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Such Much

There is much going on at the Len Ministries world office and with the LMI Board of Trustees!

RUSSIA: Len & Marcia Showalter and the team of ten have just returned from two EE clinics in Russia. The details are shared inside this newsletter on pages 2 and 3. There is much rejoicing.

SOUTH AMERICA 2007:

Prospective travelers are: (l-r) Len Showalter, Nancy Murray, Shirley Lauginiger, Dwight Preheim, Pastor Gene Eberhardy, (not pictured) Beth Showalter, Dennis Dixon, Pastor Billy Strickland, Randy Brown & Rusty Bennett. The team is headed for two EE clinics in South America. Half of the team will be going to Portoviejo, Ecuador September 22 to 29 and the other half will be going to Santa Cruz, Bolivia September 29 to October 7.

ANNUAL LMI FUND RAISING BANQUET ON NOVEMBER 10, 2007:

A wonderful celebration is planned at the Prime Osborn Convention Center, downtown Jacksonville, FL at 6:30 PM. Reservation is required.

AFRICA 2008: Plans are coming together for a return trip to Africa in February 2008. Requests have been made to have

clinics in 3 nations (Cameroon, Uganda, & Kenya). The focus will probably be one clinic surrounding a two week short-term mission trip.

MORE TRIPS 2008: Plans are for more international training in South America, Central America, and in Russia for next year.



South American Team

LOCAL EVANGELISM TRAINING: Various churches will be starting the 13-week Evangelism Explosion (EE) class in the Fall 2007. Churches in the Jacksonville area that will be doing EE are listed on page 6 of this newsletter.

If you have any interest in participating in any of these ministry efforts please contact Len Ministries at (904) 992-0545, or email len@lenministries.org.

Yaroslavl, Russia



Diana, Marcia, Len & Al at JIA



LMI Team



Pastor Igor & Family



Len Teaching at EE Clinic



Heads Covered in the Sanctuary



On Thursday, June 21, Rev. Len and Marcia Showalter, Al Kaidor, and Diana Dudenkova left Jacksonville, FL headed through Atlanta, GA for a 10 hour flight to Sheremetevo, the

international airport in Moscow, Russia. This team of four arrived on Friday morning and was met by Sveta Tochkova from Nizhny Novgorod. Soon they were on a small bus to Yaroslavl which was 5 hours away.

Saturday was a day of rest and touring Ooglish, an old city from the 1500's near Yaroslavl. There the team visited with a small sister church and visited the downtown area and cathedral. It was a lovely town and the team was able to see a traditional wedding celebration. After the ceremony in the cathedral, the groom carried the bride across the bridge, circled the down-



Yaroslavl 2007 EE Clinic

town area five times in cars honking their horns. It was quite unusual by American standards.

Sunday, Pastor Len preached in one of the seven services of Pastor Andre's Church, the Church of God, in Yaroslavl. (They are a congregation of 3,500 and their building holds only 350.) After a time of personal ministry at the end of the service, the team divided up and went to two different homes for dinner and fellowship.

Monday, June 25, brought the start of the Evangelism Explosion (EE) Clinic. There were 41 registered pastors and lay leaders from Yaroslavl and

Friday, June 29, brought the final day of the clinic when those in attendance take a written and an oral exam to demonstrate their learned knowledge. 40 Russians and one American passed the exam!

surrounding cities. Associate Pastor Igor Polyakov arranged the food, housing, etc, while Sveta Yarygina from Kirov coordinated the Len Ministries team's efforts.

The Len Ministries team was enlarged with a few more interpreters and with Pastor Guy Landy from Ivanovo. Monday evening was concluded with a wonderful banquet for those registered, the 20 or so trainers, and several invited guests.

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for the clinicians were each comprised of 7 hours of teaching, demonstrations, practice, and then 2 hours of application in the community (OJT) with an additional hour of follow-up instructions.

Marcia Showalter led those of the Len Ministries team that were available, Tuesday through Thursday, to various orphanages and places where there were children open for ministry. The Yaroslavl Church assisted with several large body costumes that helped capture the children's attention.

On Tuesday, they visited a Russian Orthodox orphanage with 23 children that were 2 - 5 years of age. The team distributed toys and gifts and shared Jesus with them. On Wednesday, June 27, Marcia

and the team visited another orphanage with 14 children all under the age of 7. After giving out gifts, talking to the children, they prayed to receive salvation.

Thursday, the team returned to the Russian Orthodox orphanage to visit with the older children. The team played with the children, gave them balloons and toys, and shared the Good News with them, too.

Friday, June 29, brought the final day of the clinic when those in attendance took a written and an oral exam to demonstrate their learned knowledge. 40 Russians and one American passed the exam! During the clinic's three nights of OJT there were 128 professions/assurances of Faith in Jesus Christ.

Afterwards, Diana Dudenkova headed for Moscow to visit with family for several days and then returned to the USA on Wednesday the following week. (Diana's family is originally from the Ukraine.) The rest of the Len Ministries team with their added interpreters headed out on a two hour bus ride to Ivanovo for the next EE clinic.

