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LMI Banquet

A wonderful celebration was held at the Prime Osborn Convention Center, downtown Jacksonville, FL on November 10. Len Ministries held its vision banquet for 2007 with the theme “Till the Last One Hears.”

With around 225 in attendance, the program opened with “Mr. Voice,” Terry Casey, handling the Master of Ceremony position. Terry’s wife, Pam Casey, was the event photographer and she had some of her photographic works on display. American Artist Robina Braendle had some of her paintings and greeting cards on display, too.

After an opening prayer by Rev. Jerry Scheck a delicious meal was served consisting of a fresh Caesar salad, citrus marinated chicken breast and tender beef kabob skewers, seasoned bristo vegetables on a bed of rice, and a New York style cheesecake with berry topping. Ministry photos from the 2007 short-term ministry trips to Africa, Russia, and South America were shown during the meal. All enjoyed seeing the faces of those whose lives were changed and the pictures of the many places where Rev. Len Showalter and teams traveled.

After the meal Derick Scott and Scott Coleman entertained the guests with several worship-filled songs. Wade Thigpin handled the multi-media video and sound needs.

Len Showalter addressed the group



2007 Vision Banquet

after testimonies from Brent Ayala of Jacksonville, FL, and Rev. Robert Mponye of Uganda. There was a surprise appearance and testimony by Pastor Guy Landry from Russia. Jim Young of Jacksonville, FL, gave the keynote address detailing several ministry efforts with LMI. Gil Gibbs delivered an impassioned “ask.”

The celebration and fund-raising banquet concluded with prayer and a challenge to all to be even more involved in 2008. **LMI**

Portoviejo, Ecuador



Randy, Len, Dwight, Dennis, & Jim



School Children



Downtown Portoviejo



Templo Metropolitano Alianza



Pastor Paul, Len, & other Pastors of TMA



On Saturday, October 20, Rev. Len Showalter, Dwight Preheim, Randy Brown, Jim Tofflemire, and Dennis Dixon left the USA for Ecuador. After a night's stay in Quito they continued on by plane to Portoviejo. Upon



Portoviejo 2007 EE Clinic

arrival Sunday afternoon they were met by Pastor Paul Robles with the Templo Metropolitano Alianza, a Christian Missionary Alliance Church, and interpreter Tito Hunez.

Monday saw the start of the Evangelism Explosion clinic. There were twelve pastors and lay leaders

enrolled in the class and an additional eighteen enrolled in upper level training classes. Monday through Thursday Len and Paul taught evangelism at the church. During each day the rest of the team with additional interpreters visited local public schools and

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shared the good news of Jesus Christ with the students. The team also shared in the downtown area, around the church, on the streets, and in a nearby medical clinic. At night the group would reunite and train the clinicians how to share Christ with various church visitors and anyone else that would avail themselves.

Each evening was filled with celebration as the teams returned bringing reports of many professions of faith. During the three evening trainings (OJT) with six teams of three consisting of one trainer and two clinicians the Gospel of Jesus Christ was shared 32 times to 75 people resulting in 66 professions and assurances of Faith. Additionally,

there were 332 professions accomplished during the witnessing situations in the public schools, on the streets, and in the neighborhoods.

On Friday, graduation was held for ten nationals and two Americans (Dennis Dixon and Jim Tofflemire) that successfully completed the training necessary for certification. The team then departed for Quito with Dennis and Jim spending the night and then returning to the USA. Len, Dwight, and Randy continued their travels on to Lima, Peru, and finally to Santa Cruz, Bolivia. **LMI**

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



Mother and Child at a Medical Clinic



Church Sponsored Free Medical Clinic



School Children



LMI Team at School



Dennis Sharing with Store Worker

Santa Cruz, Bolivia



Presbyterian Church



Truckloads of Sugar Cane



Gene, Billy, & Soo's Father



Len & Dwight Prayed



Nancy Prayed



As Rev. Len Showalter, Dwight Preheim, and Randy Brown arrived in Santa Cruz, Bolivia on Saturday, October 27, the new team members were departing the USA. Rev. Billy Strickland, Rev. Gene Eberhardy, Nancy Murray, Shirley Lauginiger and Beth Showalter arrived safely in the evening and Rev. Paul Robles, Pierina Robles and Tito Hunez joined the team early the next morning. Unfortunately the



Santa Cruz EE Clinic 2007

team had difficulty breathing as the air was filled with smoke from the annual burning of the sugar cane fields just prior to harvest.

