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A Time of Refreshing

"Repent ye therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that so there may come seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord" Acts 3:19 (ASV)

Rev. Len Showalter and eleven others (pastors, ministry leaders, and two wives) attended a retreat at Camp Lake Swan about 90 minutes south of Jacksonville. They arrived on Thursday, April 8, after meeting first for lunch in Keystone Heights. They stayed in various individual air conditioned rooms located on the property overlooking Lake Rosa across the street from Lake Swan.

The annual event was centered around three two-hour prayer sessions lead by the Holy Spirit. Prayers were offered up by all to the Lord for those in attendance, their families, their churches, for Jacksonville, and for our nation as well as for other nations as well. Two meals (dinner & break-





fast) were served cafeteria style by the cheerful staff in the nearby dining hall.

Thursday evening the group held a bonfire at the bonfire pit near the lake after dark. Rev. Tony Cozier did a "deep dive" into God's Word concerning Christian communion. They were joined by a Camp Lake Swan staffer and all participated in sharing the elements. It was a wonderful night under the stars with each other and with the Lord. After a great night's sleep and the final morning prayer session the group headed for lunch in Keystone Heights. All returned home Friday afternoon refreshed.

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Kairos Prison Ministry



[RAIFORD, FL] A team of 24 (16 pictured above) outside laymen and clergy began their preparatory training at freedom Christian Fellowship, 3423 Loretto Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32223, in February 2020. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the class was suspended until the Spring 2021. The training classes resumed in February and the team entered UCI for a 4-day Kairos event March 26 - 30

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The outside team was joined by 19 inmates (faces blurred in the photo) of whom 18 completed the weekend. Also, helping with the logistics were 11 inmate "helpers" who had attended a previous Kairos. The Kairos classes were held Thursday evening, all day Friday and Saturday, and Sunday through mid-day. The many lessons, talks, and fellowship times assisted the inmates in becoming comfortable to share their lives with complete confi-

dence with the outside men. The first day focused on "knowing yourself," the second day on "accepting yourself," the thrid day on "forgiveness," and the fourth day on "accepting God's grace."

By the end of the closing ceremony on Sunday there were recorded eight professions and two assurances from among the inmates. One of those that accepted Christ was previously a Buddhist! There were two Odinist that heard the Gospel and were greatly affected, but they made no open profession.

The next Kairos at UCI will be September 23-26, 2021 with the preparatory training starting in July. There are many opportunities to minister in various prisons or to the outside family members of prisoners. Contact Len Ministries or Kairos Prison Ministry to get involved.

North Jax Church of God

[JACKSONVILLE, FL] North Jax Church of God (NJCOG) finished their initial semester of 13-weeks. Jimmy and Ruth Sutton were unable to complete the last weeks of training due to Ruth needing a knee replacement. They hope to complete their evangelism training and return to the Harvest field after the required physical therapy.

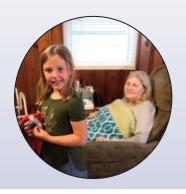
The 11-weeks of in-classroom training and on-the-job visitation with various church visitors

went well. Many of those visited commented on how wonderful it was to have someone for NJCOG to come and visit them in their homes. (Note pictures below of some of those visited.) Certified teacher/trainer Cathy Russi jumped in to assist the teams in the last four weeks of training. The results are summarized in "Just the

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LMI @ TopGolf

[JACKSONVILLE, FL] Len Ministries held its annual golf outing at TopGolf at the Town Center in Jacksonville, FL, on Friday, April 14, from noon to 4:30 pm. This was the second time that Len Ministries held its annual friend raising event at TopGolf verses a green grass course. This facility allows for non-golfers to attend and enjoy an afternoon of food and fun.

There were five teams with an average of five players each. A TopGolf pro assigned to the event assisted in detailing the play instructions to all who attended. Two different scoring events were conducted, each lasted about an hour. A "Slider' lunch was served by the TopGolf staff prior to play. Servers keep the players hydrated the entire afternoon. The teams finished play about 4 pm and then gathered in the conference room on site for the closing.

After the door prizes were handed out, Len Showalter spoke about the effect of Len Ministries around the world. He emphasized several pictures on display that helped tell the various stories about lives impacted by the ministry and a vision was cast about

going forward to Russia, Africa, Guatemala, and more. The individual player awards came next with Luther Nelson taking top honors. Ken Black, Tim Davis, and Steve Murray finished second, third, and fourth place respectively (note pictured above right). During the closing in the conference room, Len Showalter thanked the LMI board, the volunteers, the sponsors (see below), and the players. If you missed this one, plan on joining us next year!

p.s.: photos by Steve Meadows. Go to: www.SteveMeadows.smugmug.com to see more.)









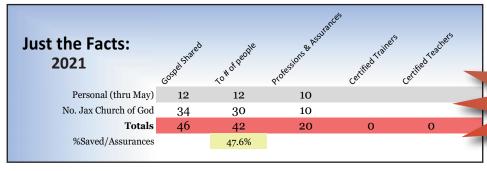


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Calendar

Please note: event dates and locations are subject to change

(check lenministries.org/wanna-go)

June 28 - July 2, 2021: International Evangelism School (via Zoom)

Komsomolsk, Russia

September 18 - 25, 2021: International Evangelism School Choloma, Honduras

October 2021:

International Evangelism School Libreville, Gabon

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International Evangelism School Kigali, Rwanda

November 13, 2021:

LMI Gala Jacksonville, FL

Contact LMI to join a team!

~note possible travel restrictions due to COVID-19~





A Note From Marcia...

How extraordinary has this past twelve months been. Things seem to be upside down and what is right seems to be called wrong. I think that I read about that somewhere!

Len's travel plans keep changing based upon how a nation is doing coping with COVID-19. He had planned for months to travel to Russia and conduct training in three different cities, but the door has not opened yet. But he is saying that when it cracks open he will jump through.

My life as a grandmother has been filled up with great joy! Ruth with her new daughter, Blythe, and Beth has a new son, Adrian. Beth has needed some extra help due to Isaac's medical situation, so I have been helping fill the gap. (Len has, too.)

Sara and Daryl are doing well in Michigan. They are still more quarantined than we are in Florida. Both are very busy. Daryl was honored recently by giving the commencement address for the current graduating class at Hope College.

Beth and Mike welcomed Adrian, healthy boy of 8 lbs. & 5 ozs. on March 30. Several weeks later Mike was deployed by the

Navy for a tour of duty. Beth continues to work and looks forward to having him home to help again.

Ruth and Ryan are well and have moved into a home in Coronado, CA. Quinn & Blythe are loving the new home near the beach.

I would like to take a moment to thank you for all your prayers for us and our children and grandchildren? You are such a critical part of us and this ministry. We go forward because of all that you do for us in the Lord.

We are praying for you, too, that the Lord bless all that you lay your hands to.

Your Missionaries, Len and Marcia Showalter (and dog, Medi)

