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“And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.” 2 Timothy 2:2 (NKJV)

The work of an evangelist must be to win souls. Since 1996 Len Ministries has been winning souls for Jesus Christ. As noted on Page 4 “Just the Facts,” we have had almost 40,000 people to whom we have witnessed and of those almost 21,500 have given their hearts to Christ! The Lord has blessed us to be an effective soul winning ministry as we have gone into more than 20 nations.

The greatest impact to all eternity is made by training and equipping more soul winners to win souls. Then, the peak multiplication begins as those that have been equipped begin to train others to do the same. The numbers reflected in the “Just The Facts” only include souls that are saved during training events and not the number of souls that come into the Kingdom of God subsequently. Since 1996, Len Ministries has trained and equipped almost 2,300 people. They are winning souls for Christ and training others to do the same.

The teams that we have trained in the Siberia region in Russia continue to be amazing.

They travel by SUV along Lake Bykal during winter to villages that are typically unreachable. They travel in -50 degree weather up frozen rivers. They take two vehicles in case one breaks through the ice and becomes stranded. And they go forth with great joy as they bring the Good News to many!

Teams in Africa travel to cities and minister in villages during the summer when temperatures are in excess of 120 degrees. They go to a prison that is nicknamed “Hell’s Prison” where there are more than 3,500 inmates stuffed into a large courtyard.

These reports only encourage us to want to go and do more. How can we not? What cost did Jesus pay for us? Did He not pay the ultimate price?

How can we not go into our neighborhoods and cities? What is our cost to go? Can we at

least send others in our place? Will you be trained and equipped so that you can make an eternal difference in someone else’s life?

The Harvest Awaits

Evangelism School: Feb. 18-22, 2019
Adamec’s Harley-Davidson
Jacksonville, FL 32256
Early registration: \$250

5-day classes are designed to fully equip pastors, lay leaders & evangelists to train others. Or call for semester classes in your church.

Text (904) 535-4658
or register at LenMinistries.org

Prison Ministry

[RAIFORD, FL] Len Ministries has been involved in prison ministry for almost 20 years in the USA and about two years in Douala, Cameroon. The prison ministry in the Jacksonville area is focused with Union Correctional Institution (UCI), Raiford, FL, and has three components (pictures of inmates are typically not allowed, thus any picture of them will be blurred):

- ◆ A 13-week evangelism equipping school. For over eight years Rev. Len Showalter has taught evangelism to a select group of inmates. Currently, there are three levels of classes with a total of 15 students. A typical semester will last about six months with the students graduating to the next level. The final mentor level is where they will assist the new students. By end of this past fall semester there had been 36 inmates contacted resulting in nine professions of faith and 10 assurances. There were three inmates that graduated level one training and three that received certificates for their class participation.

- ◆ A Saturday mini-crusade was held on September 8 in the Recreation yard area. The team consisted of (pictured l-r) Len Showalter, Mike Toenies, Carla Bitancor, Don Maddox, Cathy Russi, Scott Russi, and David Mueller (not pictured). The weather cooperated and about 375 inmates showed up. Cathy led praise and worship for 30 minutes after several inmates gave their testimonies. Len brought the Word and there were four men that gave their hearts to the Lord. The inside leader, Gil, assisted with an altar call for needed miracles. 10 men came forward with one getting healed from Hep C. Plans are set to duplicate the mini-crusade twice a year.

- ◆ A 4-day Kairos weekend was held September 20 - 23. It was the 85th Kairos event at UCI and was led by Fred Hillerich. The weekend typically begins at 7 AM and ends at 7 PM each day. There were 48 outside volunteers who ministered to 23 inmates. The results were that 13 men heard the Gospel and 10 professed Christ and two gained assurance of their salvation. The Kairos ministry continues with monthly reunions with the inmates encouraging them to group together for prayer and support beyond our meetings. The next UCI Kairos weekend is planned for April 25 - 28, 2019, and will be led by Fernando Arzola.

- ◆ Rev. Daniele Yetna from Douala, Cameroon, continues to take a team into New Bell Prison, which is located in her city, and minister to the 3500 prisoners. Although the prison is greatly overcrowded, the Presbyterian Church welcomes her and her team's participation. The administration granted permission for the team to host two hours of evangelism training every two weeks. The class started with 13 students, but today, there are 10 left because three have been released to return home in the course of the year. Everyone is excited to see the growth of those trained with the expectation that they will begin to reach the rest of the population on campus.



