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20th Anniversary

Psalm 100

A Psalm of praise.

- 1 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.
- 2 Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.
- 3 Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- 4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.
- 5 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations. (KJV)

[NIZHNIY NOVGOROD, RUSSIA] In 1991 Rev. Len Showalter, Rev. David Sheffield, and a team from Beaches Chapel, Neptune Beach, FL, went to Nizhniy Novgorod (NN), Russia. Arrangements had been made through Go to Nations (then Calvary International) to hold evangelistic crusades and to start a church in the closed city.

Five days of meetings were held in various areas around the city of four million people. That week-end Len and David installed Pastor Sasha Semikov as the pastor of the Light of Christ Church.



The church started with about 250 in attendance and continues to grow. They celebrated their 20th anniversary while Len Ministries visited June 19, 2011. Beth Whisenant, Cathy Russi, Joe and Jamie Hayworth, Len and Marcia Showalter joined in the joyous event with Pastor Sasha Semikov (pictured with Len).

There was much singing, spiritual dancing, and praise. After an exchange of gifts Len preached and reflected upon many stories about the start of the church. Dinner with church families followed a time of extended prayer for anyone that had a need. **LMI**

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Yaroslavl, Russia

LMI returns and brings the Good News

[YAROSLAVL, RUSSIA] On Friday, June 10, 2011, the team of Beth Whisenant, Cathy Russi, Joe and Jamie Hayworth, Len and Marcia Showalter left Jacksonville, FL, headed to Moscow via Atlanta. The team was greeted at the airport on Saturday by Sveta Yarygina and several Russian friends. Soon all were on their way to Yaroslavl, 8 hours away, with luggage. The team was welcomed into the home of their host family, Paul and Galina.

Pastor Guy Landry arrived early Sunday morning to pick up the team for a 2 hour trip to minister in Ivanovo. Ivanovo Christian Center was celebrating Pastor Guy's birthday and the church's 15th anniversary. Len spoke on "Get in the Water" which stirred all to want more of God's Holy Spirit. After lunch the team returned to Yaroslavl.

The weather turned cold and wet as the evangelism training started at the Yaroslavl Church of God on Monday with 33 people registered. Len shared the Gospel with the students and 16 professed Christ!

On Tuesday while Len was teaching, Andrew and Natasha Mumrin, children's pastors for the church, took Marcia and the team to a children's hospital where LMI has done ministry before. The team shared the Gospel, played with the children, and made balloon animals. 11 of the 13 children in the ENT ward prayed the sinner's prayer! Knitted hats and scarves donated by the Knitting Ministry at Crossroad UMC, Jacksonville, FL, were also given. Later 16 teams comprised of students and trainers went out from the church to several indoor malls and outdoor parks to tell others about Jesus and came back with 19 professions of faith.

Wednesday afternoon, the American team went to the Trauma Center of the same children's hospital of the day before. The Gospel was shared and many gifts were handed out but the children were not allowed to pray by

the hospital administrator. Later at the church the 16 teams went to the streets and had 33 people profess Jesus Christ as Lord.

Thursday morning the American team ministered to the students in the class with some gifts and with personal prayer. Afterwards the teams went to the Volga River park to witness. They returned with 27 names written in the Lamb's Book of Life!

Friday was examination day. 29 Russians from 5 different churches and 1 American (Jamie Hayworth) passed their exams and were encouraged to start evangelism in their churches. During an "open mike" time the students expressed much excitement. One shared about her mother receiving Jesus Thursday night! The American team treated all the trainers to pizza at a local restaurant and continued the encouraging stories.

The American team and Sveta departed Yaroslavl on Saturday morning headed to Nizhniy Novgorod to celebrate the Light of Christ Church's 20th anniversary (see story on pg. 1). After the weekend, the expanded team boarded a boat headed back to Moscow. Over the next four days, there were stops in Yaroslavl, Ribynsk, and at the Russian woods. It was a wonderful time of refreshing, sharing the Gospel, observing a White Night, and of great fellowship.

Once in Moscow the team had one day to tour the Kremlin area. They were able to walk around outside Red Square, but found it was close to the public. They visited several malls and walked Arbot street. Beth, Cathy, Joe and Jamie boarded a Delta flight back to the USA on June 24. **LMI**



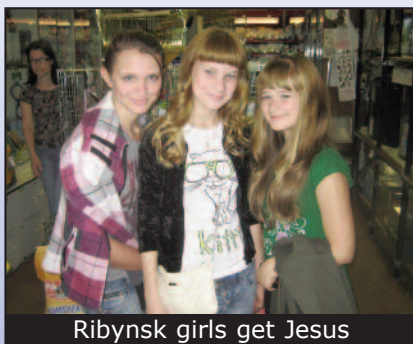
The American team



Crossroad UMC knitters



Orphanage Ministry



Ribynsk girls get Jesus



Yaroslavl 2011 class

Chita, Russia

Len Ministries takes the Gospel to Siberia

[CHITA, RUSSIA] Len and Marcia Showalter were joined in Moscow by Pastor Guy Landry from Ivanovo on Friday, June 24. They took a 7-hour overnight flight to Chita (Siberia- 6 time zones east of Moscow). They were met by Pastor Voludya of Salvation Church. Pastor Guy was dropped off at the home of Pastor Sergey. Pastor Len and Marcia were taken to Zoya's home, a single mother with four children: Vitali, her son, was moving out to be married in August; Kensenya (28), a businesswoman; Valentina (26), hospitalized since April; and Zlata (11), the youngest daughter. Also Natasha, church secretary and interpreter, was taken there to assist with communications.

