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Portland Oregon

Len Ministries invites you to join them on a short-term mission trip, locally or internationally



[PORTLAND, OR] Three Slavic churches in the Portland, OR, and Vancouver, WA, area headed by the Church of Grace, invited Len Ministries to teach a short course in evangelism to their people in preparation for a Cultural Festival. Cathy Russi, Beth Whisenant, Ruth Harhi, and Rev. Len Showalter left Jacksonville, FL, on Thursday, June 14.

Pastor Alexander Petrov and his people hosted the training which was held at

the Voice of Hope Christian Church. Len taught the three days of classes which included lessons on approaching people, use of a personal story, a Gospel presentation, conclusion, possible objections, role playing, and two practicums.

Previously, Len Ministries worked with The Church of Grace in April 2011 teaching some of the same basics. This time there were some new students, but the same location (the Clackamas mall)

was chosen for the practicums.

The team (except Ruth Harhi, who had to remain in Portland for about six weeks due to a medical situation) left Sunday evening to return home to Jacksonville, FL, on Monday morning on the red-eye special.

The Cultural Festival that was planned for the next weekend had to be relocated to the Church of Grace due to rain, but those trained continued their witnessing efforts.

All were greatly touched with the resulting 53 professions and assurances of faith in Jesus Christ that occurred during the practicums. There were eight students that completed all three days of training. Len is looking forward to more ministry work with the Church of Grace in the future.

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"White & Black Gala"

Saturday, November 10, 2012 at 6:30 pm Attire: black and white

Banquet Hall: 1312 Beach Blvd., Jax Beach (Beach Plaza)

Catered by Chef Kahn

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Borzya, Russia

Len Ministries returns to Siberia to equip leaders to teach evangelism

[BORZYA, RUSSIA] After a ten hour overnight flight on June 29 out of Washington D.C., Len and Marcia Showalter, and Cathy Russi arrived in Moscow. Pastor Guy Landry, Senior Pastor of Ivanovo Christian Center, in Ivanovo, Russia, greeted and joined the team. After an eight hour layover they were on their way into Siberia.

After a 8 hour layover the next flight was to Chita. The team arrived Sunday morning (now 14 time zones away from Eastern time). Pastor Guy preached in the first service at Salvation in Jesus Church while Len, Marcia, and Cathy went to Zoya's (pictured top right) home for a little refreshing. They then returned to church and met Pastor Guy, Pastor Voludia (Evangelism Pastor), and Pastor Sergey and Irina, his wife. After lunch Pastor Guy preached a powerful word from Matthew 6:5-8 on Prayer. The church is making a powerful difference by having a heart of evangelism, prayer, and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit. Praise and Worship was just what the team needed to begin the next phase of their journey.

The team left in the church van with two interpreters, Natasha and Tanya, for Borzya. A car with Pastor Volodia and other leaders from Chita followed to help with the week-long training. They were also assisted by a group of trainers from Krasnokomensk. After a six hour car ride over very rough roads the team arrived at Pastor Alexander and Lena Sergeevitch's home in Borzya.

On Monday, July 2, the 5 day training on evangelism began at Salvation Church in Borzya. There were 22 students registered and 12 of them received assurance or professed Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior after the initial lesson.

Tuesday morning the team (minus Len, as he continued his teaching the students) went to a summer camp about 1-1/2 hours away. When they arrived at the summer camp, the children ran to greet them. There were 98 children and 10-15 workers. They joyously taught the children the "Hokey Pokey." The Russian's had some beautiful costumes that they put on to get the children to partake in the motions. Pastor Guy was our interpreter

and was fascinating to the older ones because of his heritage to Cameroon and being Russian. The team shared some about our families, pets, and country. The Gospel was shared and Pastor Guy led the children in a prayer to receive Jesus Christ into their hearts. About 80 children made a profession of faith! Toys were handed out to all the children.

Soon it was time for the 14 teams to go out to the streets so that the students could see how effective this type of evangelism can be. The 22 students shared their testimonies and after two hours of one-on-one witnessing, 36 people came to know Christ!

It was cool and raining Wednesday morning, the 4th of July, but soon the sun came out. Marcia gave a devotion from Mark 10:13-16 about children being blessed by Jesus and the importance of witnessing to them. Cathy did the "Big Cube" presentation. The students in class then broke into groups to pray for children, children's ministers, and for God to use them to be an effective witness to children.

As Len continued the teaching to the students, the remainder of the team went to a local orphanage about 10 minutes away. Many of the children were away at a summer camp, but there were 24 children and 7 workers present. Pastor Guy was the main interpreter and everyone had so much fun. The Gospel was shared and all 31 people said the prayer of salvation. The team then handed out gifts as Cathy led the group in making balloon animals.

Wednesday afternoon and evening the students shared their testimonies and the Gospel. Wednesday night, during the witnessing time on the streets, 78 professed Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. The students were very excited and encouraged by how much easier it was to share their testimonies because the training was beginning to make sense.

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Valentina, Zlata, Zoya & Natasha



Marcia & Natasha share Jesus



And they all prayed



Two babushkas pray

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Pastor Guy gave a report of the orphanage trip during the day, and then taught the students the "Hokey Pokey". Afterwards they entered into a time of praise and worship.

