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The Call Of The Nations

“What they need is not true religion, but true Christianity” - Len Showalter

[JACKSONVILLE, FL] In Acts 10, Peter had a vision of a great sheet containing all sorts of animals, birds, and creeping things. He learned “that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is acceptable to Him.” And in Acts 16, Paul had a vision of a man “standing, beseeching him, and saying, ‘Come over into Macedonia, and help us.’”

Jesus gave us the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19 where He told us to go and teach all nations. In

Acts 1:8, He said to them, after the Holy Spirit has

come, that they were to “be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” It is clearly our personal mission to go to the nations. They are calling us. They need our help.

In 2013 Len Ministries not only led people to Christ, but also equipped soul winners in the USA, Burkina Faso,

Cameroon, and in Russia. The plans for 2014 include

more training in the USA, as well as additional equipping in Kenya, Burkina Faso, Ecuador, and into deep eastern Russia (Siberia).

Romans 10:13-15: 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!” (KJV)

Teams are being formed to assist with the training in all the above mentioned locations. These nations are praying for us to come to them and help equip them to help them win their cities for Jesus! They are calling, will you answer? Will you go? Will you help Len Ministries make a difference in these nations and others as the call comes to us?

Just as Ester’s (pictured) life and the other children in her orphanage lives were changed forever, more are waiting for us to tell them the Good News. But how can they hear unless we go and preach so that they can believe and call upon the name of the Lord? We are needed. We must go!

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Salty Life



Pam and Terry Casey



Cathy Russi sings



Richard was a door prize winner



Patty and others at registration



Len delivers the keynote address

[JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FL] Seventy-four people gathered on Saturday, November 16, at the Community Center at Jacksonville Beach, FL, to celebrate the events of Len Ministries from 2013 and to hear the ministry's vision for 2014. The evening started with Master of Ceremony, Terry Casey, a.k.a. Mr. Voice, opening the night at 6:30.

Soon, all were in the buffet line enjoying cole slaw, baked beans, macaroni and cheese, and the BBQ pork, turkey, and melt-in-your-mouth beef brisket. All of the food was freshly prepared on site by Billy Smart and staff of GrillBilly's of Middleburg, FL.

The attire of khaki and white accented the beachy theme "Salty Life." The atmosphere was captured by family photographer Pam Casey and nature photographer Steve Meadows. As dinner progressed Cathy Russi sang a song all enjoyed.

Terry Casey brought the Gala's dining to a close by announcing several door prize winners including Deborah Onderdonk who won a \$250 discount on a 2014 short-term mission trip. After recognizing pastors, military personnel, and the LMI board (past and present), a video was shown from Pavil, the evangelism pastor, from Ivanovo Christian Center in Ivanovo, Russia.

Pastor Lon Pardee of the Church of the Messiah was introduced. He spoke concerning Len Ministries' involvement for 12 years with the Kairos Prison Ministry at Union

Correctional Institution (UCI), four years of evangelism teaching at UCI, and the teaching of evangelism at his home church. Following his address, an updated LMI video produced by Bob Springer was shown to the delight of all.

Marcia Showalter spoke next. She told the attendees about the efforts to reach children in orphanages, hospitals, camps, and schools at each of the cities visited in 2013. Following Marcia, Len spoke and focused on the "Salty Life" theme. He explained how salt cleanses, purifies, heals, and preserves. He detailed that initially salt may sting, as it brings healing. Len compared this to the Gospel where it may confront (sting) a little, but if received it will bring healing and preservation (salvation) to all.

A video was shown from Nigeria depicting a Christian church in a village being raided. Many were shot and 12 people were martyred for Christ. Time was given to pray for those being persecuted around the world.

Following Len's address, Bill Cook challenged all to assist even more with financial help and prayer in reaching more people in 2014 for Jesus Christ. Michael Nelson, Pastor of Peace Tabernacle Assembly of God and President of the National Black Fellowship for the A.O.G., closed the evening in prayer.

Many thanks go out to those that volunteered and those that sponsored the wonderful night.

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Church of the Messiah

[JACKSONVILLE, FL] Every Monday night Len Showalter teaches an evangelism class at the Church of the Messiah, 3754 University Club Blvd., Jacksonville, FL, 32277. Cathy Russi assists with the teaching and also leads a witnessing team. The classes started September 16, finished with visitation on December 9, and had their examination on December 16.

