



“Let’s Do That Again”

by Laurie L. Yost, Mexico

The small church was in a poor, drug and alcohol-ridden area of our city. The church people were street preaching and handing out pamphlets as part of a month-long Saturday evangelism blitz in the neighborhood. I walked with one young woman, an on-fire leader in the church, visiting with her and listening to her heart.

As Christina and I walked we saw a house where several people were on the patio. One man was playing the double bass while another was playing the guitar. The people were happy, laughing and dancing. What a great opportunity to meet some people in the neighborhood.

I walked up to the gate, with Christina apprehensively behind, and began talking with the people. I asked if I might video tape them playing so I could show my dad who also plays double bass. This common bond elicited an invitation to come in and sit down. We visited and laughed together. Christina sat, quietly observing. During our visit, we were able to tell them we were out in the neighborhood inviting people to our church. Although we were there for no more than 15 minutes, I knew the next time we walked by we would be invited in because we had expressed interest in them and their lives.

As we walked away Christina said, “I can’t believe you just did that! You actually went onto their patio where they had alcohol and non-Christian music, and you visited with them. You had an interest in their music, and they were thrilled. You didn’t compromise your beliefs or your convictions. That was amazing! How did you know to do that?” I began telling this young leader that building into people and being truly interested in them are ways to let them see Jesus in you and what a relationship with Him looks like. I will never forget the excitement in her eyes as she said, “Ok, that was awesome. Let’s do that again!”

That day leadership training took place while intersecting for a few moments with people living their everyday lives. I realized those of us with the opportunity to train leaders don’t necessarily have to be in a classroom with pen and paper in hand, writing down the four points of being an effective leader. Sometimes it’s bringing people alongside us and just living life as it comes along.



“Let’s Do That Again”

by Laurie L. Yost, Mexico

The small church was in a poor, drug and alcohol-ridden area of our city. The church people were street preaching and handing out pamphlets as part of a month-long Saturday evangelism blitz in the neighborhood. I walked with one young woman, an on-fire leader in the church, visiting with her and listening to her heart.

As Christina and I walked we saw a house where several people were on the patio. One man was playing the double bass while another was playing the guitar. The people were happy, laughing and dancing. What a great opportunity to meet some people in the neighborhood.

I walked up to the gate, with Christina apprehensively behind, and began talking with the people. I asked if I might video tape them playing so I could show my dad who also plays double bass. This common bond elicited an invitation to come in and sit down. We visited and laughed together. Christina sat, quietly observing. During our visit, we were able to tell them we were out in the neighborhood inviting people to our church. Although we were there for no more than 15 minutes, I knew the next time we walked by we would be invited in because we had expressed interest in them and their lives.

As we walked away Christina said, “I can’t believe you just did that! You actually went onto their patio where they had alcohol and non-Christian music, and you visited with them. You had an interest in their music, and they were thrilled. You didn’t compromise your beliefs or your convictions. That was amazing! How did you know to do that?” I began telling this young leader that building into people and being truly interested in them are ways to let them see Jesus in you and what a relationship with Him looks like. I will never forget the excitement in her eyes as she said, “Ok, that was awesome. Let’s do that again!”

That day leadership training took place while intersecting for a few moments with people living their everyday lives. I realized those of us with the opportunity to train leaders don’t necessarily have to be in a classroom with pen and paper in hand, writing down the four points of being an effective leader. Sometimes it’s bringing people alongside us and just living life as it comes along.