Thursday morning Cathy gave a devotion from Luke 10:38-42 about Mary and Martha. She shared how important it is to have devotion with the Lord on a daily basis; God showed her that she needed to be a Mary. It was a powerful word that touched many. Everyone got into small groups to pray for the person next to them. Prayer continued for the different pastors, their churches, and for Len Ministries. Next, time was given for praying for the students and many received an encouraging word from God. Afterwards a group picture was taken and then some men's ties that had been donated to the ministry were handed out and t-shirts given to everyone.

As the teaching continued Thursday afternoon, the team went to an orphanage of about 35 children and 6 adults. A pastor that Len Ministries had trained three years ago was there and greeted the team. After our Russian team members sang songs to the children, stories were told about the team members and their families back in America. Marcia shared the Gospel and all prayed to receive Christ.

While most of the team were at the orphanage, the students in the class were given some tracks and sent out into the streets to witness by themselves without a trainer. They returned an hour and a half later very excited by what the Lord had done through them. Later that evening, the students went out again and made the entire presentation with the trainer giving suggestions or help. 89 Professions of faith in just two hours with 19 people.

On Friday the students took their oral and written testings for proficiency. During a special luncheon 19 were awarded their certificates and then they were given a time to speak about their week-long experience and how their life had been changed. Following the closing prayer the team loaded up in two vehicles for the 6 hour ride back to Chita.

Saturday morning came quickly and the team was driven from Zoya's home to a youth camp for the Salvation in Jesus church. After praise and worship, Len addressed the 100 youth that had gathered in a large, common tent. He spoke from I Samuel 16 & 17. He challenged

them to be a "David," and to rise up against the things that would hold them back from being all that God had for them to accomplish. Guy, Cathy, Marcia, Len, Voludia, and the others in leadership prayed and anointed the youth for service unto God. At the conclusion of the meeting the team had a wonderful meal and then visited with the kids. Guy made use

received their salvation through one-on-one evangelism training in just a few hours of street evangelism and 19 were equipped to raise up others to become soul winners for Jesus Christ! And plans were laid before the Lord to return to Ivanovo and the Chita area in 2013.

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Borzya evangelism class

of the sauna and the cool river.

Upon their return to Chita, another meeting was waiting for the team. The evangelism ministry had gathered at the Church and was in need of encouragement. After about an hour of speaking and answering questions, Len prayed for each of the 20 - 25 that were there.

Saturday evening afforded some time with Zoya's family. But at 7 a.m. on Sunday morning Guy, Cathy, Marcia, and Len were headed for the airport. With a 10 hour flight to Moscow (including a 2 hour layover in the Novosibirsk airport) the team arrived worn out. The travel had definitely taken its toll. After a 1 hour ride across Moscow they found themselves in a hot (un-airconditioned), shared bathroom, small bedroom of a hotel. The decision was made that they would go to Arbot Street and do some shopping and maybe the rooms would be cooler upon their return. Having completed the walk of Arbot Street, shopping for an hour, eating a hamburger at McDonalds, the room had cooled. And they fell fast asleep. At 9:15 a.m. they were back in a van for the ride to Domodedovo airport for a 10 hour flight to Washington, DC, and then to Jacksonville, FL.

During this trip more than 400 people



Youth tent meeting in Chita



Len prayed for many

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.

Just the Facts: **1** Evangelism

	<u>Completed Contacts</u>	<u>Times Gospel Shared</u>	<u>To # of People</u>	<u>Professions & Assurances</u>
Portland, OR	81	51	81	53
Borzya, Russia (Siberia)	621	251	609	416
Totals:	702	302	690	469

68% of those that heard the Gospel professed Jesus Christ as Lord!

19 pastors and lay leaders were trained to share their faith, equip others, and win their cities for Christ!

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A Note From Us...

School is about to start in many areas of the United States. Soon we will be focusing on the holidays and 2012 will be but a blur in our minds.

Our family is scattered across the United States. Sara and Daryl are now in Holland, Michigan. Daryl is a Professor at Hope College and Sara is a therapist at a private practice. Beth has settled into her new home and continues in her career as President of Ice-Tech Lens Technologies. Ruth and Ryan continue to live and work in Coronado, California. They celebrated their one year wedding anniversary in July!

As for the folks – we miss the kids and treasure the phone calls, texts, e-mails, and Skype sessions with them. We're busy preparing for a new 13 week evangelism training at Calvary Chapel starting Aug 15 and planning for a city-wide 5 day class Oct 1 - 5 exclusively for pastors and key leaders. Also in the queue is our annual fund raising banquet November 10 and setting our 2013 traveling plans: Bangui, Central African Republic (Feb 4 - 8); Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso (Feb 11 - 1); Bobo, Burkina Faso (Feb 18 - 22); Ivanovo, Russia (June 24 - 28); & Ulan Ude, Russia (July 1 - 5). Please call us or check online if you want to join us or have interest in any of these events.

We so greatly appreciate your prayers and financial support for these local and international efforts. We are believing God for a great harvest of souls for the Lord for the rest of this year and for 2013.

May you and your loved ones be blessed abundantly!

Your Missionary Family,

The Showalters'

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



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:

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Jacksonville, FL 32224
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