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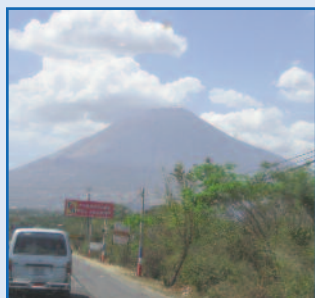
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Get in the *Swing*!

Len Ministries is hosting its annual Golf Tournament on Friday, April 24, 2009. Deercreek Golf and Country Club will be this year's location. Tee time for the Captain's Choice shotgun start is set for 12:45 p.m.

Registration and the practice range will open at 11:30 a.m. Each golfer will receive a gift box and lunch prior to play. Closing dinner is set for 6:00 p.m. at the clubhouse. In addition to many door prizes and hole awards there will be an auction held for several special items.

Individual players are welcome to participate for an entry fee of \$125. A foursome entry fee is \$500. If registered and paid by Friday, April 17, the foursome entry fee is discounted to \$400.

Hole sponsorships are available for any person, business, or ministry that wishes

to be promoted for a donation of \$100. For hole sponsorships contact the ministry office by phone or online.

If you or your team desire to play, contact Ralph Hill at (904) 363-0838 with your registration information. Online registration is also available at www.lenministries.org, or you may contact the ministry office at (904) 992-0545.

We are believing God for this effort to assist Len Ministries in taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ across the world.

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If you are interested in participating in any of these ministry efforts please contact Len Ministries at (904) 992-0545, or email len@lenministries.org.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE 2009

Captain's Choice Golf Tournament

Friday, April 24 at Deercreek Golf & Country Club

7816 McLaurin Rd. N. | Jacksonville, FL 32256 | (904) 363-1507

REGISTRATION

Golfer Entry Fee: \$125.00
Each Golfer will receive a Gift Bag, Lunch and Dinner. Additional Opportunities to Win various Hole Prizes, as well as Team Prizes.

Foursome Entry Fee: \$500.00
(\$400.00 if Pre-Paid by 4/17)

Hole Sponsorship: \$100.00

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

Registration: 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
Tournament Begins: 12:45 p.m.
Dinner, Auction & Awards: 6:00 p.m.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE AND MAIL TO:

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Guatemala



Randy, Len, & Dwight Are Ready



Lake at Amatitlan Boardwalk



Retirees Hear the Gospel



Making Soup for Retirees

On Saturday, January 31, Randy Brown, Dwight Preheim, and Len Showalter left the Jacksonville, FL, airport and headed for Guatemala City, Guatemala. After a brief change of planes in Atlanta, GA, and a 3 1/2 hour flight they arrived at the new international airport.

The weather was in the 40's at night and 50's in the day due to a very cold front which caught everyone unprepared. But that did not stop the ministry effort. The traveling team was met by Woody LaJara, VP of Central and South America for Evangelism Explosion (EE), Carmen, his wife, David Gomez, Emilio and Tania Arana, local EE coordinators.

After experiencing the local traffic the team safely arrived at their hotel in downtown Guatemala City. "At least everyone is driving on the right side of the road," was stated several times by the travelers. After a dinner overlooking the city, the team rested and adjusted from the flight and the 1 hour time difference.

Woody preached Sunday morning on Acts 2 at Emilio's church, La Biblia Abierta, part of the Iglesia Evangelica Centro Americana (IECA) denomination. Afterward the team traveled to the city of Amatitlan. It is located on a pretty lake where many people stroll its boardwalk on the weekend. Len spoke on Acts 3 at a IECA church that evening.

On Monday the team headed to a private retirement home where about 35 people lived. Some of the residents suffer from early stages of Alzheimer's. All were well taken care of despite the lack of government financial assistance. As they gathered about lunch time, Len shared the Good News of Jesus Christ, and the team prayed for personal needs including salvation for one Jehovah Witness that worked at the home. The team's prayers and food staples that had been purchased were well received.

Plans for Tuesday included the touring of Antigua. It is an old capital city of Guatemala that was threatened by the Agua volcano and several major earth-

It was the first taste of some local cuisine: lima bean coffee and hot plantain juice.

quakes in the 1700's. The town is now a tourist area with the huge, 12, 500 foot volcano in the background.

Shopping and witnessing were the highlights of the day. At the Central Park 3 Gypsy girls and a young couple received Jesus as their personal Savior. Many tracts were handed out.

