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We Must Go

**"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."
Acts 1:8 (NKJV)**

Recently, Rev. Len Showalter met with eight other pastors and leaders at a prayer retreat.(pictured l-r: Rev. Len Showalter, Don Maddox, Joe Gardape,

Rev. Jerry Scheck, Rev. Gene Eberhardy, Dalton Deckerhoff, Rev.

Tony Cozier, Bishop Michael Nelson, and Rev. Herb Moore)

The meeting was held at Lake Swan Camp in Melrose, FL. One of the points of discussion and prayer was concerning the need for

churches to return to doing evangelism.

The Word of God is very clear on this matter. We must go to the lost and bring them His Good News. In Acts 1:8, He tells us the Holy Spirit is given to us to empower us to be a witness - locally, in our state, in our nation, and around the world.

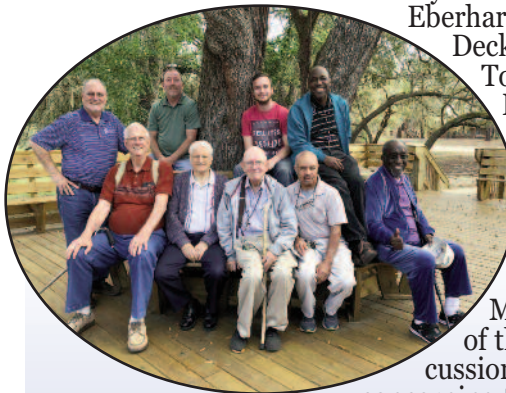
We must go. This is not a request, but a command. This is not an option. It is a test of our faith to trust the Lord. Maybe one can only go locally, i.e. to work. We are still charged by the Lord to be a witness. But what kind of a witness are we?

95% of Christians have never lead anyone to Christ. This is why Len Ministries exists. We are equipping pastors and congregations to share their faith with unbelievers at their place of work, or over a meal, or in a prison, or on vacation, or on a short-term mission trip. Knowing what to say and how to move a conversation into spiritual matters without causing offense is a key portion of our training.

Saturday, March 31, Rev. Len and Marcia Showalter assisted Southside United Methodist Church (SUMC) in a mission effort to reach the Burmese community in Jacksonville, FL. Amy Franks, Rev. Ian Stake, and many from SUMC helped minister in an outside park to more than 50 children. Len and Marcia used a puppet to help share the Gospel and about 35 children prayed and asked Jesus into their hearts. SUMC continues to follow-up in the community.

If you or your church would like to be equipped and go into His

Harvest, please contact Len Ministries. We would love to assist you. **LMI**



TopGolf Event

[JACKSONVILLE, FL] Len Ministries held its annual golf outing at TopGolf at the Town Center in Jacksonville, FL, on Sunday, April 7, from 1 to 4:30 pm. This was quite a different venue for Len Ministries, as the event has been held at local golf courses in the past.

There were seven teams of six players each, but the play was individually scored. Ms. Keely Messner, Event Sales Consultant, was very helpful in accomplishing the golf outing. Also, there was a TopGolf pro assigned to the event who assisted in detailing the play instructions to all who attended.

Two different scoring events were conducted, each lasted about an hour. Between the events, food was served buffet style and drinks were supplied by the servers. The cool weather was no problem, as each bay is equipped with heat or air conditioning. The teams finished play about 4 pm and then gathered in a conference room on site for the closing.

The player awards went to Dean Lohse (pictured bottom right) for first place with the best combined score on both games. Gates Dearen finished in second place. Many of the players in attendance had little or no experience in playing golf. Therefore, an award was given for the most courageous player. Although it was highly contested, Kim Whitlock took home that prize.

During the closing in the conference room, Len Showalter thanked the LMI board, the volunteers, the sponsors (see below), and the players. Stories were shared about the lives impacted this past year by the ministry and a vision was cast about going forward in 2018 to Equatorial Guinea, Russia, and more. If you missed this one, plan on joining us next year!