(Please see the "Just the Facts" article on page 6 for totals.)



Body Puppets Hold Children's Attention



Cathedral in Yaroslavl



Tamara, Diana, & Al Do Balloons with Children



Pastor Guy Leads a Devotion



Diana with Orphans

Ivanovo, Russia



Len Prays for Many



Ivanovo Clinic Attendees in Class



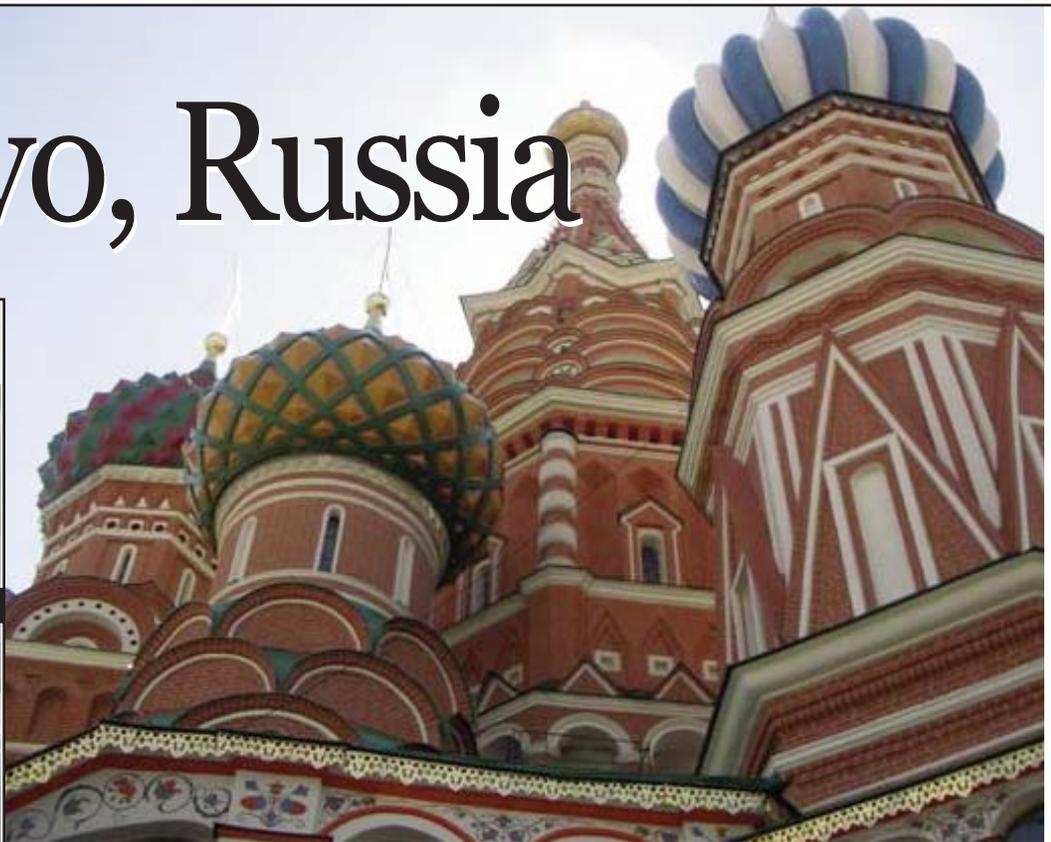
Brent Won't Fit



Ivanovo 2007 EE Clinic



Sara & Daryl in Russian Garb



On Thursday, June 28, Tim & Beth Whisenant, Brent Ayala, Cathy Bennett, Marjorie Minyard, and Patty Webb left Jacksonville, FL for Atlanta, GA. There they were joined by Daryl and Sara Van Tongeren coming from Richmond, VA. Together they were headed on a 10 hour flight to Moscow, Russia.

They arrived on Friday and were met at the Sheremetevo International airport by Al Kaidor, Sveta Tochkova from Nizhny Novgorod, and Lena Lebedeva, an interpreter, from Moscow. After a seven hour bus ride they arrived in Ivanovo. They were united with Len & Marcia Showalter, Sveta Yarygina from Kirov, and several interpreters who had just finished a clinic in Yaroslavl.



LMI Team on St. Basil's Steps

Touring and rest was in order for Saturday. The team toured a small, scenic city, Pluse, located on the Volga River. They visited a historic museum that included a staffed, antique Russian log home. Many old cultural norms were shared and demonstrated. After a little walking, shopping and eating they returned via bus to the hotel in Ivanovo.

On Sunday, July 1, Al Kaidor and Brent Ayala with interpreters preached in two different churches in the region.

Daryl Van Tongeren assisted Len in preaching at Pastor Guy Landry's church, Ivanovo Christian Center (ICC). The remainder of the team also assisted Len with ministry to the congregation at the end of the service.

Afterwards, the team was split into smaller groups with interpreters and went to various homes for dinner and fellowship. Later all were reunited at the hotel.

