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PLEASE READ THIS HANDBOOK

This handbook will serve as a practical tool: answer your questions, harmonize and balance expectations, and give you an over view of the time spent at the Acts 2 School in Vero Beach

WELCOME TO "ACTS 2" SCHOOL

You have signed up for a 1 or 2 week course, or our weekend training, because you can see yourself becoming a more dedicated disciple for the Lord, as well as: training, equipping and discipling others.

Before arriving you prepared a few things that are essential in order for everyone to have the same starting point and understanding of what we're doing here:

1. You have joined the Facebook group, where we will keep each other updated. The group is private, If you do not have Facebook then please register, if only for this group.
2. You have brought only the most necessary things. This means traveling light and only bringing **ONE** suitcase with light clothing, a backpack, personal things, a bible, a sleeping bag, a towel, and maybe a laptop. Drawers are located under your bed for storing your items during your stay.
3. You have made the full payment for the school before the training starts. This helps us to prepare and purchase the necessities. **For this reason, your payment is non-refundable.**

Coming with the conviction in your heart that the church is facing a new reformation: A reformation that will go deeper than any reformation before: away from church traditions, suffocating structures, and countless meetings in church buildings. Believing that it is a reformation where we get back to what we read in the Book of Acts. A simple disciple-life, led by the Holy Spirit, where the kingdom of God comes near in homes, on the streets, in shops, and all other places where people are. You will meet normal people who are acting on the commandments of Jesus that have left behind jobs, education, and homes to serve in the Kingdom of God. In other words, it will not be perfection but dedication that characterizes the people here at the Acts 2 School.

When the training ends your life will be changed, God will have spoken, and your mind renewed. You also will have gotten a greater conviction of God's provision in all things. After the training period we expect people to continue their journey: whether it be back home, in new

places. It will be a new time and a new adventure, and hopefully we will all be part of each other's journeys; even though we only have a few weeks together. We are convinced that this will be the start of a whole new life for you. This is going to be a life changing time for everyone and we are looking forward to welcoming you at the Acts 2 School to be part of a family and a fellowship of like minded believers all on the same journey striving toward the same goal; *being a self-replicating disciple of Jesus Christ.*

EXPECTATIONS

Many things mentioned in this handbook will be very obvious for brothers and sisters in Christ who naturally show love and respect for each other, e.g. clean up after ourselves and also cleaning up after others when they forget. Moreover, we do not wish to make rules and so on; keep in mind that we will be a group of people representing different countries and cultures with many seemingly weird traditions and habits. Our desire is to harmonize and balance expectations for everyone. For those reasons there will be some guidelines; e.g. we expect from each other that we are dedicated to the lifestyle of discipleship that we speak life to each other without slander and negative talk, live a life of servant leadership, and have respect for other people and their cultures. This requires being very flexible and patient. If you are coming only to be healed of an infirmity, please consider alternative ministries focused exclusively on healing. Our program is centered around discipleship, and bringing the Bible to everyday life.

In short, we expect everyone to:

- a. Seek God on your own
- b. Read the bible often
- c. Be prepared for all activities
- d. Eat anything
- e. Sleep anywhere and on anything
- f. Come with a humble heart and willingness to learn and unlearn

Seeking God on your own is the most important expectation; as you will inevitably hit walls of boredom or experience attacks, especially on your emotions, and so on. **So do not neglect your quiet times with God! It's Him you depend on and it will be the Holy Spirit who binds our fellowship together in unity; giving patience, kindness and love.**

Please be considerate, keeping in mind that others are also making personal sacrifices from families and work. So our desire is to honor this and be good stewards of what God is giving us.

THE PROGRAM

The following contains a general presentation of the program for the time of your stay, followed by a general explanation of the daily program and schedule of the first week. **Please read it carefully,** so that you have a picture and overview of the time you will spend here at the Acts2 School.

The program

You will be part of discipling and training others: seeing people repent, set free, baptized in water and Holy spirit, as well as casting out demons. You will grow as a true disciple of Christ yourself.

We will spend time on teaching, fellowship, and street evangelizing. When the opportunity presents itself, you may also be traveling to other cities. It could mean going to different cities; staying in homes, visiting churches, and kickstarting people.

Daily schedule

Breakfast

We meet every morning for breakfast. Breakfast is served at the **scheduled time only.**

Fellowship meeting - Prayer and 1 Corinthians 14:26

This is a time where we encourage and build each other up. This time of the day, inspired by 1 Corinthians 14:26, is a simple and biblical way of having a 'fellowship meeting.' Not one individual is responsible for the talking, but all participate and encourage all. It is also a good exercise for people to find the courage to share, and for those who often take control or talk too much, to hold back. It's a way of having fellowship where **everyone** is sharing testimonies, singing, teaching, encouraging each other, etc...

"When you come together, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Everything must be done so that the church may be built up."

