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We Can Make A Difference

Len Ministries invites you to be a mobilizer and to be a life changer

[JACKSONVILLE, FL] Romans 10:13-15 (KJV): "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach,

except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"

Much is ahead for us. Many doors are opening. Africa, South America, Central America, Asia, and Russia are all calling for us to come to equip church leaders and church planters.

While we are to be winning souls, we also must be training soul winners, so we can reach all that we can. We must be about our Father's business. Len

Ministries extends an invitation for you to join with us to be involved in your home town, your state, your nation, and other nations. 70,000 people die every day that have never had the opportunity to hear the Gospel and many more than that die in nations that have heard, but no longer preach the Good News.

Together we can change lives.
Together we can make a difference. Time is short. Let's just do it!

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Kirov, Yaroslavl, & Krasnokamensk

Len Ministries returns to Russia to equip leaders to win their cities for Jesus Christ

[RUSSIA] On Thursday, June 3, Jody MacFarlane, Len and Marcia Showalter boarded a plane in Jacksonville, FL. Soon they were on a 10-hour over-night flight headed to Moscow, Russia, after a brief layover in Atlanta, GA. The next morning (8 hour time difference) they were met in Moscow by interpreter and friend, Lena Lebedeva. After a brief tour of Red Square the team climbed aboard a night train for a 14-hour train ride to Kirov.

On Saturday morning, June 5, the team was met by Pastor Andre and Sveta Yarygina and a host of friends from Kirov Christian Center. They were taken directly to the Vyatka Hotel for a much needed rest. Sunday morning Pastor Len preached about the River of God from Psalm 46. A time of prayer concluded the service. The team met Dima (a young medical student) and went to dinner at his home.

Dima explained that he was volunteering in an orphanage in 2009 when



Marcia visited the children. He said that she used a puppet to tell about Jesus and that he prayed the sinners prayer along with all the children. He proudly showed us (pictured above) a wall in his room displaying his certificates and awards that he had received prior to Jesus (1) and all of them after Jesus (5)!

Monday, June 7, was the start of the 5-day teaching and equipping seminar on evangelism which was held at a Baptist Church. There were 25 attendees comprised of a bishop, pastors, and lay leaders. The teaching continued through Thursday with practicums (On-the-Job-Training, OJT) on 3 rainy and cold evenings. On Thursday, Marcia and Jody revisited "Dima's" orphanage, shared the Gospel, and loved on the children. For the week there were a total of 138 professions of faith including 9 that attended the training.

On Friday morning, June 11, the attendees were given oral and written exams. Certificates and pins were awarded to the 22 that passed. Later that evening Marcia held a special seminar on children's evangelism and demonstrated the use of many new tools for the 25 Russians that attended. Her teaching was well received as she taught using motions, songs, games, and various activities about equipping children to witness to other children.

Len and Marcia also held a special "Relationship Seminar" on Saturday afternoon at a Community Center downtown. Of the 300 in attendance approximately 50 came forward for a fresh start with the Lord and another 100 had their relationships prayed for.

After a special cookout for the team at the Vyatka River, Jody and Lena boarded a night train to Moscow. Due to tornado damage on the tracks, they were rerouted to Nizhniy Novgorod for a day. Jody was able to return to the USA as scheduled on Monday.

On Sunday, June 13, Len, Marcia, Sveta, Luda, Lena, and Dima had a 9-hour van ride to Yaroslavl. They, too, saw tornado damage along the way, but arrived safely in spite of heavy rain. They







were met by Pastor Igor and taken to their hotel.

The Yaroslavl Church of God was the hosting church for the 5-day seminar. Many friends and the senior pastor, Andre Dirienko, assisted with the equipping of 41 pastors and lay leaders that were registered. The teaching process in Yaroslavl was similar to Kirov's. But due to the continued cold and rainy weather, many of the teams took advantage of going to a shopping mall to do their practicum.

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Natasha, the children's minister, continues to have a great impact in the city which opened the door for our ministry to the children. On Tuesday Marcia and team went to an orphanage with great results: 23 children between the ages of 4 - 7 prayed to receive Christ! On Thursday they went to a children's hospital and 9 children and 3 adults prayed a sinner's prayer.

On Friday, June 18, 39 attendees passed their oral and written exams and they were awarded their certificates and pins. The total results for the week were 218 professions of Jesus Christ which includes 25 that attended the training.

By noon Pastor Guy Landry (Pastor of Ivanovo Christian Center) and Len and Marcia were on their way (5 hours) to Moscow by van for the last week of training in Russia. They boarded a plane at Domodedovo Airport in Moscow on Friday, June 18. The 7-hour over-night flight to Chita in Siberia was interrupted by a 2-hour layover in Katrinaburg. The team was met the next morning (6 more hours time difference - a total of 14 hours from Eastern Standard time) by church members from the Salvation in Jesus Church and given a brief break before continuing the journey. By 5 pm on Saturday the three were aboard a train for a 15-hour trip to Krasnokamensk.

