

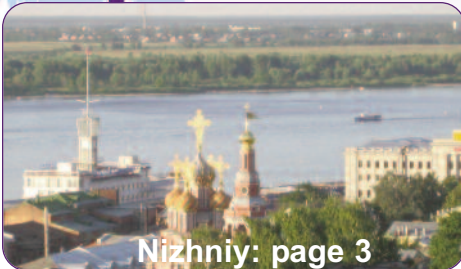


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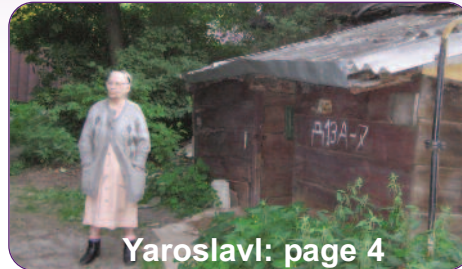
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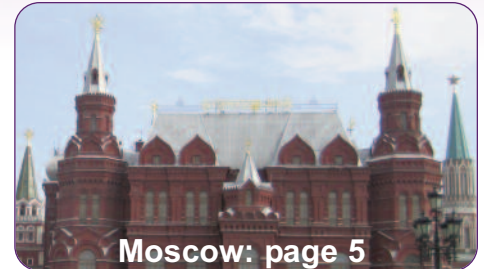
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Len Ministries Goes into Jail!

Evangelism Explosion and LMI Explore a New Level of Faith and Shepherding for Prisoners

[RAIFORD, FL] June 2009 was the kick-off for a new dimension of ministry for Len Ministries. Previously, Len Showalter worked entirely with Kairos at Union Correctional Institution (UCI) utilizing their prison training and discipleship ministry. Now, in addition to Kairos, Len is working directly with Barry Hedrick, prison chaplain.

The new ministry started with a mid-week inspiration church service held in the UCI Chapel led by Art Hallett, the director for Prison Ministries for Evangelism Explosion (EE). It was well attended with more than 60 prisoners in participation. The service was followed by an introduction to the EE ministry in which about 30 prisoners attended. Chaplain Barry invited Len to start the EE training the very next week.

The weekly training needed to involve an outside leadership team. Tony Cozier (pictured), Randy Brown, and Dwight Preheim immediately volunteered. Tony took the



lead as Len was headed for Russia and had several other mission trips planned for the summer.

Tony and the team arrive every Thursday and teach and encourage for 1 1/2 hours in a classroom setting. They instruct 10 prisoners using the EE material and are assisted by several prisoners who have been previously taught at other institutions. As the students progress in their learning, they are taught how to approach other men on the compound and share their testimony and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. At the end of 16 weeks of training there will be a graduation cere-

mony, and then the entire process will start again with new students assisted by those that have just graduated.

As this ministry expands those trained will take the Kingdom of God into each area of the prison. Please pray for this effort, the prisoners in training, the prison staff, Chaplain Barry, and the leadership team.

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.



To Russia With Love

Len Ministries Spreads God's Word Through the Former Soviet Union

Len and Marcia Showalter safely arrived at the Moscow airport on June 19. They were met by Sveta Yarygina, LMI administrator for Russia, and Lena Lebedeva, an interpreter. The four some began their 4 -hour road trip to Ivanovo that took 7 hours.

Ivanovo

Textile shopping and lunch on Saturday was first on the agenda. Then, the group visited Vladimir, the old capitol of Russia, which is in the golden ring of cities. Visiting this city, which was founded in 1100 AD, provided a view into the ancient history of Russia.

Sunday began with Len preaching at the Ivanovo Christian Center. Since he and Pastor Guy Landry first met they have shared a strong bond in their passion to win cities for Christ. A part of this goal is to train pastors to disciple their congregations and raise up soul winners throughout all of Russia and beyond. The praise

and worship group included youth that came from a background of addictions or substance abuse. It was anointed, spirit-led, and it was refreshing to see their hunger for more of God!

Len preached a message about faith and how to handle it when confronted in the storms of life, taken from Paul's experiences in Acts 26 and 27. Eight people responded in an altar call and accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior! The next hour and a half was spent in prayer over those who made their needs known. Some received direction and purpose, some wanted confirmation or a prophetic word spoken over them, and some needed hope (as we all do) to rely on Jesus Christ to meet needs.