Wednesday was the start of the EE clinic at another IECA church located in a residential area of Guatemala City. There were 17 pastors and leaders in attendance and it was cold. This was made worse due to the fact that the block construction of the church had no west wall and therefore no heat! During the day our team could be found witnessing at a tortilla shop with its open fire oven because there they would be warm and there was always a constant flow of patrons.

On Thursday the teaching continued and it was the first taste of some local cuisine: lima bean coffee and hot plantain juice. At least it was hot! This was also the first evening of on-the-job-training (OJT). 24 people were approached by 8 teams, 22 heard the Gospel and 19 people professed Christ or received assurance of their salvation.

Tortillas became very popular and the team got acquainted with one family-owned business that was run out of their home down the street from the church. The mother trained the 7 children in making tortillas and all helped

with the preparation and packaging. The mother and the older girls received Christ on repeated visits. The younger children enjoyed being held by Randy and climbed all over him. Len assisted several girls with their English lessons.

On Friday those being trained in the clinic shared their testimonies and the Gospel part of the teaching when witnessing with their trainer. The results were that 20 persons were approached with 14 hearing the Gospel and 9 made a profession to accept Christ as their Savior.

OJT was first on the agenda for Saturday with the trainees doing the entire presentation. Although concerned with their own abilities, the results were wonderful. 42 people were approached with 30 hearing a presentation of the Gospel and 22 people made a profession of faith.

Upon returning to the church there was much celebration over the results of more than 100 lives eternally changed during the week. The students then refocused and were able to take their exams. All of them passed!

After a brief stop to say goodbye to the tortilla mom and children, the team headed to the hotel to pack and then they were off for a 12-hour ride in a rented van to Honduras on Sunday. **LMI**

(Please see the "Just the Facts" article on page 6 for totals.)



