

A repair man with a difference!

I was trained in EE on a six-day Leaders' Training Course in 1998. I remember quite vividly the first day I heard the course advertised on Premier Radio. I was very excited about it as I discussed it with my wife because it sounded like just the very thing I wanted to do, and we had been praying for. I could not wait to start the course, and was so eager that I turned up a day early at the church - only to discover that I was alone in the building. The course did not start until the next day. I was so overwhelmed by the whole thing that I did not have time to be embarrassed.

On the first day of the course, when we got the folder which contained the course work, I was very shocked to see how much work we had to cover in such a short time - all the scriptures and the illustrations we had to remember. At that moment I thought I would not be able to finish the course in just six days.

But as the teaching got underway my eyes began to open to a lot of questions that I had been asking, which no-one had been able to give me answers to before. For example, the presentation of the gospel in a structured way so as to give each Christian a base from which they can work when sharing their faith. I had always struggled to find the right words whenever I witnessed. At the end of that first day I began to feel more relaxed because I realised that this course contained everything that I wanted to learn.

I went home that evening and started my homework straight away. After an hour of study I realised that if I just stuck to it, and did not give up, I would not have any problems. I did and it turned out to be one of the best courses I have even done in all my life. Evangelism Explosion has given me something that no-one can take away, but I am always ready share it or give it away!

On the last day of the course there was to be a 'banquet' in the evening to celebrate the end of the course. I went home to collect my wife for the banquet and on the way back to the church I visited one of my customers to pick up some money owed to me. As I went into the house, I saw two young ladies. I introduced myself to them and began to share with them what I had learned on the EE course. Instantly I had their attention. As they listened to me, I could see that they were really interested and especially when I moved into the gospel presentation they were very impressed. I also was so impressed by their patience that I completely forgot the money I went there to get in the first place. Before I left that house both young ladies and their mother made a commitment to our Lord Jesus. Isn't that exciting?

On a recent occasion I went to fix a washing machine for another customer. After completing the job, I left the house, forgetting a piece of board about 2 feet long. I had used the board to help knock out the washing machine bearings. This piece of board was not important to me, however, for two days, I felt the Holy Spirit telling me to go back for it. Finally, I decided to go back and as I rang the bell, a young man came to open the door. I had not seen him on my first visit. I felt the Holy Spirit encouraging me to share the gospel with him. So, having made

friends with him I shared the gospel, it made sense and he gladly made a commitment to Christ - Hallelujah! Ten minutes later his father came downstairs and told me that both he and his wife were Christians and for years they had been trying to get this young man to church but he had always been rebellious. Isn't God wonderful?

During a recent Sunday morning service at our church I met a young man and asked him if he had truly made a commitment to God. He told me sincerely that he had not; so I shared the gospel with him - EE style - and he was amazed. He told me he had never heard the gospel presented so simply and so clearly. He immediately made a commitment to Christ. He was so overwhelmed he started to cry. He was so happy and began to pray and thank God for his salvation. To God be the Glory, great things He has done. I realised that I should not take it for granted that everyone who comes to church has an assurance in Christ for the salvation.

Evangelism Explosion has made such a great impact on my life. With its real Bible study, its practical evangelism and the commitment needed to make it work, my life has not been the same since I finished the course. It has made me confident, competent and bold and it has also changed my character. I am more concerned for unsaved souls and my compassion has increased for those that are lost. I am so happy to have been equipped with the right tools. No longer do I have to struggle for words when I am sharing my faith with friends at work, or with neighbours, because I have the Word of God in my heart and in my mouth. I have never used anything as effective as Evangelism Explosion.

I told my pastor about Evangelism Explosion and he saw the difference it made in my life. He now wants me to train every House Group in the church.

To-date - by the leading of the Holy Spirit - I have led 28 people to Christ (Praise God!). Please pray for me that I will continue to make disciples for Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit and the knowledge I have received from the Evangelism Explosion training course. Please pray also for my family that they will continue to support me as I spend time to disciple new converts. My wife now also uses Evangelism Explosion at her work place to share her faith.

It is good to *know how* to be fishers of men but it is better to *catch* them for Jesus.

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