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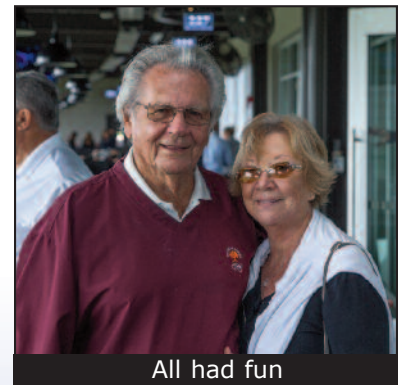
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TopGolf facility in Jacksonville, FL



"Long Ball" Pro Gerry James gives instructions



All had fun



The winner

Equatorial Guinea

[MALABO, EQUATORIAL GUINEA] Len Ministries held its first intensive 5-day evangelism training class in Equatorial Guinea (EG) from Monday, April 30, through Friday, May 4. The leadership team, Missionary Garito Stanley (Honduras), Cathy Russi, Carla Bitancor, and Rev. Len Showalter arrived in Malabo on Saturday, April 28, after 24 hours of travel through Atlanta, Paris, and Douala. Upon arrival, they were joined by Daniele Yetna (Cameroon), Director for Len Ministries, West Africa.

The capital city, Malabo, is located on a volcanic island about two miles off of the coast of Cameroon and about five miles from the mainland of EG. Interestingly, Malabo is directly offshore from Buea, Cameroon, where Len Ministries held an evangelism training class in 2017. Spanish is the main language spoken, but French and Fang with some English and even Russian was heard.

Pastor Juan from the Church of the Holy Spirit welcomed the team, but was unable to attend most of the week-long training. After a planning session on Saturday evening, the team ministered in the church on Sunday. Len Showalter delivered a message on being used by God. All those in attendance came forward for prayer.

The daily classes started on Monday with Len explaining the Gospel to 13 students, including Pastor Juan. Nine students prayed to receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior! The day was full of instruction and learning the proper language for those instructions.

Garito was the key interpreter for Len, Cathy, and Carla, as he was able to directly interpret from English to Spanish. (It was determined that Garito's Spanish had a bit of an accent compared to what the locals were used to.) When Daniele taught in French another interpreter was used to teach in Spanish. Fang was typically only spoken on the streets and in the homes during the OJT's.



Students of the 2018 Equatorial Guinea class

Tuesday arrived with the students anxious to begin sharing their faith. Organizing the teams was difficult due to the language situation. And the sharing of the Gospel was a bit challenging due to the multiple translations, which increased the amount of time needed for each presentation. Most of those witnessed to had a Catholic background. By the end of the week, 135 people, almost 70% of those approached, gave their hearts to Christ (see "Just the Facts" on page 4).

Additionally, on Wednesday the leadership team visited a Catholic orphanage. The young children loved the interaction with the team as the team was able to give them balloons and make a Gospel presentation. The overseeing nun stopped the team short of being able to pray with the children acknowledging Christ in their hearts.

The team returned back to the USA on Sunday and will continue to support those trained in EG.

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Leadership team plus Pastor Juan



Cathy & Carla with the kids



Woman receives Jesus



Garito interacts with the kids

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	Persons Contacted	Gospel Shared	To # of people	Professions & Assurances	Certified Trainers	Certified Teachers
SUMC & Burmese	52	2	52	37		
Personal	2	2	2	2		
Malabo Class	138	90	135	108		6
Malabo Orphanage	36	2	36	8		
Malabo Additional	34	8	23	19		
Totals	262	104	248	174	0	6
%Saved/Assurances	66.4%		70.2%			

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on a mission trip.
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Calendar

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

June 25 - 29, 2018:

Evangelism School to be held in Ulan-Ude, Siberia

July 2 - 6, 2018:

Evangelism School to be held in Novokuznesk, Siberia

Save the date:
November 3, 2018
Annual Gala



February 18 - 22, 2019:

Evangelism School to be held in Jacksonville, FL

Contact LMI to help!



A Note From Marcia...

The month of May was a busy one and one full of surprises. Our new grandson, Isaac, was born on May 2nd. He had



some complications and was moved to Shand's Hospital in Gainesville, FL. He is a beautiful baby boy and we look forward to him coming home. Please keep Beth, Mike, and Isaac Toenies in your prayers as we trust God for a complete healing.

Len came home from the trip to Equatorial Guinea and was admitted into the hospital for 24 hours, where he underwent several cardio tests. Thankfully, the results came back clear as he was just suffering from dehydration and is doing much better now.

Sara's father-in-law, Ron Van Tongeren, had very intense heart surgery in Denver, CO. Our son-in-law, Daryl, flew out to be with his mother, Marge. Please keep Ron and Marge in your prayers as Ron goes through the healing process.

Our beautiful 2-year-old granddaughter, Quinn, ended up in the ER with an allergic reaction. Ruth handled the situation beautifully, but of course this happened while dad, Ryan, was gone for a few weeks.

We are blessed and thanking God for his healing, provision, protection, and abundant grace.

Thank you for keeping our family in your prayers.

Your missionaries,
Len and Marcia Showalter

