



# Len Ministries

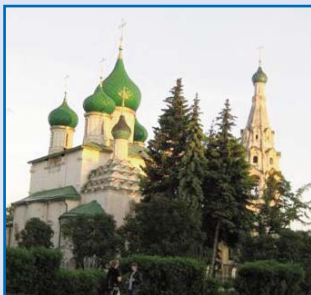
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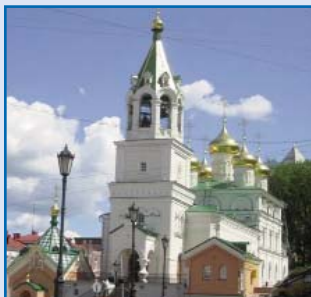
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# Eldoret, Kenya

**W**hile in Russia, Rev. Len Showalter met with a group of people that were believing God to travel to Eldoret, Kenya, for a short-term mission trip. Len visited Kenya, Cameroon, and Uganda in 2007 that began the planning for this trip in 2008. Due to social unrest the trip had to be delayed from February.

Pictured with Len are from various cities in Russia: (l-r) Alonya from Ivanovo, Sergei from Ivanovo, Sveta from Kirov, Randy from Ivanovo, Jane from Ivanovo, Julia from Nizhny Novgorod, Len, Pastor Guy from Ivanovo, and Lena from Moscow (not pictured). They will be met in Nairobi, Kenya by two other groups: Pastor Etienne, Joseph, and Daniele from Douala, Cameroon; and Pastor Robert and several of his people from Mityana, Uganda. Also coming from America are Dwight Preheim and Beth Whisenant.

The composite team is headed to Pastor Situma and his church in Eldoret, Kenya. Some of them will be traveling more than 30 hours just to get to Nairobi! Once in Eldoret plans are in place to teach, train, and equip approximately 50 local pastors to do evangelism.

Please pray for this multi-national impacting event and for the lives that will be touched in the name of Jesus Christ. Pray for the finances for each of those making this trip. Pray for the plans for the local church to follow-up with those professing Christ. Pray

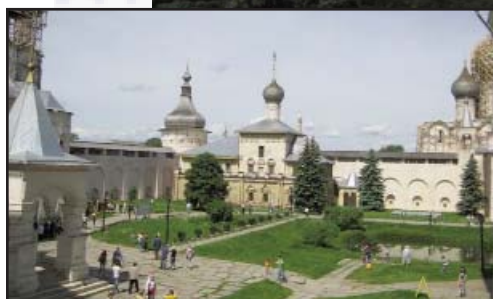


## Russians Plan Travel to Kenya

for the return effort to Africa in 2009. Pray for those being trained as the schedule is rigorous. Pray also for the safety and health of those going into a different culture. **LMI**

**If you are interested in participating in any of these ministry efforts please contact Len Ministries at (904) 992-0545, or email [len@lenministries.org](mailto:len@lenministries.org).**

# Yaroslavl



Cathedrals at Rostov



Marina at the Volga River



Sveta Yarygina Teaching



3 Girls Receive Jesus on Marcia's Team

On Thursday, June 12, Len and Marcia Showalter headed from Jacksonville, FL, to Yaroslavl, Russia, to conduct an Evangelism Explosion (EE) clinic.

Upon arrival in Moscow, they were amazed at the growth, progress, road improvements, economy and that the people seem to be doing better. A new airport terminal should be opened next year with connection via train to downtown. The traffic jams were still prevalent. After a quick stop at McDonalds, the team was ready for a five hour trip to Yaroslavl which founded in 1010.

On Saturday the team visited Rostov, a city built in 862, and about 1-1/2 hours away by car. It is amazing to find such history. The Russian people are working very hard on restoration and to keep the memories of past generations alive.

Sunday was also Trinity Sunday as well as part of a four day holiday, Independence Day for Russia. Len

shared in a church led by Pastor Sergei in a city called Rybinsk. The presence of the Lord was very strong during the time of praise and worship. Pastor's Len's word was well received and the team prayed for many at the end of the service for salvation and healing.

Afterward the team went to lunch in an Armenian family's home that had arrived fifteen years ago with nothing. They served many of the Russian traditional dishes and the food was amazing. The home was a very old, single family home made of logs with a heating fireplace. The food was delicious and the fellowship was warm.

Following lunch, the team returned back to Yaroslavl for the third Sunday Service at Yaroslavl Church of God led by Pastor Andre. It was a three hour service that was filled with special dance, songs by children, and worship.

On Monday there were 57 new trainees that had come to go through this the week-long teaching. There were 25 assurances and one profession of faith from these



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attending pastors and lay leaders. It was a busy day with last minute preparation, registration, interpretation, materials, and schedule adjustments. Monday evening there was a banquet held for the clinicians where they heard testimonies that was encouraging for them and it continued to cast a vision that they could change their city.

Tuesday morning, Marcia and several others visited a children's orphanage that they had visited last year. There were fourteen children in total, the majority very young. The Church of God has a wonderful children's outreach ministry making use of Winnie the Pooh, a clown, a puppet show, games, and songs. They presented a "short" version of the Gospel and four of the older children prayed the prayer of salvation, and one little girl had tears running down her cheeks.

Tuesday night was the first night of OJT (On the Job Training) for the trainees of the EE Seminar. There were 57 trainees on 27 teams and they were witnessing throughout different parts of Yaroslavl - the river area, Red Square, parks, and on the streets. The trainees were very encouraged by this method of evangelism. The trainees shared their testimonies and were assisted by the more experience trainers. Wednesday and Thursday were much the same with eight hours of teaching followed by OJT, except that the trainees shared the whole presentation by the last night.