Please make sure to be on time for the fellowship meeting; having already poured your coffee, put your plate in the dishwasher, having grabbed your bible, and a chair.

Cleaning. This work area is about being faithful and good stewards of what God has given us; and we want to honor what we have been given. Moreover, if the rooms are not clean and tidy, we cannot operate in any of the other areas effectively, especially when we have guests staying with us.

Practical. As with cleaning, this work area is about being a faithful and good steward of what God has given us. We want to keep our facilities clean, presentable, and usable, e.g. a leaking roof can make it impossible to operate in other areas effectively. The work area consists of hands-on work such as: maintenance, repair, and the like.

Lunch and Dinner Times

We eat only at the specified times. Based on unforeseen scheduling due to change of plans, those times may be changed from time to time with advance notice.

Teaching

The time spent here at the Acts 2 School will be very different from a "normal" bible school. You will not have a Monday to Friday, 08:00 to 15:00 week sitting on your chair taking notes while listening to a lecture or presentation on Hebrew and methods of text analysis. You will be taught the word of God in a very practical, and applicable way, based on real life experience. You are expected to have a humble heart and be prepared to learn new things; at the same time, also unlearning the manmade traditions that you (unknowingly) carry with you. This can be difficult and, at times, very hard, but keep your heart humble and always be willing to learn new things.

Please make sure to be on time for teaching; having already brought your bible, a cup of coffee, sitting in a chair and have all the tough questions prepared for when the teachings starts.

Street evangelizing

Everyone heads out to the streets to meet people with the power of the gospel and the truth of the Kingdom. Some are experienced in this area, while some will step into this area of ministering when arriving at the Acts 2 School. We will take the time to learn from each other, talk about the experiences, and so on.

Fellowship

In the evening we will spend time with each other talking and sharing about our day and the experiences in them. It's also a time that can be spent alone for bible reading, praying, relaxing and so on. At 10:30pm we all turn the volume down and give people the opportunity to sleep. At that time the lights in the rooms are turned off and we show respect for each other.

Overview

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
7:00am	School Start	Wake Up	Sleep In	Sleep In	Wake Up	Wake Up	Wake Up
7:30am							
8:00am	Breakfast	Breakfast			Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
8:30am		Group Prayer		Group Prayer	Group Prayer	Group Prayer	Group Prayer
9:00am		Testimonies	Breakfast	Breakfast	Testimonies	Testimonies	Testimonies
9:30am			Group prayer	Local Attractions			
10:00am	Meet & Greet	teaching	teaching	Local Attractions	cleaning/alone time	cleaning/alone time	cleaning/alone time
10:30am	Staff			Local Attractions			
11:00am				Local Attractions			
11:30am				Local Attractions			
12:00pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:30pm				Local Attractions			
1:00pm	Handbook Review	Kickstart	Kickstart/Baptisms	Local Attractions	Teaching	Teaching	Teaching
1:30pm	Handbook Review			Local Attractions			
2:00pm				Local Attractions			
2:30pm				Local Attractions			
3:00pm	tbd			Local Attractions	Streets	Streets	Streets
3:30pm	tbd			Local Attractions			
4:00pm	tbd			Local Attractions			
4:30pm	tbd			Local Attractions			
5:00pm	tbd			Local Attractions			
5:30pm	tbd			Local Attractions			
6:00pm	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
7:00pm	Testimonies	Testimonies	Testimonies	Testimonies	Testimonies	Testimonies	Testimonies
8:00-9:00pm	Praise	Praise	Praise	Praise	Praise	Praise	Praise
9:00-10:30pm	Fellowship	Fellowship	Fellowship	Fellowship	Fellowship	Fellowship	Fellowship

ROOMS

You will be sharing a room with others and sleep in a bunk bed during your stay.

It is also everyone's responsibility to maintain their own bedrooms. We also assume that people can manage their own personal hygiene and take into consideration the people they live with and so on, e.g. put the coffee cup in the dishwasher after use, and leaving the bathrooms clean and stocked for the next person to use.

Where you will not stay: We all participate, stay, and live here on equal terms with everyone else. For that reason we do not have many rules, but it will be a rule that *men and women do not visit each other's rooms* (married couples may have their own room depending on availability). Furthermore, you only have access to the rooms where you sleep unless you are invited in. In the same way, the kitchen in the main house and are only for the people living there.

FOOD AND MEALS

Meals are a time of fellowship and relaxation, so please be on time for all meals. We will always eat at the times specified in the schedule unless stated otherwise. Remember to always clean up after yourself after meals.

Food teams

You will be helping in the preparation of food for everyone at one point during your stay. We aim to keep the food simple and choose meals that are quick and easy to prepare.

Being part of the food team includes your help in preparing breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as cleaning afterwards. The meals should be ready *before* and cleaned up *after* the specified time in the schedule. The scheduled time for meals must be kept; therefore, the kitchen team must start to prepare food on time regardless of meetings, teaching, evangelizing, or other activities taking place.

