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# You Can Do This!

Over the past ten years Len Ministries has taken 70 people on 17 trips around the world. They have trained more than 500 pastors and lay leaders equipping their churches to do evangelism and has seen almost 5,000 people received Christ during those trips!

These are one in a life-time opportunities for the Gospel to go forth into these nations and cities. And you are needed to accomplish this task!

Begin to pray and plan on receiving the EE training so that you

can equip others. Contact the ministry office and plan on attending one or more of the above mentioned trips. Up-to-date information will be posted on the Len



IVANOVO, RUSSIA EE CLINIC

More great opportunities have been offered to Len Ministries for short-term mission trips. Plans are under-way for Len Ministries to return to

Russia this Fall and also hold Evangelism Explosion (EE) training clinics in Lima, Peru and in Sucre, Bolivia in October and November.

Ministries web site: [www.lenministries.org](http://www.lenministries.org)

If you cannot go, then consider how you can financially help Len Ministries go and equip national pastors to take their cities for Jesus Christ.

You can make a significant difference in this world through your personal participation.

**You can do this!**

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# Only Getting Started

The Len Ministries' 2006 Vision Banquet "Only Getting Started" was held at The Prime

Osborne Convention Center in downtown Jacksonville, Friday, April 28, 2006 and was attended by several hundred people. This was a special 10th anniversary celebration of the hundreds of pastors and leaders trained by Len Ministries to share the Gospel, and the thousands who have come to accept Christ as a result.



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After the introduction of the Len Ministries Board, Rev. Len Showalter came to the podium. He presented at short history of Len Ministries and detailed his most recent trip to Ivanovo, Russia. And then he introduced Pastor Guy (pronounced Gee) Laundry.

Guy Laundry Ikong Yetna is the senior pastor of Ivanovo Christian Center (ICC) in Ivanovo, Russia. ICC is a pentecostal church of about 500 people with an average age in the late twenties. Pastor Guy is originally from Cameroon, Africa, and has been serving in Ivanovo for the past 7 years.



GUESTS ENJOYING DINNER

Video highlights from mission trips to the Philippines, Mongolia, Mexico, India, and Russia, to events here in the Jacksonville, Florida area were shown. Places and faces that have been impacted for God over the past decade came to life on the giant screen.



ENJOYING PAM CASEY'S PICTURES

The evening's festivities, which included a delicious meal and dessert, awesome fellowship, praise and worship, and special guest speakers went off without a hitch.

Pastor Guy impressed all with his great English, video testimonies from his church, and a traditional African garb that he presented to Len. Guy finished with extending an invitation for Len Ministries to return to ICC to do more training over the next few years.



A GREAT TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

Mr. Voice, Terry Casey, was the master of ceremony. His lovely wife, Pam, exhibited her award winning photographs of her Russia trip with Len Ministries.



DERRICK & SCOTT CELEBRATING

Derrick Scott and Scott Coleman entertained and led the banquet in several celebration

The banquet closed with Mark Whalen giving an opportunity for all present to pray, go, and support Len Ministries taking the Gospel to the streets of our city and our world.



THE GRAND BALLROOM

songs following the dinner. A special drawing was held awarding a weekend package of three days and two nights at the Marriott Sawgrass at Ponte Vedra Beach, FL to Janet Smith of Gainesville, FL.

Your participation is always welcomed. Contact Len Ministries by phone, mail, or on the web. You are needed!

**With God's help, we're only getting started!**



JANET SMITH & TERRY CASEY



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# Ivanovo, Russia

The Jacksonville team (Len Showalter, Marcia Showalter, Fred Brooks, Rusty Bennett, Beth Whisenant, Kim Vermillion, and Al Kaidor) met at the airport at 8:30



LET THE PACKING BEGIN

AM on Thursday, June 22nd. They were to be joined in Atlanta by Beth Showalter coming from Lexington, KY. Some family and friends came to assist with the luggage. And there was

much luggage containing children's blankets, quilts, knitted scarfs, and hats.



1 OF 200 SUZDAL CATHEDRALS

The team headed to Ivanovo to teach pastors and key lay leaders Evangelism Explosion (EE). The 12 hour flight out of Atlanta, GA, ended at Sheremetevo airport in Moscow, Russia the next morning. With an 8 hour time difference under their belt the team was met by several interpreters, friends, and Pastor Guy Laundry who helped with the excessive luggage.

On Saturday, the team traveled to Suzdal by bus and toured the ancient city. It's history was rich and included a monastery dedicated to keeping the kings' unwanted wives! There were over 200 cathedrals in this small town.



CLASS TIME

On Saturday, the team left Ivanovo by bus for Nizhny Novgorod and was met by the Light of Christ Church family and Pastor Sasha. Sunday, Len preached and the team ministered. Later Len, Marcia, and Beth taught for 2 hours on family in a special meeting while Beth Whisenant, Rusty, and Fred ministered in a home church just outside Nizhny.

