanks!

Challenges 2013-2014

- Financing the ministry
- Fill four International Board vacancies
- Hire a new Executive Director
- Move the office
- Grieve the loss of Sister Josephine
- Replace John Powell support programs

Accomplishments 2013-14

- Filled four International Board vacancies
- Conducted board education for all members
- Hired a new Executive Director
- Moved the office
- Held six regional conferences led by Board members
- Implemented revised manual for weekend
- Added two new support programs
 - Building Happiness
 - Vision and Leadership
- Josephine memorial added to web site
- Daily updates to Facebook page
- Twitter account begun
- Explored and adopted new fund raising techniques

Goals 2014-2015

- Hold 40th Anniversary International Convention in New Orleans, LA
- 3 new adult teams
- 2 new youth teams
- Develop relationship with Knights of Columbus international office
- Recertify 2 teams
- Revise Policy Manual for Beginning Experience Teams, Clergy Manual and Continued Beginnings

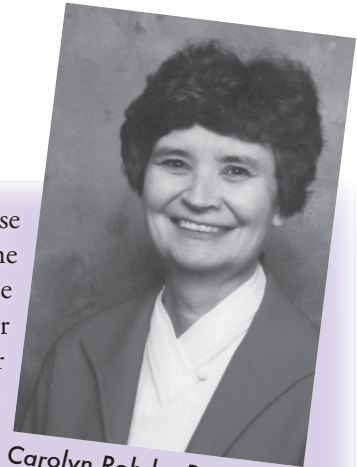
Financial Report July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014

REVENUE:		EXPENSES:	
Contributions	\$20,724	International Board meeting	\$7,905
Stewardship	\$38,600	Conference/Convention	\$11,156
Participant fees	\$31,704	Asia Pacific/Britain & Ireland Regions	\$3,037
Insurance	\$23,735	Professional, legal fees	\$11,138
Regional conferences	\$12,177	Public Relations	\$2,507
Sale of materials, net	\$16,932	Depreciation	\$3,385
(gross revenues \$25,721)		Insurance	\$22,036
Asia Pacific/Britain & Ireland Regions	\$4,813	Equipment lease/maintenance	\$3,597
Miscellaneous Income	\$3,455	Rent/office supplies	\$8,256
		Postage/shipping/Miscellaneous	\$7,921
Total	\$152,140	Telecommunications	\$3,178
		Move & Transition	\$32,871
		Payroll	\$75,203
		Total	\$192,190
		Net Gain/(Loss)	(\$40,050)

Beginning Experience Teams

Alexandria, LA	Greater Kansas City, KS/MO	Rochester/SE MN	Winnipeg, MB YBE, Canada
Auckland, New Zealand	Harrisburg, PA	Rochester, NY	Wyoming
Belfast, Northern Ireland	Hudson Valley, NY	Sacramento, CA	These teams found it necessary to close:
Birmingham, AL	Kent, UK	San Diego, CA	Denver, CO
Brisbane, Australia	Lake Charles, LA	San Jose, CA	Fairbanks, AK
Broken Bay/Sydney, Australia	Las Cruces, NM/El Paso, TX	San Angelo, TX	Hawaii
Central Minnesota	Lismore, Australia	San Antonio, TX	Hexham/Newcastle, UK
Cincinnati, OH	Long Island, NY	Sarnia, ON, Canada	Houston, TX
Connecticut	Los Angeles, CA	Scotland	Huntsville, AL
Cork, Ireland	Marshall/SW MN	Singapore	London, UK
Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX	New Orleans, LA	South Carolina Lowcountry	Tulsa, OK
Des Moines, IA	Northwest Iowa	Springfield, MO	Wellington, New Zealand
Detroit, MI	Oklahoma City, OK	Spokane, WA	Wichita, KS
Dublin, Ireland	Omaha, NE	West of Ireland	Emerging Teams:
Dundalk, Ireland	Orange County, CA	Western North Dakota	Central Montana
Eastern North Dakota	Oregon	Western North Dakota CBE	Memphis, TN
Eastern South Dakota	Phoenix, AZ	Wichita, KS YABE	Christchurch, New Zealand
Eastern Tennessee	Phoenix, AZ YPBE	Winnipeg, MB, Canada	
Grand Rapids, MI	Pittsburgh, PA		

A Message from the President



Carolyn Rohde, President International Board

When we chose “Celebrating the Vision in a Time of Change” for our 40th year celebration, we didn’t know that a huge change was ahead—the

loss of our co-founder, Sister Josephine, on May 8. I recently came across a talk she gave at a past conference. In part, she said:

“I have heard from God – through events and my journaling – that Beginning Experience is about all of us being instruments of God’s compassionate LOVE. My hope is that, as peers, we can really listen to hurting people and be instruments for the transformation God works in them through us.

“Visions are discovered as life is lived – as the Holy Spirit lives the vision of God in us. *Do not take anything for granted.* Pass the [Beginning Experience] VISION to the next generation. Take great care of this precious gift. You are all bearers of the vision.”

I felt energized by these words! Josephine knew change would come and we would have to adapt. This report outlines recent adaptations—the year’s challenges and accomplishments, and goals for the year ahead.

The International Board, the Executive Director, and all team members face this time of change together. God will walk with us as we mourn the loss of Josephine, celebrate 40 years of ministry, and look forward to celebrating many more!