Monday, July 2, was the start of the clinic at ICC. Although less than expected, there were 28 pastors and lay leaders registered. Sveta Yarygina from Kirov coordinated the Len Ministries effort with Luba Samoylova, the Evangelism Director for ICC. After a half-day of instruction there was a wonderful banquet prepared for those in attendance, the trainers, and several visiting pastors from the city.

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for the clinicians were comprised of 7 hours of teaching, demonstrations, practice, and two hours of application in the community (OJT) with an additional hour of follow-up instructions.

Also, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday Marcia and the team, except those teaching at the clinic, visited orphanages. They shared the Good News with the children and leaders through puppets and teachings. There were about 60 that prayed to receive Christ on those days!

On Friday, July 6, the 28 in attendance and six Americans took their written and oral exams and passed! There was much celebration at that and for the 107 that received salvation during the OJT! Afterward the team loaded on a bus for a 5 hour trip to Nizhny Novgorod (NN) for more ministry.

Saturday morning started with a planning meeting for a clinic in NN in 2008 with Pastor Sasha Semikov and Pastor Paul Ryndich.

Afterwards the team spent some time shopping on the "walking street." That afternoon, Pastor Len preached in Pastor Paul's church and encouraged them to be involved in personal evangelism in preparation for next year.

Sunday, Len preached in Pastor Sasha's church, The Light of Christ, with whom he has had relationship with since 1991. Afterwards the team ministered to the people for about an hour. Later the team divided up and went to several homes for dinner and fellowship, but reunited in the evening back at the hotel.

Monday, July 9, brought a little time for touring and shopping in NN, and a wonderful reunion occurred at lunch. The team was joined by the administrative staff of a local public school whom Len Ministries has been associated with for eleven years. Plans were made to meet with the children in school next year several days past their normal closing. That evening the team boarded a night train to Moscow.

The team arrived in Moscow on Tuesday, July 10, and headed straight for the Izmilova Hotel. After a little nap, shower, and clean clothes, the team was ready for two days of touring and shopping. On July 12, the team departed Moscow headed for waiting family and friends in the USA, and arrived safely with all their luggage 20 hours later.

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Near Midnight Sunset in Nizhny Novgorod



Tamara & Marcia with School Administrators



Orphans Receive Gifts



More Balloons for the Children



Puppets Minister to Orphans

Just the Facts.....

Please find detailed below the results of the two EE clinics and various ministry efforts in Russia as a results of the short-term ministry trips detailed in this newsletter:

	Completed Contacts	Times Gospel Shared	To # of People	Professions/Assurances
Yaroslavl:	507	217	440	187
Ivanovo:	491	181	422	202
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Totals	998	398	862	389

39.0% of the completed contacts, or 45.1% of those that heard the Gospel professed Jesus Christ as Lord!

68 national pastors and laypersons & 7 Americans were trained to equip others to share their faith!

YOU CAN DO THIS!

ECUADOR
September 22 to 30

BOLIVIA
September 29 to October 7

Contact Len for details!

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. Contact Al Kaidor.

Christ the Redeemer at World Golf Village (ph# 904-940-0943) meets at the Renaissance Resort at the World Golf Village. Contact Pastor Ronnie Warren.

CrossRoad Church (ph# 904-448-1288) 10005 Gate Parkway North, Jacksonville, FL 32246. Contact Len Showalter.

Heritage Christian Center (ph# 904-388-7777) 2032 Blanking Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32210. Contact Bro. Jasper White.

Second Missionary Baptist Church (ph# 904-354-8268) 954 Kings Road, Jacksonville, FL 32204. Contact Winston Smith.

Sonrise Worship Center (ph# 904-246-1515) 600 Levy Road, Atlantic Beach, FL 32233. Contact Rusty Bennett.

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

A Note From Us.....

It was wonderful to be with our Russian family again this summer. It is hard to imagine that the trip has come and gone already. We enjoyed having Sara and Daryl with us for the last two weeks of the trip. It is always difficult to put into words the expressions on the children's faces in the orphanages after they say the prayer of salvation and receive gifts. How can we possibly describe the look in the eyes of the people that literally change in front of us after saying a simple prayer? We hope all of you can experience this either here in the U.S. or on a short term mission trip to another country!

Ruth handled many of the details of home and ministry while we were away as well as working. She will be headed off to Florida Southern for her junior year the end of August. We will miss her greatly! Beth is working hard in Kentucky and is planning to go to Bolivia

with her daddy in September. Sara and Daryl have moved to a house in Virginia and will soon resume classes at Virginia Commonwealth University. Daryl will begin his second year in his Doctorate Program and Sara her second year in her Masters of Social Work Program.

We thank you for your continued prayers concerning Len's health and know that God is going to do amazing things!

With our love and gratitude.....

Your Missionary Family,
The Showalters

(pictured l-r:) Beth, Len, Marcia, Ruth, Sara & Daryl Van Tongeren