Monday was the first day of the clinic and there were 17 trainees of which 5 received the assurance of their salvation. Churches from Ivanovo and Yaroslavl supplied trainers that assisted with the teaching. A banquet was held that evening and there was a time of inspiration, praise and worship, as well as good food and fellow-

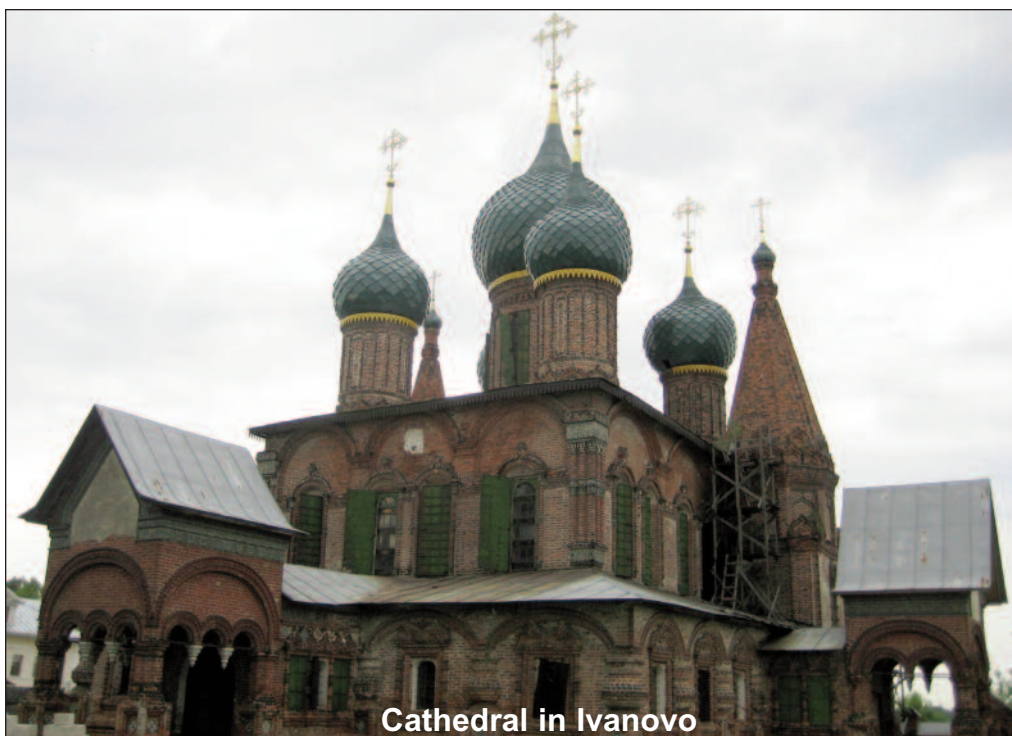


CrossRoad Knitters

ship. Visiting pastors heard testimonies from those that have previously taken the EE course.

After another day of classes on Tuesday, the trainees learned by experience in different areas of Ivanovo doing street evangelism with their trainers, called on-the-job training (OJT), by sharing their testimonies with others.

On Wednesday Marcia and the Russian team visited an orphanage that was home to about 90 children. The team was well prepared due to the women of CrossRoad UMC as they had knitted many hats and scarves for the children. Others donated soaps, shampoos, and toys for the children. These children, who were often forgotten about because this facility is considered temporary, were eager to receive Jesus as well as the gifts.



Cathedral in Ivanovo



Personal Ministry



Nizhniy Novgorod at Sunset



Cathedral in Ivanovo

Emotions ran high and amazing transformations took place as people gave their lives to Christ during the nights of street evangelism. Wednesday evening the trainers took their trainees to the streets around Ivanovo Christian Center and showed them firsthand how this program works. The trainees shared their testimonies and the Gospel part of the program, while the trainers led everything else. There were 24 professions and 1 assurance of faith that night on OJT.

During Thursday's OJT the trainees did the entire witnessing presentation and there were a total of 40 professions and 1 assurance of faith. This encouraged the trainees so they can understand how effective this ministry is in reaching the lost.

Those who participated in the clinic in Ivanovo, Russia 2009, took their final exams, proving on paper all that they had learned and memorized during their short time of study.

Although the purpose of evangelism is winning souls for Christ, the purpose of Len Ministries is to train others to become soul winners for Christ and for them to train others as well.

Nizhniy Novgorod

The team left Ivanovo and went to Nizhniy Novgorod (NN) to work with the Church of the Light of Christ pastored by Sasha Semikov. Len preached a message from Psalm 46, that "God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in time of trouble." This reminded all that our hope is in the Lord - for salvation, for healing, for finances, and for relationships. Pastor Sasha had an

altar call and many were prayed for.

The team visited Public School #182, which Len Ministries has supported for over ten years. Hopefully, next year's schedule will bring the team to the school when the children are present.

During dinner with Pastor Sasha and Olga, the team met with Palash and Natalia Halder. They are a missionary couple who had completed the EE Clinic in Ivanovo, and are called to minister to the Hari Chrisna in India. After dinner, Len talked with three African medical students and found they were unsure of their salvation. He shared the Gospel with them and all three said the sinner's prayer.

