



ENGLISH HELP LINE

Coordinator's Report, *April 2013*

We answered 648 calls during the month of March.

The last Area meeting was attended by Alternate Coordinator France B. who was there to propose the Area 87 English Helpline PBX line be accepted as a permanent line. The proposal passed and was accepted by all but one voting member, and therefore passed into permanence!

The next Area Assembly will be held on April 13th

The Committee has voted to purchase a data overhead projector to be used in our Helpline workshops and at our information table. This technology has proved a most effective means in training and explaining our procedures and functions.

Our 12 step worker list is being updated and the new confidential list currently under construction.

The Helpline decided that it is within our mandate, and we would be happy to serve as a conduit to assist the Bridging the Gap program. The Prisons' Committee will supply the Helpline with a list of 12 step support workers willing to assist the former inmates after their release. When members formerly in conflict with the law call identifying themselves as such we would pass on their name and contact number to a member on that list.

Our password protected bulletin board for the postings of updates and general correspondence between our remote workers remains "in the works"...apparently!

We added 2 new workers to the line in March.

Our prayers go out, during a very trying time, for long standing phone worker and DLP, trusted and faithful servant Gabriela G. who is currently undergoing treatment for a recently diagnosed illness. All our best for her speedy recovery.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon W.
Coordinator Area 87 Help line Committee