Registration deadline: Oct. 18, 2013

- Call 630-595-7023 after Oct. 18 for space availability.

- Seminar will be held at Comfort Inn Suites. Lodging is available at a special group rate of $74.99/night plus tax. Make reservations by Oct. 11. Check-in time is 3 p.m.

- Snacks will be provided. Complimentary breakfast for Comfort Inn guests. Dinner on Friday and Saturday are on your own. Lunch for both days is included in the registration fee.

- The seminar on Friday and Saturday is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- You do NOT need to purchase a Leader’s Guide in order to attend this seminar.

- Books and manuals will be available for purchase at the seminar.

- American Taxi gives a special rate (this is not a free shuttle service) from O’Hare Airport to those staying at the Comfort Inn Suites. Call 877-755-2227 to schedule arrival and departure times.

Paula Silva

Paula Silva is co-founder and president of FOCUS Ministries, Inc. and coauthor of the book, Violence Among Us: Ministry to Families in Crisis. Paula has an MA in Counseling from Northeastern Illinois University and has also attended Larry Crabb’s School of Spiritual Direction. She counsels and coaches those who experience abusive relationships since 1995.

She has been a guest on Midday Connection and This is the Day (Moody Broadcasting Network), the Harvest Show, Time for Hope, and Everlasting Love Christian TV. She presents domestic violence/relationships workshops, seminars, conferences, and trainings. She has trained pastors and church leaders on the dynamics of domestic violence in churches such as Moody Memorial Church in Chicago and Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Florida. She is the trainer at Partners in the Journey seminar, training for support group leaders, and a support group facilitator for women who have been abused.

Paula often remarks, “I stand in awe of my Lord that He would use my painful experiences and shattered dreams in life to make a difference in someone else. He has been so faithful to me showering me with His endless love and blessings. What a privilege it is to be in an intimate relationship with God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit knowing that a way will be made when there seems to be no way.”

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Learn how to journey with someone who experiences the pain of abusive relationships.

Seminar begins at 9 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 25, and ends at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26.

Session 1: Starting the Journey
- Which way do I go? (How to start a support group; advertising; structure of a support group)
- Reading the road map (Dynamics of the support group; team approach; curriculum; resources)
- Barriers in the journey (Identifying and handling conflict and difficult people)

Session 2: What's in the Knapsack?
- What's dysfunctional about relationships? Dynamics of domestic violence; effects of DV on children; why does she stay?; teen dating violence; why does he do that?
- How can I help? Being an anchor in their life storms, setting boundaries with members of the group, self-care

Session 3: Spiritual Direction on the Journey
- Companions on the journey Leading members of the group on a path toward understanding and healing as they struggle with their faith and their relationship to God through their pain
- Journeying to know God Sharing our personal journey with God, discovering their concept of God which influences their journey

FOCUS Ministries offers a certificate program for support group leaders in our Partners in the Journey Seminars. The training includes an extensive training manual that covers all the aspects of starting a support group, the dynamics of support groups, domestic violence training, how to help a victim, and information on how to provide spiritual direction for victims of abuse.

Our training goes beyond the seminars. Our FOCUS support group leaders become part of a Christian community of leaders worldwide and a member of an established organization that has proven itself since 1995.

FOCUS Ministries is dedicated to serving our leaders by:
- Making them aware of pertinent resources, conferences, and seminars
- Providing free or discounted resources
- Offering confidential one-on-one leader consultation regarding areas of concern and problematic issues
- Providing encouragement, support, and spiritual direction
- Providing prayer support
- Providing advertisement of support groups on our website

“it is hard to designate one area that blessed me. There is so much to take in and process, but my life will forever be changed by what I’ve learned in the past two days. Lives will be changed based on what I’ve learned and will be able to impart to others.”

Make your own lodging reservations at:
Comfort Inn Suites 630-916-1000
17 W 445 Roosevelt Rd.
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181
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Special rate if you book by Oct. 11, 2013:
$74.99/night + tax for double occupancy (1-2 people) Complimentary breakfast

Mention FOCUS Ministries to get special rate.

Training Registration
- Registration by Oct. 18, 2013 includes training manual, snacks, and lunch for both days. Call 630-595-7023 after Oct. 18 for space availability. Note: Each person is responsible for making their own hotel reservations!
  - Support Group Leader's Guide * $40.00
  - 14 CEU's for Counselors License Number: $50.00
  - 14 CEU's for Social Workers License Number: $50.00

Checks or Money Orders should be made payable to FOCUS Ministries, P.O. Box 2014, Elmhurst, IL. Credit card payment can only be made online at www.focusministries1.org.

* Note: The Support Group Leader's Guide is not the same as the training manual.

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