

Te Cuento...

...The Story Inside

The Creative Assignment

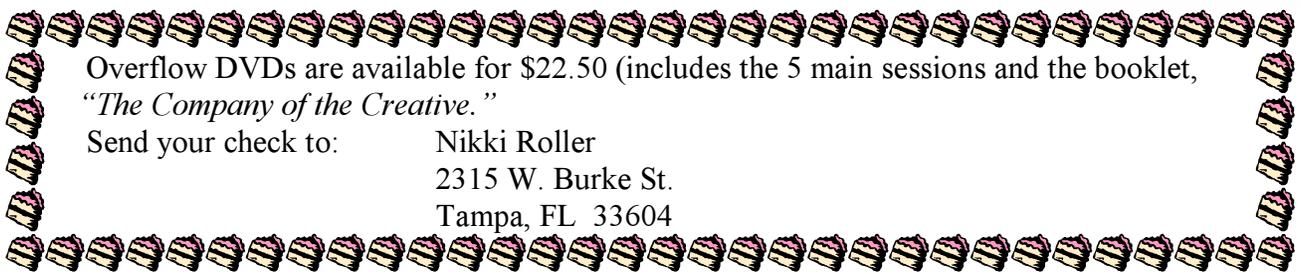
As the hotel lobby emptied of Overflowees, I stared around the now empty ballroom and enjoyed the last flavors of the days we had shared together; the sweet aftertaste of the praise, the teaching, the shared sense of solidarity in purpose and method.

I wondered what B.T. might have thought, once he got over the computerized lights, the 3 giant screens, and the lack of neckbeards. I think, if he had time to understand today's American culture, and had time to walk the city streets and sit in our churches, that he would have been pleased; pleased that the same principles which drove him and others to found the church 150 years ago are still driving us today. He might even have put on his baker's hat!



Overflow participants accepted the Creative Assignment:
Create Reproducing Groups started by Lay-believers that Include Non-believers

Other than that, we're not particular about the details of your small group system. Create your own plan, copy a plan, adapt your existing small group plan...*Just Bake It!*



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Simple Synchronized Strategy

April 24 - *1 Covenant*

July 22 - *2 Sentence Statement of Intention*

September 22- *3 week training of group starters*

10-10-10 - *New groups started*

Jan 22, 2011 - *2nd generation groups started*

April 22, 2011 - *Let's see what God is doing!*

July, 2011 General Conference- *Celebrate what God has done!*

El Reventón del Año

El reventón reventó con el re-invento de la iglesia por el reverendo. El reverendo Héctor Fernández inició el Overflow Conference con una gran llamada a la iglesia a compartir el corazón de Dios con Su pasión por las almas. ¡Que sermonzazo!

Entonces los predicadores nos desafiaron a re-enfocar nuestras iglesias en los mismos enfoques que formaron tanto la iglesia Metodista como la iglesia Metodista Libre. Es decir:

- vivir vidas santas (live the story), vidas llenas de intensidad e integridad
- actuar como personas santas (tell the story), actuar con testimonios vividos y hablados
- tener grupos pequeños dirigidos por laicos que contengan personas no-Cristianos.

Las 3 actividades que deben ocurrir en cada sesión de cada grupo pequeño son:

- Contar** una historia bíblica (no hagan estudios bíblicos porque no muchos somos capaces de dirigirlos)
- Contestar** las preguntas. Hay muchos juegos de preguntas de los cuales escoger.
- Conversar** con Dios (Orar). Orar por los inconversos, bendiciéndolos.



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The 3 Conversations of all Small Groups

We aim to establish reproducing, lay-led groups that include non-believers. The model has to be flexible, adaptable and simple. Create your own small group in your living room. Just make sure that you...

Tell the Story: The conversation with God. Pick a different story from scripture every week and re-tell it. This is something we all can do. This lets those of us who aren't Bible scholars still lead a small group. And, this ensures that content is shared in a way people can understand;

Answer the Questions: The conversation with believers. Ask each other a set of small group questions. Pick your own set of questions. The simplest ones are: 1)What is God telling you to do? And, 2)What are you going to do about it? Or pick John Wesley's questions if you want tough ones; and,

Pray: The conversation with non-Christ-followers (although obviously, prayer is talking with God). Listen to non-followers story, then pray with them. Most people will readily accept prayer and some will even pray. Others may need a bit of coaching.

Your group will also want to serve your community or neighborhood in some way. Maybe there is a need you have observed...serve that need.



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David Roller's 2010 Calendar

MAY

- 1-13 Vacation days (35th wedding anniversary)
- 14-15 UK Annual Conference
- 17-18 Northern Ireland visit
- 21-23 Spain visit
- 23-25 Portugal visit
- 26-29 Hungary visit
- 29-31 Belgium visit

JUNE

- 21-23 Eastern Superintendents' meeting (PA)
- 29-July 1 Haiti visit

JULY

- 3 Lighthouse Camp dedication (NY)
- 5-8 Mexican Conference (Rancho Betania)
- 12-17 IYC (San Diego)
- 22 Web connecting for 2-Sentence Statement of Intention
- 24-30 Pleasantville Camp (PA)
- 31-Aug 6 Wellspring camp in Britain