On Sunday Guy went to a church about an hour away. Len, Marcia, and Natasha were driven by Pastor Voludya to the village church in Karymskaya about 2 hours away. After preaching, ministry, and a delicious meal in a nearby home, they returned "home." That evening in about 15 minutes, Zlata learned how to share the Gospel with a Kids' evangelism witnessing cube. Later she stated that two of her friends had received Jesus Christ.

Monday brought the start of the evangelism training with 40 registered. Len opened the teaching with sharing the Gospel and 18 students professed Jesus and received the free gift of eternal life. During the training, Salvation Church made arrangements for the out-of-town students to eat lunch at a nearby restaurant.

Tuesday the weather turned cool and rainy. 17 teams were assembled with trainers. Each team was assigned a specific block around the church. There was a large park with entertainment for children next to the church, so several teams witnessed there. Marcia's team was assigned to a block that contained the restaurant, so they shared the Gospel with the owner, Tatyana, who received assurance of faith.

On Wednesday while Len and Guy were teaching, Marcia, Natasha, and Voludya visited

a Rehab Center for youth ages 14 - 16. After telling about themselves, they shared the Gospel by using demonstrations and visuals and 14 children and 3 adults prayed with them. That afternoon the weather began to clear and the 17 teams returned to their assigned blocks. Marcia's team returned to the restaurant and led the head chef to Christ! The total for the afternoon was 60 professions of faith by the teams.

Thursday morning Marcia and Natasha went to another children's facility. They repeated their efforts like the prior day and 11 children and 1 adult raised their hands to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, but Marcia was not permitted to pray openly with them.

That afternoon the sun was out and so were the town people. The students were sent to their assigned blocks again to witness using tracks and what they had learned in class. Len watched and tried to assist some, but couldn't help much because of a missing interpreter. The 17 teams returned excited with 65 salvations!

Friday was examination day for the students, but first they had to tell about 3 more people that had relieved their salvation Thursday night after class. 39 students passed and one did not complete the course.

Len, Marcia, and Guy were back on a plane bound for Moscow on Saturday morning. After connecting with Guy's wife, Galina, they rested and did a some touring. Len and Marcia headed home on Monday, July 4th, celebrating all that God had done in Chita!

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Zoya, Zlata, & Valentina



Restaurant owner gets Jesus



Guy shares



Park girls get tracks



Chita 2011 Class

Just the Facts: **1** Evangelism

	<u>Completed Contacts</u>	<u>Times Gospel Shared</u>	<u>To # of People</u>	<u>Professions & Assurances</u>
Yaroslavl, Russia	399	162	354	107
Chita, Russia	528	271	500	226
Totals:	927	433	854	333

36% of the completed contacts, or 39% of those that heard the Gospel professed Jesus Christ as Lord!

68 Russians and 1 American were trained to equip others to share their faith and win their cities for Christ!



A Note From Us...

This summer has been a busy one for us! There was the month-long trip to Russia and Ruth's wedding to Ryan Klamper just 11 days after our return.

We were blessed to spend time with precious families in Russia this summer. Each mission trip is unique in its own way, but this one will stay in our hearts for a long time because of the wonderful bonds we made with the host families in each place.

We love the people in Chita and are looking forward to going to another area in Siberia next year! We hope to be able to see Zoya and her family in Chita again and to have Natasha (Secretary/Interpreter from Salvation Church in Chita) travel with us as she is such an amazing young woman of God!

Our youngest daughter, Ruth, became the wife of Lieutenant Ryan Klamper on July 15th. We are excited for both Ruth and Ryan as they begin their lives together in San Diego. It was such an honor to get

to know Ryan's family and many of the people in the Navy that have been such a large part of his military family.

If you would like to see pictures of the wedding, please look Marcia up on Facebook or in a few weeks, you will be able to view the professional pictures by Megan Stewart Photography at: www.meghanstewartphotography.com and the Event ID is: 071511RRK.

Len is still working with local churches training people in evangelism and how to become soul winner trainers for Jesus Christ. Evangelism is a command Jesus Christ made in Matthew 28:19-20 and should be a priority in every church locally and internationally!

We appreciate your love, prayers, and financial support as we take the Word of God all over the world. You are making an eternal difference in the lives of others! May you be blessed abundantly as you minister through us to others.

With our love and appreciation,

Len and Marcia Showalter
Your Missionary Family

The Showalters

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



*** Finish Strong ***
Len Ministries Annual Friend Raising Banquet

Saturday, November 12, 2011 6:30 p.m.

Banquet Hall, 1312 Beach Blvd., Jax Beach (Beach Plaza, next to Brasserie Restaurant)

Catered by Chef Kahn Reservation Required Seating will be limited

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