

March 2006



Only Getting Started

We'd like to extend to you a very special invitation to attend Len Ministries' 2006 Vision Banquet "Only Getting Started." **Please join us at The Prime Osborne Convention Center in downtown Jacksonville, 7:00 p.m., Friday, April 28, 2006.** (Your free event ticket for two is enclosed.) This will be a special 10th anniversary celebration of the hundreds of pastors and leaders trained by Len Ministries to share the gospel, and the thousands who have come to accept Christ as a result.



PASTOR GUY & GALINA IN IVANOVO

From mission trips to the Philippines, Mongolia, Mexico, India, and Russia, to events here in our own lovely city, we'll see video of the places and faces that have been impacted for God over the past decade. Come share in the evening's festivities, which will include a delicious meal and dessert, awesome fellowship, praise and worship, and special guest speakers. We're very pleased to

have invited Paster Guy (pronounced Gee) and his wife, Galina, from Ivanovo, Russia to speak to us. This will be a night to remember!

If you or your business would like to host a table so that more people can participate in this exciting experience contact Len Ministries at (904) 992-0545.

If you would like to attend and share in this special celebration, return the enclosed yellow "My Response" form via mail to reserve your seating. You may also

call, email, or register via the web site. (See "Save the Date" article for details.)

If you are unable to attend but would like to support Len Ministries, all contributions are tax deductible. Please contact the ministry office for additional details.

Many are needed to pray, go, and support Len Ministries as we take it to the streets of our city and our world. Celebrate the Lord's victories with us, and hear the wonderful plans for 2006 and beyond. With God's help, we're only getting started!

Save the Date:
April 28, 2006
(see event ticket and article for details.)

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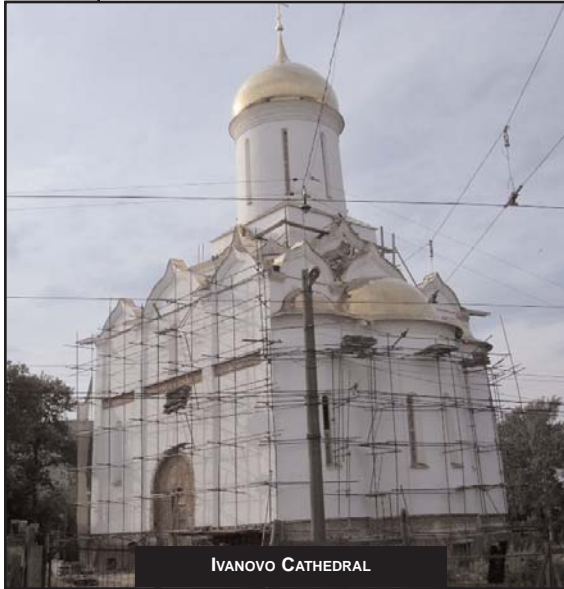
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Make Plans Now

Over the years I have encouraged many people to a short-term mission trip. I have even suggested that families consider taking a mission trip in place of the normal summer vacation. It would be the greatest investment you can make into your families future. It would be a life changing event. It may even change the direction that



IVANOVO CATHEDRAL

your children are headed, and place them in a position to serve Christ and others for the rest of their lives.

Helping others and making a significant impact in this generation and into the

next is what brings purpose and joy into my life. I love short-term mission trips as they afford me opportunity to learn about others, see my cultural bias, and make eternal differences in other lives.

Upon arrival in other nations you are treated like royalty. Although the food and accommodations are not what you are used to they will suffice. The Bible tells us to eat what is served to

us. I admit sometimes that is a little hard, but those hosting us are giving us their very best. Many times in Russia we have been served "mystery" meat, and the American team is hesitant to eat it. But I must tell you that most of the Russians have not even been served meat in a month. I learn to be humble and gracious through things like that.

Our short-term mission plans are always a bit fluid. We must be invited the people, received by their government, coordinate the event with other ministries. The current plans for trips in 2006 are:

1) June 22- July 6 in Ivanovo, Russia. We will be holding an EE clinic for pastors and ministering in churches, schools, and orphanages.

2) Early November for 8 or 9 days in Guatemala. Hopefully, we will host an EE clinic in conjunction with Calvary International and their missionaries.

(The trip to Burkina Faso, Africa has been postponed to 2007.)

Please contact me as soon as possible if you desire to go on one of these trips. Also, see "What Must I Do..." below and plan to come to our team building meetings - check our web site for the dates.

Plan on coming to our Banquet on April 28th to hear more about various trips and to hear testimonies of those that have traveled with us.

WHAT MUST I DO?.....

There are several important steps one must do to prepare for a short-term mission trip:

- 1) Pray and Commit - Call LEN Ministries and notify them of your desire to go.
- 2) Get several others to begin to pray daily for you.
- 3) Apply for a passport, or be sure that your's is up-to-date and has two facing blank pages.
- 4) Attend all team building meetings possible (see our web site www.lenministries.org for dates).
- 5) Plan your time off from work or school.
- 6) Acquire financial partners by praying and asking.
- 7) Keep a diary of "How God is using me."

