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# In Review...

*Beginning Experience International Ministry, Inc.  
Annual Report July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015*

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## Your Gift Helped the new Western Tennessee Team Alma's Story

My coworkers said that there was something different about me when I went back to work after my Beginning Experience weekend. They commented that I was more relaxed and more positive. I thought to myself, "If people around me can really see the difference in me, this is important." I knew then, that I wanted to help others going through the pain of their loss.

Working in the Family Life Office of the Diocese of Memphis, I was determined to start something to reach out to those hurting. I began adding programs such as the Catholic Divorced Survivors' Guide. But I also felt in my heart that God wanted me to do more. Remembering my Beginning Experience weekend, I reached out to Marian Christiana, Director of Marriage and Enrichment, Diocese of Knoxville, who put me in touch with the East Tennessee Beginning Experience team.

I attended my second BE weekend with East Tennessee bringing two other women from our CDSG group with me. Next, I became a team member and presenter for East Tennessee, and this time, I brought 3 more people from the CDSG Memphis group. Now I had 5 people to start our own Beginning Experience team!

I started training our 5 team members with the help and guidance of Yvonne Stoops, our Executive Director. She provided the materials we needed and was always available to answer questions and offer prayers of support.

In June of 2015, we had our first BE weekend in Memphis, with 15 participants! From this group, at least five are prayerfully considering becoming part of the BE West Tennessee team. Steve Smith, our Regional International Board member representative, was there to help us coordinate the weekend. He is truly a mentor.

I thank God for my first Beginning Experience weekend. I thank God that the vision I had 11 years ago came to fruition. It was a long journey. The journey would not have been possible without the help from BE International and the BE team of East Tennessee. It was a team effort, from a real family. This ministry is truly God's work.

## Financial Report

REVENUE:	
Stewardship	\$33,030
Participant Fees	\$29,243
Fund raising	\$49,434
Insurance	\$21,815
2014 International Convention	\$39,617
Sale of materials, net	\$15,279
Miscellaneous Income	\$3,746
Asia Pacific/Britain & Ireland	\$4,813
<b>Total Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$196,977</b>
EXPENSE:	
International Board	\$14,427
Professional Fees	\$3,389
Asia Pacific/Britain&Ireland	\$3,037
Insurance	\$18,256
Conference/Convention	\$23,398
Public Relations	\$13,802
Depreciation	\$2,983
Equipment Lease/maintenance	\$2,248
Rent/office supplies	\$8,335
Postage/shipping	\$3,741
Telecommunications	\$3,472
Payroll, Taxes & Benefits	\$84,013
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$181,101</b>
 Revenue Less Expense	 <b>\$15,876</b>

## Our Teams

Alexandria, LA  
 Auckland, New Zealand  
 Belfast, N. Ireland  
 Birmingham, AL  
 Brisbane, Australia  
 Central Minnesota  
 Cincinnati, OH  
 Connecticut  
 Cork, Ireland  
 Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX  
 Des Moines, IA  
 Dublin, Ireland  
 Dundalk, Ireland  
 Eastern North Dakota  
 Eastern South Dakota  
 Eastern Tennessee  
 Grand Rapids, MI  
 Greater Kansas City,  
 KS/MO  
 Harrisburg, PA  
 Hudson Valley, NY

Las Cruces, NM  
 Lismore, Australia  
 Long Island, NY  
 Los Angeles, CA  
 Marshall/SW MN  
 New Orleans, LA  
 Northwest Iowa  
 Oklahoma City, OK  
 Omaha, NE  
**Orange County, CA**  
 Oregon  
 Phoenix, AZ  
 Pittsburgh, PA  
 Rochester, SE MN  
 Rochester, NY  
 Sacramento, CA  
 San Diego, CA  
 San Jose, CA  
 San Angelo, TX  
 San Antonio, TX  
 Sarnia, ON, Canada  
 Scotland  
 Singapore  
 Springfield, MO  
 Spokane, WA

South of England, UK  
 Tacoma, WA  
 West of Ireland  
 Western North Dakota  
 Western ND CBE  
 Wichita, KS YABE  
 Winnipeg, MB, Canada  
 Winnipeg, MB YABE  
 Wyoming

### These teams found it necessary to close:

Detroit, MI  
 Lake Charles, LA  
 Lowcountry, SC  
 Broken Bay, Australia

### New teams:

Central Montana

### Emerging teams:

Western Tennessee  
 Upstate South Carolina

### Emerging youth teams:

Rosaryville YPBE  
 Central Minnesota YPBE  
 Pittsburgh YABE

**Beginning Experience  
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**Yvonne Stoops, Executive Director**  
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*Together, we are one — an interdependent  
 ministry serving those who grieve.*

## Our Mission

**Teams** ...to serve those suffering the loss of marriage or of their parents' marriage

## International Board & International Ministry Center

...to serve teams and the ministry worldwide

## Asia Pacific & Great Britain/Ireland Regional Boards

...to serve teams in these areas of the world

## Our Vision

*A hurting people healed, transformed and free again to love themselves, others and God.*