The vistas changed as the train progressed southeast. Before long the trees disappeared and the rolling, grassy hills spread to the horizons. In the morning on Sunday, June 20, the team arrived to a drop off point on the train tracks. They were deep into Siberia, 20 miles from the northern border of China and 50 miles from the corner of Mongolia. Pastor Vadim of the Freedom in Jesus Church picked them up and drove down a dirt road to the city. Guy spoke at the 10 am

service and Len spoke at the 3 pm service.

There were two very distinct differences in Siberia compared to the previous weeks in Russia: it was 106 degrees hot, very dry, and the cottonwood trees in the city were in maximum bloom. It looked like snow as the "fluff" was everywhere. At night the hotel room was 85 degrees without a/c or fans and when the window was open the "fluff" came in.

On Monday, June 21, the 5-day teaching and equipping seminar on evangelism began. There were 31 pastors and lay leaders that registered for the classes. The teaching continued through Thursday with practicums on 3 of the hot evenings. Those that assisted were previously trained by Pastor Vadim. (He had attended last year's LMI training in Ivanovo.)

Marcia and Guy visited a shelter for 27 children from the ages of 5 to 17 on Wednesday, June 23. They were told that foreigners are not allowed to share the Gospel or if they do they will be put in jail. God intervened and all the children and 7 adults prayed to receive Jesus Christ.

On Friday, June 25, 22 attendees passed their oral and written exams and they were awarded their certificates and pins. The total results for the week were 204 professions of Jesus Christ which includes 13 that attended the training.

The team was back on the train again Saturday at 5 pm with a 15-hour return train ride to Chita. After a short layover in Chita they were on a direct flight of 5 hours to Moscow. A friend of Guy's met the team and drove them to their hotel after picking up Galina, Guy's wife, who had come from Ivanovo. A day of rest was enjoyed by all.

Marcia and Len headed for the USA on Tuesday, June 29, and Guy and Galina returned home to Ivanovo.

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If you are interested in participating in any of the LMI ministry efforts please contact Len Ministries at (904) 992-0545 or email: len@lenministries.org.

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In Memory

Thomas J. Troublefield, III, of Treasure Island, Florida went home to be with the Lord on June 7, 2010. Len and Marcia had known Tom for over 30 years and he was a partner of Len Ministries. He was a faithful friend, financial supporter, and a mentor to many people in the business world. Our deepest sympathy goes to his family and all of those that he has touched during his lifetime. He greatly appreciated all the prayers that many of those affiliated with Len Ministries had lifted up on his behalf!

Tim Van Tongeren went home to be with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Thursday, May 13, 2010. He was only 34 years old and left behind a beautiful wife (Jeni) and three small children, ages five, three, and one. This has been very difficult for Tim's family. We are asking for you to please lift up the entire Van Tongeren family in your prayers as they go through this very challenging season.

A Trust Fund has been established to help their family.

"Tim Van Tongeren Memorial Fund" ENT Federal Credit Union PO Box 15819 Colorado Springs, CO 80935-5819

Just the Facts (from the Russia Ministry Effort)

	Completed Contacts	<u>Times Gospel Shared</u>	To # of People	Professions & Assurances
Kirov Clinic:	341	133	295	138
Yaroslavl Clinic:	526	230	437	218
Krasnokamensk Clini	c: 390	189	376	204
Totals	1,257	552	1,108	560

45% of the completed contacts, or 51% of those that heard the Gospel professed Jesus Christ as Lord!

84 leaders were trained to equip others to share their faith and win their cities for Christ!



A Note From Us...

Before our trip to Russia, we went to Colorado Springs to attend the memorial service for Tim Van Tongeren. He was our oldest daughter, Sara's, brother-in-law. Although we rejoice knowing where Tim is, for his family and friends left here on this earth, the loss is difficult. He had great faith and left behind a wonderful heritage for his children.

When we returned home from our trip, we received word that a long-time friend, Tom Troublefield, had lost his battle to leukemia. Tom and Marcia worked together for many years when she was in sales with NCR and Better Business Forms. He will be missed by many.

Our lives were touched by these two men and we know that we will see them again in Heaven. In the meantime, we will continue to do the task that is at hand. People are hurting and many are lost. Thank you for enabling the Gospel of Jesus Christ to go around the world! You're making a difference! May you be blessed abundantly for allowing us to be your ambassadors for Him!

Your Missionary Family,

The Showalters

(Daryl & Sara Van Tongeren, Beth, Ruth, Marcia, & Len Showalter)