The team spent one afternoon at an orphanage where the Light of Christ Church has been ministering. Out of the 140 children housed there, the team was able to interact with 20 children from the ages of 7-10 years old, two teachers, and some older children. The team talked about America and played games with the children. Marcia shared the Gospel and Len led them in a prayer. All of the children received Jesus into their hearts.

On Wednesday, the team took an 8-hour train from NN to Kirov. Although weighed down with the group's cumbersome luggage, the daytime train ride afforded Len and Marcia a good look at the Russian countryside and a break in the daily pace.



Ivanovo Orphanage



Pastor Sasha's Home



Wedding Tradition



Kirov

Len met with city pastors and leaders for a time of prayer and fellowship their first morning in Kirov. Marcia and her interpreter, Jane, went with Sveta's mother, Ludmilla, to an orphanage for children under the age of 5. They were able to tell the children about Jesus using a puppet. Everyone met later for lunch at Pastor Andre and Sveta's home and had a great time of fellowship.

After a flight from the USA to Moscow and a train to Kirov, Beth Whisenant and Aubyn Williams joined the team and were greeted with cold, damp weather. Some of the outdoor plans had to be changed, but this allowed Beth and Aubyn to become adjusted to the 8 hour time difference.

The 4th of July was a busy ministry day

and a celebration at Kirov Christian Center's (KCC) as it was their 15th anniversary. The morning began with praise and worship led by Pastor Andre with Sveta on keyboard.

Len shared a message from Luke 16:14-20, about how the eleven disciples weren't doing what God commanded - even though they had been directly under Jesus' teaching. They were declining in faith, laziness, and refusing to believe those who had seen Christ after his resurrection. In verse 15, Jesus clearly tells us to "Go into the world and preach the good news to all creation." After a time of prayer, the men had special ministry time with Len, while the women heard Beth's testimony, and a word from Marcia.

The team leadership enjoyed lunch and time to learn more about each other. Pastor

Ludmilla, a female pastor of another church, has a desire to visit Cuba. We prayed with her that communication with the leadership in Cuba will open so she will be able to go there.

Although cool and rainy, later that day several leaders from KCC and the LMI team toured Kirov and the Vyatka River area. Vyatka was the city's old name, but in 1934 the name changed to Kirov-Vyatka. By the end of the tour, the warming sunshine reappeared and was welcomed by all.

Yaroslavl

The 10-hour van ride from Kirov to Yaroslavl allowed the busy team time to spend in prayer, thought, and reflection as the countryside stretched endlessly outside the windows. Monday was the start for the EE clinic at the Yaroslavl Church of God (YCG). There were 39 trainees registered of which 24 were not sure of their salvation and later prayed the sinner's prayer!

The banquet that evening was held at the church and Pastor Andrew, Senior Pastor of YCG, encouraged everyone, telling them how important this ministry



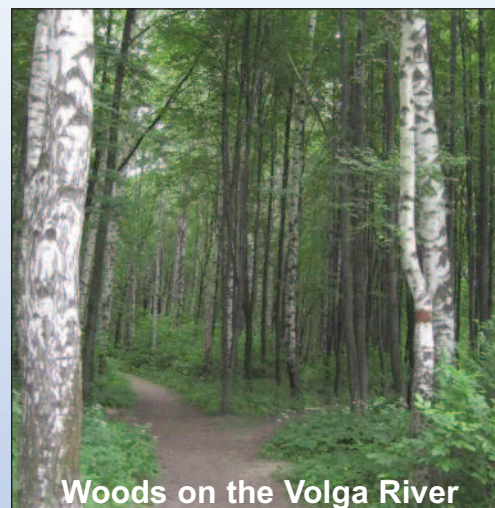
Just the Facts.....

Please find below the results of the Ivanovo and Yaroslavl EE clinics and ministry efforts:

	Completed	Contacts	Times Gospel Shared	To # of People	Professions & Assurances
Ivanovo:	294		112	243	110
Yaroslavl:	441		195	375	167
Totals	735		307	618	277

37.7% of the completed contacts, or 44.8% of those that heard the Gospel professed Jesus Christ as Lord!

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



As these trainees shared their testimonies, there were 44 people that professed Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior!

is to his church. Several trainers shared their testimonies followed by fellowship and worship.

The next day, the team (without Len) visited a Russian Orthodox-supported orphanage that Pastor Igor, EE Pastor at YCG, had started working with. They met with the orphanage's director and took a tour of the facility. Although many children were away at a summer camp, Marcia shared the Gospel with 7 youth using the Kid's EE Cube. All made a profession of faith in Jesus. The group then met with some of the younger children, ages 4 - 8. Ludmilla from Kirov shared with them while other group members gave gifts and made balloon animals.

