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Union Correctional "Not just obedience, but your heart." - Len Showalter

[RAIFORD, FL] Ministry efforts continue at Union Correctional Institution (UCI) under Chaplain Barry Hedrick. The ministry team is currently involved with Evangelism Explosion (EE), Celebrate Recovery, and Kairos.

The evangelism semester is well under way with inmates in two levels of training. An inmate leader directs the level 1 program on Thursday afternoons with 4 inmates registered. Len Showalter leads the upper level combined class with 8 - 12 in attendance. Wonderful reports by those trained are received each week.

Teachers Randy Brown and Sam Harmon continue to lead Celebrate Recovery with 20 in attendance. The class has been relocated into a common area as opposed to the dorm that has been previously used. The class has been ongoing for more than two years with many inmates reporting much spiritual growth and recovery

from addictions. Kairos #74 just

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completed its 4-day weekend in UCI. There were 48 inmates in the pro"The Holy Spirit is tangible at Kairos—I absolutely love it. I am leaving here on fire from the inside out."

grams with another 33 in support roles. Dennis Owen was the rector and with him were 48 outside participants. The intensive hands-on classes, lectures, and team building effort resulted in 8 recorded professions of faith in Jesus Christ and 38 others that reaffirmed their faith! Over the four days, the inmates hear Bible stories, are fed many cookies, and given great fellowship and acceptance by those coming in from the outside.

One participant who accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior on the weekend said, "This was the first time I have smiled in over thirty-eight years." During worship it seemed that the whole room dropped

their burdens and had fun singing, dancing and sensing the close presence of God. Many men testified to being touched by God in significant ways. One said, "Wow! How do you put into words when you let down your walls and allow the Holy Spirit to fill you up and your life is forever changed. I am on fire." Dennis Owen summed up what the Kairos weekend meant to him: "The Holy Spirit is tangible at Kairos—I absolutely love it. I am leaving here on fire from the inside out."

All of these ministries continue to make a difference addressing a great need. If you have any desire to assist in any way please contact the office of Len Ministries. Your help is appreciated and needed.



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Golf Tournament

Len Ministries hosts another golf "friend raiser"

[JACKSONVILLE, FL] Fortytwo players met on April 19, 2013, at Windsor Parke Golf Club. The course was in great shape and the day was full of fun except for twenty minutes of hard rain.

A delightful group of volunteers worked the registration tables, table setups, raffle and auction displays, string sales, and "barely used" golf ball sales. Mark Heeter, golf pro, and staff assisted where needed.

Registration started at 11:30 and continued until the pre-tee announcements at 1:15. During that time the players were served a box lunch and then headed for the driving range to warm up. Following a short prayer the shotgun start began at 1:30.

Hole sponsor signs decorated each tee-box and Dixon Golf had a special offering on hole #7. Four proximity award prizes were posted on various holes for the longest drive and closest to the pin.

After five hours the teams finished the 18 holes and made their way back to the club house. Awaiting them was a wonderful dinner of hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, cole slaw, chips, cookies, and refreshing iced tea.

As the players, volunteers, and guests were finishing their meal, Beth Showalter began giving out raffle items based upon tickets that had been purchased. Many wonderful items were distributed that had been donated by many of the corporate sponsors (see listing on page 3), including 5 gift baskets from Jim and Deb Terry of TotalCaring Health, Education and Staffing, Inc.

The team that had the lowest score was Chuck Lucas, Jack Lowry, and Dennis Cooke. The team that had the lowest handicap score was Wave Rusak, Jered Bearden, Terry Blythe, and Kevin Cook.

The proximity awards were:

Closest to the pin on #3 hole -Wave Rusak

Closest to the pin on #5 hole -Brian Adkins

Longest drive on hole #6 -Chuck Lucas

Longest drive on hole #17 -Tyler Dixon

Closest to the pin on hole #7 sponsored by Dixon Golf - Jerry Blythe.

After announcing the winning teams and those winning the proximity prizes Len closed the tournament with a reminder that Len Ministries needs the continued help of all present to reach the many needy souls around the world.



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The National Black Fellowship (NBF) of the Assemblies of God is a fellowship of Black and multi-ethnic ministers and churches that is strategically reaching Urban America; creating diversity and fostering reconciliation within the Assemblies of God.

"I am writing to express our deepest thanks for your donation to The National Black Fellowship of the Assemblies of God. There is no way to fully express our gratitude for your loyalty and generosity to NBF. Thank you for believing in us."

"Gifts from donors provide the financial support needed to continue our mission of REACHING URBAN FOR CHRIST to further fulfill God's vision for us. Our vision is to Recruit, Develop and Empower ministers and churches to fulfill God's mission in Urban America. We have a great future together. We look forward to a continuing our partnership."

For The Cause of Christ,

Michael Nelson, NBF PRESIDENT

[A tithe from the proceeds of the LMI Golf Tournament was donated to the National Black Fellowship of the Assemblies of God.]





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214 professions of faith and 27 pastors and lay leaders were trained to share their faith, equip others, and win their cities for Christ! This could be your testimony as it was for the team members that went to Douala, Cameroon, in
February 2014. Do you want it? You can have it just contact the ministry office and sign up for a short-term mission trip of usually 9 to12 days. The 2014 teams are being put together for trips to Burkina Faso, Central African Republic, Russia (Siberia), and Ecuador. Start now. Pray. Plan. Set aside the time to go. Make a difference in other lives. Live the Great Commission! If you are not trained in evangelism, no problem. Join a class and be taught, or contact your pastor and have him invite Len Ministries to come and teach on your campus. If classes are not available, no problem. Len Ministries has developed a short self-study course that will be a primer for your trip. Contact us - we will make it happen!

Wanna Go? Spend two weeks in Africa? Jan/Feb 2014

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

Arlington Assembly of God

88 Arlington Road Jacksonville, FL 32211 (904) 724-7466 **Contact:** Gil Gibbs

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...

There is no greater joy than to be a Christian! The unconditional love that God has for us is amazing. The more we seek our creator, the more intimate our relationship becomes with Him! We consider ourselves so very blessed that God allows us to spread His abundant love to others all over the world.

Since our return from the trip in Africa, we have been recovering from Hepatitis A that we got through some food or water. We are doing better as time goes on; thank you for your love and prayers! It has been frustrating because we haven't had the energy or stamina that we usually have on a daily basis.

Our family gathered at Sara and Daryl's home in Holland, Michigan, for the Tulip Festival in May. Our son-in-law, Ryan, wasn't able to come, but the rest of us enjoyed being together and enjoyed the beauty of God's beautiful creation in the tulips and spring flowers as the warmer weather comes.

As we write this, we are busy preparing for the upcoming Russia trip to Ivanovo and Ufa in July. We are looking forward to being with Pastor Guy Landry. We will be doing evangelism training in his church in Ivanovo, Russia, and also in Ufa, Russia, where Islam is very dominant. If you would like trip updates as we travel, you may get them on the Len Ministries Facebook page or send us your e-mail address and we will add you to the mailing!

Thank you for using us to train others how to become soul winners for Jesus Christ. You are making an eternal difference in the lives of others all over this planet!

Your Missionary Family, The Showalters'

Len & Marcia Showalter