Union Correctional Institution, Raiford, FL



Mini-crusade team



Kairos #85 held at UCI



New Bell Prison at Douala, Cameroon

LMI Gala

[JACKSONVILLE, FL] The annual LMI Friend-Raising Gala was held Saturday, November 3rd, at the Salem Centre. The evening started with Beth Toenies, Chairman of Len Ministries' board welcoming the 95 guests. "Mr Voice," Terry Casey, was the MC who introduced a video by Bishop Guy Landry from Russia. Pastor Scott Luckey from First Presbyterian Church opened the evening in prayer and blessed the food that had been prepared by Billy Smart with GrillBilly's BBQ.

Several door prizes were awarded and then Cathy Russi gave a special song presentation. Afterwards, Terry Casey recognized members of the military, pastors, and prior LMI international travelers that were present. A second video was introduced of Rev. Daniele Yetna from Cameroon which was followed by recognition of the Len Ministries board (pictured right, excepting Joe & Jamie Hayworth and Steve & Nancy Murray). Mike Toenies (pictured above) spoke next giving a personal testimony of his spiritual growth.

The main speaker, Garito Stanley, and his wife, Gwen (picture left), who are missionaries to Honduras with Go-to-Nations took the podium. Garito delivered a moving message which detailed his life and the positive affect that learning evangelism has had on his ministry.

Rev. Len Showalter addressed the audience with an exhortation to share their faith daily and to receive additional evangelism training. Beth Toenies closed the evening with a call to action to join the "team" in giving, prayer, and going. Bishop Michael Nelson dismissed the evening after praying for and laying hands on Len, Marcia, and the LMI board. **LMI**



Mike Toenies speaks at the 2018 Len Ministries Gala



2018 LMI Board



To access the evening's photos: Casual by Steve Meadows - www.stevemeadows.smugmug.com
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In Memory....



WILLIAM TIMOTHY WHISENANT – Went to be with His Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on March 22, 2018 at the age of 51. Tim was an LMI Board member from 2005 to 2010. He traveled with the ministry to Ivanovo, Russia in 2007. He loved his family, the Jaguars, and his country. He was buried in the Jacksonville National Cemetery as a veteran of the US Army.

In Memory....



HARRIET GRENER HOFFMAN OFFENBERG – Went to be with her Lord Jesus Christ on Oct 5, 2018 at the age of 97. Harriet was Marcia's Aunt and she loved her dearly. At one time Harriet was on staff with Campus Crusade for Christ and spent time in China. Harriet was an important prayer partner and financial contributor to LMI. She played a vital part in Marcia receiving her salvation!

In Memory....



RON VAN TONGEREN – Went to be with Jesus on Oct 24, 2018. He was the father to our son-in-law, Daryl (Sara), and a friend. Ron lived in CA and then moved to Colorado Springs, CO, where he worked for Focus on the Family. He and his wife, Marge, have been great friends, prayer partners, and financial contributors to LMI. Please pray for his family as they go through this season of loss.



Just the Facts:

	Persons Contacted	Gospel Shared	To # of people	Professions & Assurances	Certified Trainers	Certified Teachers
Southside UMC	82	4	82	61		
Kairos UCI	13	13	13	12		
UCI Evangelism Class	83	77	83	48	3	
Personal	41	34	41	36		
Jax Evangelism School	30	15	15	9		3
Malabo, Equatorial Guinea	208	100	194	135		6
Ulan-Ude, Russia	295	172	282	117		22
Novokuznetsk, Russia	660	295	569	285		55
2018 Totals	1,412	710	1,279	703	3	86
%Saved/Assurances	49.8%		55.0%			

Calendar

Please note: function dates and locations are subject to change.

February 18 - 22, 2019:
Evangelism School to be held in Jacksonville, FL

May 27 - 31, 2019:
Evangelism School to be held in Novokuznetsk, Russia

June 3 - 7, 2019:
Evangelism School to be held in Khabarovsk, Russia

June 10 - 14, 2019:
Evangelism School to be held in Kaliningrad, Russia

September 2019:
Evangelism School to be held in Puerto Barrios, Guatemala

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A Note From Marcia...

We hope you and your loved ones had a wonderful holiday season. As we begin a new year, our prayer for you is that you be filled with God's abundant love. May you experience peace, joy, good health, financial abundance, and all the good things our Heavenly Father provides.

We were very blessed this past Christmas as we were able to celebrate the birth of Christ with Mike, Beth, and Isaac; as well as Daryl and Sara. We then drove to Memphis to celebrate Quinn's 3rd birthday and celebrated with Ruth, Ryan, Quinn, Sara, and Daryl. Thank you for your continued prayers for our grandson, Isaac. For more information on his journey, please go to "The Story of Isaac" on Facebook.

Your missionaries,
Len and Marcia Showalter

Happy New Year!