On the first night of OJT the trainees observed their trainers evangelizing on the street and sharing their own testimonies. The result for the first night was that 44 people professed Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior! Slava Bogu!!

Wednesday morning the team visited the YCG youth summer camp. About 65 youth were at the camp when they arrived. Some were cooking and serving, but most were inside a large tent worshipping God. Len preached about being a warrior for Christ from I Chronicles 11-12. Then the team prayed for the youth and the Holy Spirit moved. Many had words spoken over them and several heard the call to the nations. It was a powerful service!

Wednesday evening the trainees shared their testimonies and the Gospel part of the

EE presentation. From the 23 teams witnessing there were 31 people that said the prayer of salvation! The next day began with a wonderful devotion by Pasha from Ivanovo with praise and worship following. The team handed out gifts and then watched two videos that Sveta, LMI Administrator for Russia, had made about last year's LMI ministry in Russia and Africa. A time of prayer followed.

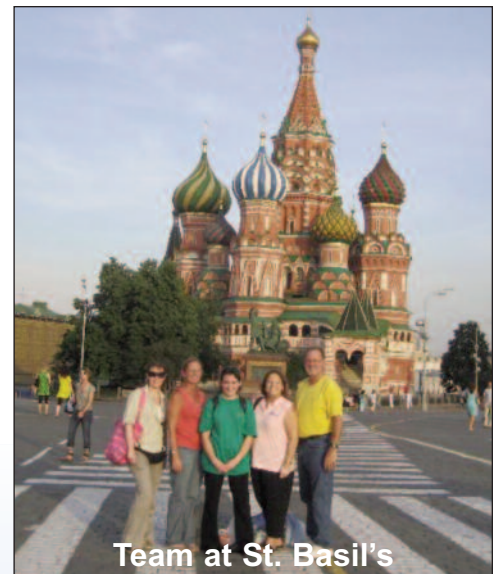
After a cool and damp night of full EE presentations on the streets and the worrisome task of taking final exams, the EE clinic came to a close on Friday. The final count for those graduating was 31 Russians and 1 American (Aubyn).

After the close of the clinic, the team took a day to tour Kostroma. They were joined by Serge, Olga, and their 2 children, who have assisted with other trips into Russia. All enjoyed a time of visiting and of learning about the history of Kostroma.

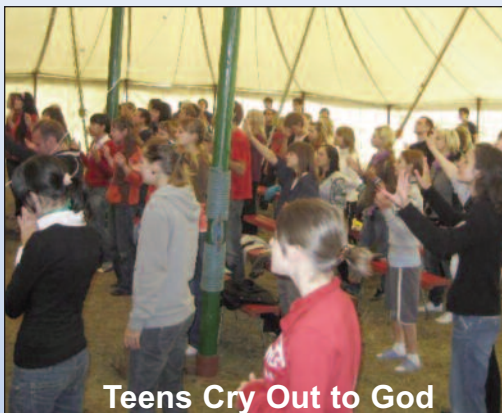
On Sunday Len preached at one of the 7 church services held at the YCG. The team had a wonderful time of food and fellowship with one of the church families. There was much time spent praying for one another, laughing, eating, and enjoying being together. On Monday the team then began their long trip back home after traveling to Moscow for a one night stay. **LMI**



Park at Kirov



Team at St. Basil's



Teens Cry Out to God



Ivanovo EE Clinic

Come "Light the Fire" with Us

Len Ministries' Annual Banquet

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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:

All Nations Church International (ph# 904-695-1957) PO Box 37312, Jacksonville, FL 32236. Contact Len Showalter.

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.

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



A Note From Us...

The LMI Clinics that were held in Russia were completed in July, Uganda and Kenya in August, and soon we will be refreshing our Spanish in Ecuador!

We are busy preparing for the upcoming banquet on November 14th and we hope that you will join us this year for a time of great fellowship with people you don't often get to see. Of course there will be good food and a pleasant environment, but more importantly, you will hear what this ministry has done, is doing, and has plans to do in the future. Pre-register on our web site: www.lenministries.org/contact_us.htm

You are a vital part of this ministry. We cannot do what we do unless you do your part. While we travel out of the country it means so very much to us to know that we have you praying for not only us, but for the rest of our family (Beth, Ruth, Sara and Daryl)!

We look forward to seeing you soon so that we can personally thank you for all you do for the Kingdom of God!



With our sincere appreciation,
Your Missionary Family,

The Showalters

(pictured top - bottom) Len, Marcia, Sara Van Tongeren, Ruth, Daryl Van tongeren, and Beth plus furry friends.