

Biblical Counseling Training  
Project Evaluation  
July 2020

**Overview:**

Over the past five years there has been a growing focus by leadership in the area of counseling and discipleship. In February 2015 the leadership team attended the Faith Biblical Counseling Training Conference (BCTC) in Lafayette, IN. Following this one week conference there was much reading, studying and discussing the underlying theology and practice. Afterward the leadership team began to invite others in to be exposed to the training. Currently there have been twenty members of the Canada Field that have had the opportunity to attend a training event. The vision of this project is to equip the discipling missionary to use the Bible in application at a heart-level focus in the lives of those they are walking alongside in regular discipleship.

**Goals:**

Vision: To see the staff serving on the Canada Field develop in their understanding and application of the Scripture to issues of life, both personally and in the lives of those that are in their community of influence.

Mission: To equip the discipling missionary to apply the Bible at a heart-level focus in the lives of those they are walking alongside in regular discipleship.

**Objectives:**

- 1) Training staff
- 2) Developing staff
- 3) Intervention resources
- 4) Ministry resources

**Activities:**

- 1) Regular exposure to Biblical Counseling training, books and media that aid in the development and use of the tools.
- 2) Personal development in the ability to self-counsel in godliness and spiritual maturity.
- 3) The use of an intensive based counseling group, Twelve Stones Ministries, for staff and appointees. Member care is also a resource for critical care.
- 4) Encouraging the use of counseling care and being advocates in the lives of those the staff are discipling.

### Outputs/Outcomes:

- 1) Ten staff members (4 Canada Field; 6 Alaska Field) attended the conference in Lafayette, IN, in 2020. Another staff couple attended a similar event held in Bellingham, WA. Books have been gifted to our Canada Field Staff during each annual staff conference. Online training over four sessions was provided during the quarantine period. A twelve week study group has gathered to continue study in the area of biblical counseling. A supervising staff member and our member care staff couple have been pursuing graduate level training in biblical counseling.
- 2) Dr. Kevin Carson agreed to be the speaker for our 2020 conference, which was cancelled. He is now scheduled for 2021 and his main topic is in regards to self-counsel. Supervision staff are using biblical counseling as a means to be aware and step deeper into the lives of our staff. Books and other materials are a regular part of supervision visits.
- 3) Member care staff have been involved with two couples over the past year. Two staff units have attended and benefited from the Twelve Stones ministry.
- 4) One staff ministry has made use of Twelve Stones in a ministry situation. Staff are being trained in biblical counseling both at a layman level as well as a graduate level of training.