The kitchen is for the kitchen team volunteers only; otherwise it will quickly become impossible for us to keep the kitchen in working order and have food ready on time.

Questions and answers

Where and how do I clean my clothing and bed linen? For personal clothing and towels you use the washing machine. Please, do not wash two pieces of underwear but make sure to fill the machine, e.g. by washing together. The instructions are on the wall next to it. There will be soap/laundry detergent available but the Acts2 School takes no responsibility for it being purchased or available if misused. *Please clean up the area and empty the dryer lint screen after use.*

What is the password for the WIFI?

The password is: Acts2School

What if I have a complaint about something?

Jesus said: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another" (John 13:34) and Paul later wrote: "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone" (Rom. 12:18). Often no one acts with malice, so remember humility, love and forgiveness. If a conflict arises, you are to bring reconciliation and not seek punishment. The opposite attitude can be worse than the offense.

If you experience a conflict then:

- A. Talk with the person you have a complaint against before involving any others.
- B. If you cannot reconcile, then bring the complaint to the appropriate staff members.

If an individual deliberately, with complete understanding of his/her actions, continually disregards the safety of her/his brothers and sisters, or purposely creates discord/disagreements and/or continually gossips, or creates division, we will ultimately have to exclude him/her from the fellowship, i.e. you have to go home. Practically, if any of these actions need to be taken, then know that we are not capable of making any refund or compensation for the amount, which was paid to cover the rest of your stay with us at the Acts2 School.

Can I invite friends or family? Generally, yes, but please talk with Don or Rosana *beforehand* and get their approval.

How do I get from the airport or bus station to the Acts2 School?

We offer Shuttle Van service for pickup/dropoff at Orlando International Airport (MCO) There is an additional \$100.00 fee for the service, which is offered on our website.

The \$100.00 fee is the complete cost, which covers airport transportation both ways. Please be sure to choose the transportation option when booking your time with us.

To assist us in our efforts in helping to expedite your arrival, please send us your travel itinerary in advance so that we can better coordinate airport, or bus terminal pickup. The nearest Greyhound bus stop located at Mobil Gas 8990 20th Street Vero Beach FL 32966.

Our telephone number is country code (when using an international cell phone) 1(401) 595-5140

Will I need an adapter for my electronic equipment? Yes. If traveling internationally, we suggest that you bring an electronic adapter with you in order to use your laptop, and all other electronic devices.

Can I stay after the school has ended? No. It's unfortunately not possible to stay after the school has ended because we need to prepare for the next school starting.

If I go home before the school ends, will I then get a refund?

Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer a refund for the training if you decide to leave before the school ends.

Where do I shop?

We are located approximately 4 miles away from all of the major stores shopping centers. Everything is centrally located, and accessible by car. We can arrange to make trips into the local area upon request if you are traveling in without a vehicle.

Local Attractions & Theme Parks in Florida:

Florida is the home of many theme parks. Whether it be Disney World in Orlando, Sea World, or Busch Gardens in Tampa. We also have the Kennedy Space Center Cape Canaveral, as well as many others to choose from. Plan on bringing extra funds with you should we decide to have an optional day available to visit any of these attractions. These are GREAT places to put your disciple skills to good use while having fun!

Weather and clothing in Florida:

Weather in Florida will be hot and sunny most of the time from June through October, so you will want to bring light clothing along with you for your time here. Since brighter colors reflect light better than darker colors (which absorb both light and heat), we suggest bringing lighter colored light clothing for your comfort. Bring an extra light jacket, and change of warmer clothing with you when attending from Late October through April. Evenings will be cooler during this time.

Though we do not seek to judge what is acceptable in your culture, and as we are all undoubtedly very good looking, let's use wisdom with the way we dress to bring glory to our Father; not to bring attention to ourselves. Please remember to dress modestly at all times.

Can I use my a mobile phone? If traveling internationally, it is possible to get a local SIM card with a phone plan locally. Please let us know, and we will arrange transportation for you to be able to make purchase. Quite often, you can also find SIM card plans at the airport kiosks.

Religion in USA:

The religious life of Florida follows that of the rest of the USA. The State of Florida is predominantly Judeo Christian with Roman Catholics and Baptists each making around one-third of the total. The other religions of the world such as Judaism, Hinduism, and Islam are also represented.

How to behave in USA?

To learn about the culture of the United States, we have provided the following link:

<http://www.livescience.com/28945-american-culture.html>

We hope that you enjoy your stay with us while growing exponentially in your walk with our Lord.

Our aim is to make Healthy Self-Replicating Disciples of Jesus Christ.

We look forward to having you join us!

Yours, and His

Don & Rosana Blizard, and our dedicated Staff at Acts2School

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