SuperBowl XL

(Many may remember the 2005 SuperBowl held in Jacksonville, FL . In conjunction with the Convoy of Hope Pastor Len and hundreds were trained to serve and share the Gospel. This report is just in from Rev. Philip Nissley of New Hope Assembly of God detailing their experience.)

Crossing racial, social, and religious barriers, 2,100 volunteers worked tirelessly for six hours at the indoor Michigan State Fairgrounds facilities to meet the



needs of between 5,000-7,000 clients attending the 2006 Convoy of Hope Detroit Super Bowl Outreach on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006. Building on what God did at the 2005 Jacksonville Super Bowl Outreach, the Detroit After Care & Prayer Team divided the city into six regional areas, held training for volunteers from 120 cooperating churches at six regional sites, promoted the event with emails and mailings in their region, and committed themselves to three acts of kindness to all filling out Response Cards in the Family Services area. Two large Prayer Concerts united the church of Detroit for this and

coming events. A website at www.convoydetroit.org tells the story.

Over 1200 people enjoyed conversations and prayer with the Detroit After Care & Prayer and 591 filled out response cards based on needs, including 165 salvations! Child Care under the direction of a team of 18 workers presented the Gospel to children, giving out 620 faith bracelets and 875 Kids God Loves You booklets. The team worked directly with over 300 kids using Evangecubs and faith bracelets to present Jesus, resulting in more than 75 salvations. Thank you to all who prayed, including Len Showalter and our friends in Jacksonville who gave helpful advice down the stretch.



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:

CrossRoad Church (ph# 904-448-1288) 10005 Gate Parkway North, Jacksonville, FL 32246, just completed their 16th semester. Diana Dudenkova, Salvador Mendoza, Jim Tofflemier, & Tim Whisenant were the trainees that graduated. During the Fall semester 183 contacts were made of which 70 were church visitors. There were 55 professions/assurances of Faith in Christ.

Arlington Assembly of God (ph# 904-724-7466) 88 Arlington Road, Jacksonville, FL 32211. Contact Pastor Rick Crook or Gil Gibbs.

Anastasia Baptist Church (ph# 904-471-2166) 1650 A1A South, St. Augustine, FL 32080, just completed their 1st semester. The team was comprised of (pictured l-r) teacher/trainer Al Kaidor, guest Kathy Swann, and graduate trainee Dwight Preheim. 114 contacts were made of which 35 were church visitors. There were 38 professions/assurances of Faith in Christ..

First Baptist Church of Oceanway (ph# 904-757-1181) 212 Sago Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32218, has completed their first EE Semester. Rev. Len Showalter is leading the class and is assisted by three trainers from other churches. All eight trainees graduated and have begun a new semester as trainers. The team is (pictured l-r) Suzie Higginbotham, Jacob Rozier, Natalie Ealy, Patrick Bennett, Eric Ealy, Curtis Moore, Frank Robinson, Nancy Moore, Pastor Billy Strickland, Anne Strickland, Pastor Micah Strickland, Karen Albert, Tina Watson, and not pictured, Helen Adamec and Beth Whisenant. During the Fall semester 172 contacts were made of which 45 were church visitors. There were 71 professions/assurances of Faith in Christ.

The Vineyard Church (ph# 904-737-2386) 5860 Mt. Carmel Terrace, Jacksonville, FL 32216. Contact Pastor Rick Wallis or Steve DeWitt.



ANASTASIA BAPTIST CHURCH



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OCEANWAY

SAVE THE DATE.....

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A free for two (2) event ticket is enclosed. If you need more tickets, just make a note of the yellow "My Response" form, or call the ministry office @ (904) 992-0545. Bring your event ticket for a special gift to be awarded to one of the guests present.

REQUEST FOR TESTIMONIES.....

If you have been touched by Len Ministries, we'd love to hear from you. Simply fill out the blue "Testimonial" form in this mailing and return it to us, or go to www.lenministries.org, or send us a short video. We will be sharing these testimonies at the Len Ministries' 2006 Vision Banquet, on the Web, and throughout the year in the newsletter.

A NOTE FROM US.....

As spring arrives, we are reminded of the sacrifice that our Lord Jesus made in our place. As Christians, we celebrate His Resurrection in our lives on a daily basis. Additionally, this a wonderful time to share about Christ and the ultimate sacrifice He made for us to our unsaved friends and family.

We hope that all of you will join us at our upcoming LMI Banquet celebrating all God has done through you, our prayer partners, and your financial gifts. Before we know it, the banquet will be here and summer right behind it. Please contact us as soon as you know you are coming.

Daryl and Sara have applied to various universities so that they can continue their education and hope to receive acceptance letters soon. (Daryl is seeking a doctorate and Sara a masters degree.) Beth will be graduating from Asbury College in Kentucky, and hopes to stay in Kentucky and work in the field of journalism. Ruth will finish up her freshman year at Florida Southern and will take a few summer classes in Jacksonville.

Thank you for being such an important part of our family! It is through you that we are able to win more souls for Christ. May you be abundantly blessed for your sacrifice. And we look forward to seeing you at the banquet on April 28th.

YOUR MISSIONARY FAMILY,

THE SHOWALTERS

(pictured top to bottom: Beth, Ruth, Len, Marcia,
Daryl & Sara Van Tongeren & furry friends)