Pastor Soo of the Presbyterian Church of Santa Cruz and with the University of Christian Education of Bolivia (UCEBOL) welcomed the team and was host for the Evangelism Explosion (EE) clinic. The teaching was held at the seminary which was one of the many facilities of the 2,000 - 3,000 student campus. Soo's father, Dr. Hyun, is a Korean missionary that started this Christian work 25 years ago which has spread across Santa

Cruz to include 32 churches, a Christian school, seminary, university, student dorms, medical and dental clinics, and more. He is highly regarded in the city and has earned great respect by both the Korean and Bolivian governments.

On Sunday, September 30, Len preached in a local Presbyterian church. The team ministered to the congregation at the end of the service.

Monday brought the start of the EE training with 26 pastors and lay leaders enrolled. Each day with the assistance of interpreters, the American team visited various schools, a medical center, and the university cam-

pus sharing the Good News of Jesus. They used puppets, balloons, and various stories to appropriately minister to the children and they used Spanish tracts to share with adults. On Wednesday Gene Eberhardy addressed the UCEBOL student body and had 34 students profess Faith in Jesus! Afterward the team went on campus and shared without interpreters using the Spanish tracts with surprisingly wonderful results. At the end of the week there were more than 400 professions of Christ seen during those days.

Each evening the clinicians would go to the streets for OJT. There were eleven teams of three (one trainer and two trainees). The American teams had an interpreter and sometimes there were two interpreters per team as there were some Koreans were being trained who spoke no English or Spanish! At the end of the week a graduation was held. There was much celebration for the 212 professions of faith and assurances that occurred on the three nights of training and for the 16 national and 3 American graduates.

On Saturday, October 6, the team returned to the USA. Some were still a little sick from the smoke, but all were estatic knowing what all the Lord had done and how they were each used by Him. **LMI**

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Assembled Children Hear the Gospel



Billy's Balloon Ministry



Beth and School Children



Randy's Puppet Ministry



Santa Cruz Main Catholic Cathedral

Just the Facts.....

Please find detailed below the results of the two EE clinics and various ministry efforts in South America as a results of the short-term ministry trips detailed in this newsletter:

| | Completed Contacts | Times Gospel Shared | To # of People | Professions/Assurances |
|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Ecuador Clinic: (6 teams) | 75 | 32 | 75 | 66 |
| Ecuador Extra: | 531 | 42 | 531 | 332 |
| Bolivia Clinic: (11 Teams) | 260 | 101 | 260 | 212 |
| Bolivia Extra: | 573 | 28 | 573 | 411 |
| Totals | 1439 | 199 | 1439 | 1021 |

71% of those that heard the Gospel professed Jesus Christ as Lord!

**24 national pastors and laypersons & 5 Americans
(Dennis Dixon, Jim Tofflemire, Nancy Murray, Shirley Lauginiger, & Billy Strickland)
were trained to equip others to share their faith!**

YOU CAN DO THIS!

KENYA
February 14 to 26

GUATEMALA
April 5 to 12

**Contact Len
for details!**

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 Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32211. Contact Gil Gibbs.

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

First Baptist Church of Oceanway (ph# 904-757-1181) 212 Sago Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32218. Contact Billy Strickland.

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 Rusty Bennett.

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

A Note From Us.... Merry Christmas!!!

As 2007 comes to a close, it is always a tradition of ours to reflect on our blessings and see how God is beside us even in the trials of life. We so appreciate your prayers this year concerning Len's health, the various trips to other nations, ministry in the Jacksonville area, our finances, and for our precious family members. **May you be blessed abundantly for your financial gifts, your loving prayers, and your gifts of service!**

Our middle daughter, Beth, has moved back to Jacksonville, FL, from Lexington, KY, and for that we are so grateful! Sara and Daryl continue to work and study hard at Virginia Commonwealth University and Ruth continues her studies at Florida Southern College. **(We are saddened that our little black poodle, Chorniy, died on November 24th after being a part of our family for 16-1/2 years.)**

We look forward to spending time with our girls (and Daryl) over the holidays. How we cherish our family time together! Yes, this includes all the furry dogs, too! From our home to yours, my you be blessed abundantly as you reflect on the birth of Christ and all that this season is truly about.

With our love and gratitude,
Your Missionary Family,

The Showalters

(pictured l-r:) Daryl & Sara Van Tongeren, Marcia, Beth, Len, & Ruth