Wednesday evening part of the team visited a hospital for children with cancer. They were able to share with the children about how much God loves them and that they are never alone. It is always difficult to see children suffer, no matter what the circumstance, what the culture, or what environment they are in.

Natasha is the Children's Ministry director for The Church of God. She is pregnant with her third child due at any moment and yet she participated as a clown. The team loved on the children, played games, sang songs, gave out toys and animal balloons. The team came away so very blessed that these children are so brave and so very precious in the Kingdom of God.

Friday was graduation day for the clinicians. With much fanfare the 52 certificates were handed out. Each was given a time to express their gratitude for all they had learned. During this time the leadership from a church group named "Exodus" extended an invitation for LMI to come to Rostov-na-Donu and Sochi next year. Len accepted and challenged them to immediately start evangelism in their churches. It was later reported that the Exodus Church performed their first OJT upon return to their city with the results that 11 professed Jesus Christ! [LMI](#)

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



Marcia and Tamara Share Jesus with The Big Kids' EE Cube



Natasha as a Clown at Children's Hospital



The Children's Hospital



Yaroslavl EE Class



# Nizhny Novgorod



What City Is This?



Marcia & Tina Visit with Public School #182



Pastor Guy Teaching



Nizhny Novgorod EE Clinic



After leaving Yaroslavl on Friday, June 20, 2008 Len and Marcia Showalter were joined by Tina Watson from the USA. They and the Russian team headed for Nizhny Novgorod, a city founded in 1221. Saturday they visited Keneshma located on the Volga River and on Sunday, the team attended Ivanovo Christian Center led by Pastor Guy. Len spoke from Acts 2 about being empowered by the Holy Spirit and it challenged many to be used more by God. After a late lunch and a brief meeting for the upcoming Africa trip, the team headed for Nizhny Novgorod, about a 5 hour drive away.

On Monday morning there were 50 people registered in the clinic as trainees to learn evangelism. They were equipped with the assistance of trainers from Ivanovo, Yaroslavl, Nizhny Novgorod, Kirov, and the USA. The clinic was held in Jesus' Embassy, the church of Pastor Paul Ryndich. Many of those attending had to drive

for over eighteen hours, travel by train for days, and even take their vacation time for the year.

During the first class session it was determined that 25 trainees were unsure of their salvation. After hearing the EE outline and saying a prayer, they now know for certain that they have the gift of eternal life!

On Tuesday morning, part of the team went to a public school led by Irina, the Assistant to the Director, whom LMI has worked with for many years.

Unfortunately the school was under repairs and the team was unable to visit with the children. Last year with the money provided through LMI, Irina was able to purchase a video camera so they could record events in their school.

Additionally Pastor Sasha from the Light of Christ Church received knitted hats, scarves and blankets for an orphanage that they work with on a regular basis. These items were knitted with love by dedicated women from CrossRoad UMC in Jacksonville, FL.





Knitted Gifts



Russian Forest

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday the days were filled by devotions, prayer, praise and worship, teaching, and practice. On Thursday the trainees received some special gifts and tee-shirts to commemorate the event. In the evening, the trainers took the trainees out to the streets in Nizhny Novgorod to do street evangelism (OJT) with the responsibility gradually transferred over the three days to the trainees.

On Friday the trainees were tested on their newly acquired skills and 47 graduated! They were given a time to

express their thankfulness and then they were challenged to go and start this ministry in their churches. Pastor Paul extended an invitation to Len Ministries to host another EE clinic with his church in 2009.

Saturday the team did a little shopping on the "Walking Street." And on Sunday Len was able to speak at the Light of Christ Church about the upcoming LMI mission trip to Africa and the need for everyone to be a "missionary." The church members responded for prayer and

also gave an offering for the training in Africa.

After a wonderful dinner with Pastor Sasha Semikov's family on Monday, the team boarded a night train to Moscow. Even though there was some time on Tuesday in Moscow for touring. Wednesday came quickly and the USA team was at Sherimetrov airport headed home on a 10+ hour flight. **LMI**

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# Come Celebrate with Us

## Len Ministries' Annual Banquet

November 8, 2008    6:30 p.m.

Reservation Required

To Make Your Reservation or For Additional Info  
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## Just the Facts.....

Please find below the results of the Yaroslavl & Nizhny Novgorod EE clinics and ministry efforts:

	Completed Contacts	Times Gospel Shared	To # of People	Professions & Assurances
Yaroslavl:	616	275	544	198
Nizhny Novgorod:	588	270	498	210
Totals	1204	545	1042	408

33.9% of the completed contacts, or 39.2% of those that heard the Gospel professed Jesus Christ as Lord!

**99 national pastors and laypersons were trained to equip others to share their faith and win their cities for Christ!**

## GET GEARED UP AT LEN MINISTRIES' ONLINE STORE!



## 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.

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

**Christ Cares Alliance Church** (ph# 904-641-8233) 1620 St. Johns Bluff Road North, Jacksonville, FL 32225.. Contact Lito Ibarreta.

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

**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 Jerry Curtis.

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

## A Note From Us...

As you have probably already guessed, life stays busy with the Showalter clan. Len and I miss our Russian "Family" members and are already looking forward to next year's visit. He is busy not only preparing for the upcoming trip to Kenya, but those trips in 2009 and even 2010! There is much to be done and we so appreciate your prayers and financial support in using us to be your hands and feet to travel and train others to become soul winners for Christ!

We hope that you will mark your calendar for the annual banquet on November 8th so that you too, can hear what God is doing all over the world!

May you be Blessed abundantly as you have blessed us and those whose lives have been eternally changed!

With our sincere appreciation,  
Your Missionary Family,

## The Showalters

*(pictured l-r:) Len, Marcia, Beth, Sara and Daryl Van Tongeren, and Ruth at Sara's VCU Graduation May 2008.*