A typical weekly 3-hour class consists of an hour of instruction, an hour and a half of practicum (visitation), and a half of an hour of reporting at the conclusion of the class. The practicum is performed in teams, each led by a coach who instructs two students.

Those pictured (l-r) are Carla Bitancor (church secretary), Gwen Stanley of SouthPoint Church, trainer/teacher Cathy Russi, Father David Paysinger (Sr. Pastor), and Father Lon Pardee (Associate Pastor). The Church of the Messiah is a parish in the International Communion of the Charismatic Episcopal Church and has been moved by the Lord to be more involved in evangelism.

Over the past three months the church has been going to homes and malls weekly, and they have hosted a Harvest festival with an evangelism booth, and relocated to the above address after an extensive renovation effort! During the evangelism 13 week semester the two teams shared the Gospel 51 times with 66 of the 78 people contacted. Their efforts resulted in 36 people professing Christ or receiving assurance of their salvation. They had amazing first semester results of 55% of those who heard the Gospel (or 46% of

those who were contacted) received Christ!

Plans are to teach another semester beginning February 17, 2014. In addition to teaching the members of the Church of the Messiah, there will be limited open enrollment to members of other churches. If you have any interest in being trained, please contact Lon Pardee at (904) 721-4199, or Len Showalter at (904) 992-0545 to reserve your seat in the class.

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Fall 2014 evangelism class

Union Correctional Institution

[RAIFORD, FL] Each Thursday afternoon Len Showalter teaches an evangelism class at the Chapel at UCI. Tony Cozier and Richard Fouraker assist with the teaching



Union Correctional Institution (UCI)

process. Currently, there are six students in training and six previously trained men that are coaching the students. Over the past year, one of the coaches has begun to assist with the responsibilities of teaching and administering the class of students. (Unfortunately, the names and pictures of those participating are not allowed to be disclosed.)

Over the past three months the coaches have performed training with the students by visiting with other prisoners in the open recreation yard, or privately in bunk rooms. Class and visitation time is often disrupted due to prison administrative issues and bad weather. The typical 13 week training usually takes about 20 weeks to complete. So far, the class is studying lesson six (about half way through) and they have participated in contacting 21 prisoners. They shared the Gospel two times with eight men and had five professions and assurances of faith.

Please pray for these men as they are making significant progress with the prison population. Those that hear the Gospel and begin to walk out their faith in Christ face many obstacles in their daily lives. If released their expected rate of return to prison reduces from around 80% to less than 20%!

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Just the Facts: **1** Evangelism

	<u>Completed Contacts</u>	<u>Times Gospel Shared</u>	<u>To # of People</u>	<u>Professions & Assurances</u>
Church of the Messiah	78	51	66	36
UCI (Raiford)- in process	21	2	8	5
Totals:	99	53	74	41

54% of those that heard the Gospel professed Jesus Christ as Lord!

10 pastors and lay leaders are being trained to share their faith, equip others, and win their communities for Christ!

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in Ecuador?
March 2014**



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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:

Anastasia Baptist Church

1650 A1A South
St. Augustine, FL 32080
(904) 471-2166
Contact: Al Kaidor

Church of the Messiah

3754 University Club Blvd.
Jacksonville, FL 32277
(904) 721-4199
Contact: Lon Pardee

Holiday Hill Baptist Church

730 Mandalay Road
Jacksonville, FL 32216
(904) 721-0721
Contact: Bob Wilmot

Second Missionary Baptist Church

954 Kings Road
Jacksonville, FL 32204
(904) 354-8268
Contact: Winston Smith

Union Correctional Institution

7819 NW 228th St.
Raiford, FL 32026
(386) 431-2000
Contact: Barry Hendrick



A Note From Us...

It seems impossible that we will soon be celebrating Christmas and bringing in 2014. As we continue in ministry, we see the importance and urgency of people needing salvation. We continue to stay busy by training others to become soul winners for Jesus Christ!

The holidays always leave us with mixed emotions as our children are active with their own lives and we no longer seem to be able to gather them together in one place. Ruth and Ryan were here over Thanksgiving for a few days and we cherished our time with them. Sara and Daryl will be here right after Christmas and we are getting excited for their visit. Beth will be with us for Christmas and we are very grateful that her schedule allows her to be here in the Jacksonville area near us.

May you and your loved ones be blessed abundantly as you continue to pray for us and financially plant seeds through this ministry into the lives of others.

**Have a Merry Christmas and
a very blessed New Year!**

Your Missionary Family,

The Showalters'

Len & Marcia Showalter (and KoKo)

