

L.I.T.—Where Do I Start? by Blake Hayworth

L.I.T. Ministries changed my ministry to children for many years. I saw a lot of young lives transformed as we walked our kids through the material. Many of our students mark these years in their lives as truly life-changing and the most pivotal time and change in their walk with Christ. During these years, I saw children serve in areas where children would have never been asked to serve. When talking to a number of these students, I find they have continued their daily discipline of Bible study and serving. I have experienced many of my students surrender to full-time ministry and serving in local churches. I could go on and on about the impact that L.I.T. has had, some of which will never be known on this side of eternity! (*Blake Hayworth is the Missions & Recreation Pastor at FBC Ozark, Missouri.*)



Thank You for Your Prayers

Last week I asked you to pray for Vicki and me. **During times of questioning, I find it comforting to go back to my roots in ministry.** So, on Wednesday, I drove to Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. I spent a while reminiscing over the time spent there as I walked through some of the hallways of the school. I am blessed to have received much of my training there.



From there, I drove to Wedgwood Baptist Church and reminisced about what the Lord did there over the course of 12 years that turned my life upside down. I even visited room 110C, the room in which L.I.T. was birthed. I am forever grateful for the joy and trials I went through as the Lord provided the vision of L.I.T. It frustrated some folks, but others welcomed the idea with open arms.

It was there on April 12, 2014, that the Lord called me to trust Him and step down as their children's pastor. That step of faith challenged Vicki and me to the core. It did not make sense. The money was not there. We weren't fully sure what the next step was, but **we knew that if we did not do it, we would be disobeying the Lord.** The Lord has taken care of our every need since we made this decision.



The first year, I was somewhat depressed. I missed working with kids. I missed seeing them worshipping and serving the Lord. I missed our retreats, camps, and mission trips. It took me a year to process through it.

Now, I am in a new phase of ministry. **One of my joys of ministry today is hearing the many testimonies of young adults who went through L.I.T. at Wedgwood and numerous other churches.** Their lives were set on a course of faith for life and deeply rooted in a passion to serve the Lord. Some are even called to full-time ministry. This came about from the investment



of hundreds of people in the lives of these kids. You can read many of their testimonies on our website at www.leadersintraining.com.

Since I left full-time ministry as a children's pastor, I have had the opportunity to invest in the lives of thousands of children's pastors and leaders worldwide. I have trained many leaders who are now training other leaders. One of our leaders in Zambia has trained more pastors and leaders than I ever did in the U.S.

The Lord put Hebrews 12:1-3 on my heart this past Sunday:

*"Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and **let us run with endurance the race that is set before us**, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."*

My target, aim, and prize is Jesus Christ. My goal is to take as many children, students, and adults as possible with me on my journey there. I may be getting older, but it isn't over. I am even more committed to finishing the race the Lord has set before me.

Thank you so much to all of you who have believed in L.I.T. Ministries and Vicki and me. Thank you to the many of you who have invested in the lives of so many children. It has paid off.

We are forever grateful to you for being our partner in this amazing adventure of seeing children's and students' hearts set on fire for the Lord. We could never have accomplished what the Lord set before us without your continued prayers and support.

God bless you as much as you have blessed us.

Blessings,
Dr. Clint May, President, L.I.T. Ministries

PRAYER REQUESTS

Praises

- For the continued fruit of discipleship that we are seeing in young adults
- For our completed training in Angola last week
- For the Lord's continued provision
- For a fresh vision for the future of L.I.T.

Prayer Requests

- For the Lord's continued provision for the ministry
- For open doors of opportunity to equip pastors and leaders
- For our leadership team
- For grace and guidance as we move forward with our vision to reach, disciple, and equip children for ministry and missions