On Sunday, Len preached at Ivanovo Christian Center and Al Kaidor preached in a church outside of town. The team reunited afterward for a church picnic at a beach and then back to the hotel.

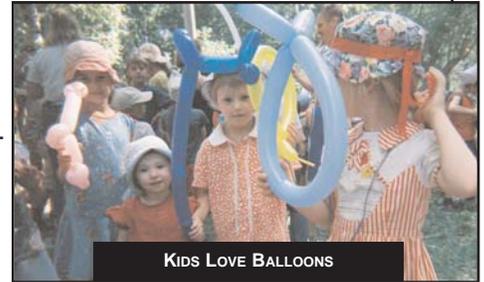


REJOICING DUE TO MANY SAVED

The EE Clinic stated Monday and Sveta Yariginia, clinic administrator from Kirov, had things in order. The 44 registrants and the 23 trainers were excited to begin. The new Russian 13 week

EE material was to be used. The evening ended with a great Banquet attended by several guest pastors.

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday were filled with classes and on-the-job training & visitation. The results of the visitations are listed on the page 4 under "Just the Facts."



KIDS LOVE BALLOONS

Additionally on Tuesday and Wednesday Marcia Showalter led the team to visit an orphanage. The children were from low income families that had TB. There was much fun and sharing of balloons, gifts, and the knitted items. On Wednesday the children heard the Gospel and prayed with the team to receive Jesus.



MORE KIDS & MORE BALLOONS

Friday was graduation and 41 Russians and 2 Americans passed. One of the Russians was BLIND!

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LIGHT OF CHRIST CHURCH

On Monday, part of the team visited an orphanage and ministered to the children. That evening the team took a night train to Moscow. After two days in Moscow the team left their Russian friends and headed back to the USA, tired but full of memories.



THE TEAM AT ST. BASIL'S

## CHURCH NEWS.....

The following churches continue their EE semesters. Please contact them for exact dates and times to participate with them and make a difference:

**Anastasia Baptist Church** (ph# 904-471-2166) 1650 A1A South, St. Augustine, FL 32080, just completed their 1st semester. Contact Al Kaidor.

**Arlington Assembly of God** (ph# 904-724-7466) 88 Arlington Road, Jacksonville, FL 32211. Contact Pastor Rick Crook or Gil Gibbs.

**CrossRoad Church** (ph# 904-448-1288) 10005 Gate Parkway North, Jacksonville, FL 32246, just completed their 16th semester. Contact Len Showalter.

**First Baptist Church of Oceanway** (ph# 904-757-1181) 212 Sago Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32218, has completed their first EE Semester. Contact Pastor Billy Strickland.

**The Vineyard Church** (ph# 904-737-2386) 5860 Mt. Carmel Terrace, Jacksonville, FL 32216. Contact Pastor Rick Wallis or Steve DeWitt.

## JUST THE FACTS.....

Please find detailed below the results of the various ministry efforts for the Team as they traveled in Russia:

	Completed Contacts	Times Gospel Shared	To # of People	Professions/Assurances
Ivanovo EE Clinic:	508	220	388	157
School/Orphanage	75	2	75	75
Other (travel, etc.)	18	4	18	18
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Totals	601	226	481	250

41.6% of those contacted professed Christ, or 52.0% of those that heard the Gospel professed Christ. 41 Russian Pastors/Leaders and 2 Americans were certified to teach and train others in their churches!

## A NOTE FROM US.....

"For this reason I say to you, do not be anxious for your life, as to what you shall eat, or what you shall drink; nor for your body, as to what you shall put on.....Therefore do not be anxious for tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." Matthew 6:25-34

Soon school will be starting on many campuses and another summer will have gone by. We love being with our children and are "standing" on this word to get through the days when our family is scattered in different places. As parents, I don't think we will ever adjust to having an "empty nest." We love being with our children and a part of their active lives. We are so very blessed to have our health and the love of family and friends.

Jean Reeves, Marcia's mother, went to be with the Lord at the end of April. It has been a difficult season for our family. She was a wonderful woman and we will miss her humor and wisdom. Through this experience, we were shown God's abundant grace and mercy that only He can give. Our time in this world is so short. We all need to take the time for the little moments that we so easily overlook within our own families. May your life be filled with love, laughter, health, and extra time for the important things.

Our prayer is that you be blessed abundantly as the summer passes by and a new autumn soon approaches! Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support. We hope that this newsletter shares with you some of our family experiences here and in Russia.

### YOUR MISSIONARY FAMILY, **THE SHOWALTERS**

(pictured top to bottom: Beth, Ruth, Len, Marcia,  
Daryl & Sara Van Tongeren & furry friends)