Central Park



Three Gypsy Girls Accept Christ as Savior



Tortilla Shop Family Now Prays to Jesus



Guatemala LMI EE Graduates

Honduras



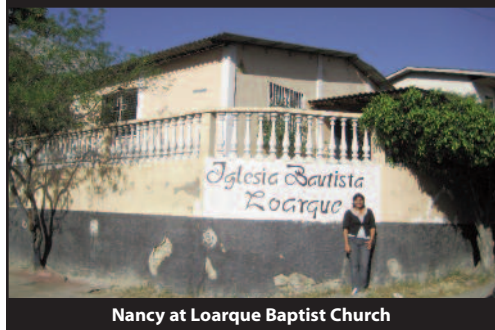
Not in My Backyard



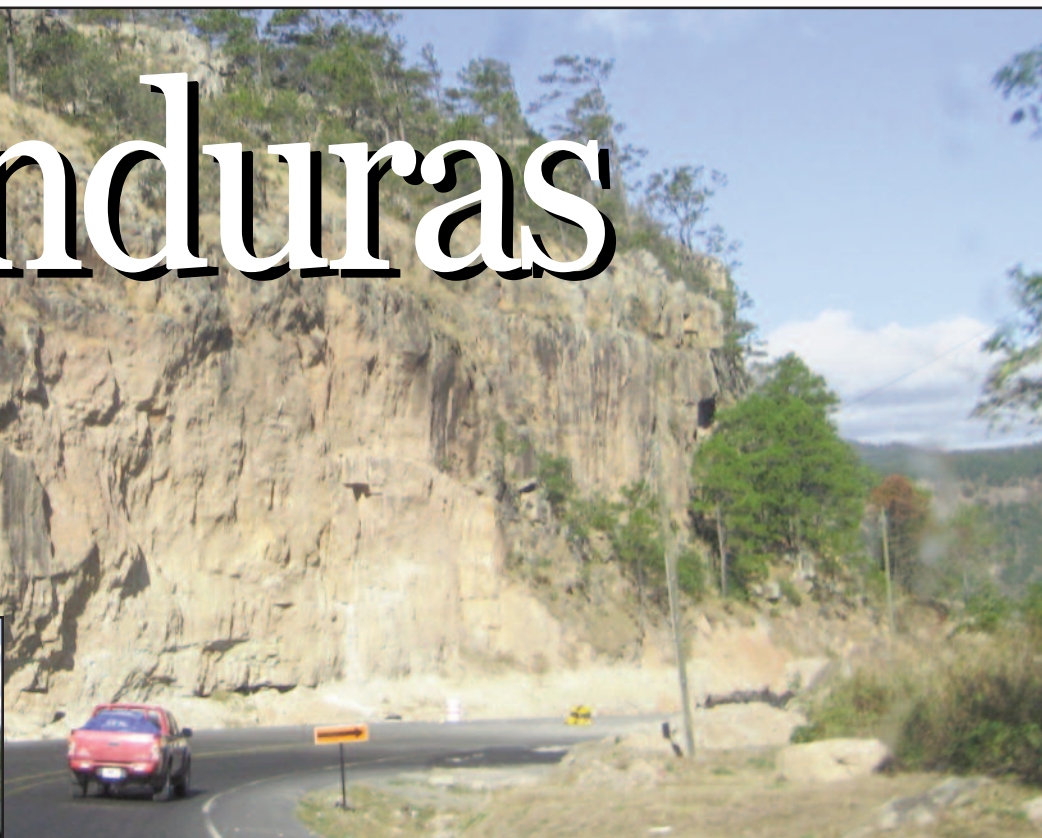
Welcome to Honduras



Tegucigalpa



Nancy at Loarque Baptist Church



While Guatemala is known for its volcanos, Honduras is known for its hills. Randy Brown, Dwight Preheim, and Len Showalter found this fact out as they went from Guatemala City, Guatemala, through El Salvador, to Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

The 12- hour trip was accomplished in a 14 passenger rental van with the back seat loaded with luggage. The volcanoes around Guatemala City were amazing, but the ones in El Salvador were unbelievable. One volcano in particular could be seen for 60 miles in either direction! Rivers marked each border and the southern part of El Salvador brought to mind the American mid-west and Mexico. Honduras was mountainous and hilly like Colorado.

Accompanying the team on the road trip on Sunday, February 8, was Woody and Carmen LaJara, David Gomez, Emilio and Tania Arana, and Nadia Gonzales. The Americans were so thankful for Tania and her 23 year old niece, Nadia, as they were

interpreters for the team. Tania was also the EE clinic administrator.

Monday was a day of rest and meetings to plan for the upcoming EE clinic. Len met Pastor Julio from Iglesia Bautista Loarque who was hosting the effort. All were thankful that the weather there was much warmer than in Guatemala.

On Tuesday the clinic started with 15 pastors and leaders in attendance. Randy and Dwight with the assistance of Pastor Julio's bi-lingual adult children, Julio, Jr., Nancy, and David, went to the streets as Len and Woody taught the lectures to the trainees. Randy and Dwight came back with a report of 11 professions/assurances of faith including two teenage Mormon girls who gave their hearts to Christ!

Wednesday was the first night of OJT for the clinic. The church had scheduled visits with many of the surrounding Catholic families. The trainees shared their testimonies and the trainers shared the Gospel with wonderful reception. Of the 18

More than 110 people had made a profession of faith during the week!

people visited by 8 teams, 17 made a profession or received assurance of their faith in Jesus Christ alone!

Randy and Dwight with the aid of Julio, Jr., and Nancy went to the campus of the University of Honduras (100,000 students) on Thursday during the lecture time. They reported another 5 professions during class breaks even though many of the students were busy with their own schedules.

Additionally on the second night of OJT there were 23 people visited and 21 made professions of faith in Christ. Len reported sharing with a Catholic grandmother who had recently visited the Holy Land with her church. The grandmother, her daughter, her granddaughter, and a grand-niece all prayed the sinner's prayer.

Friday was the last day of the clinic and much had to be accomplished. First on the agenda was the final OJT where the trainees do the entire presentation. To best use their two hours they went to the streets and the Lord was with them. They returned after talking to 38 people and there were

29 professions/assurances of faith! The attendees then had to refocus and take their final exams.

In a little over an hour there was reason for great celebration. All 3 pastors and 12 leaders in the clinic passed their exams and found out that more than 110 people had made a profession of faith during the week!

During dinner at the hotel Friday night the team spent time reflecting on all the new relationships in Honduras and on all the lives touched. Soon the reality set back in and the team got busy packing again.

Saturday found the team back in the 14 passenger rental van. The 12 hour return trip leaving Tegucigalpa, Honduras, through El Salvador, to Guatemala City, Guatemala seemed a little longer than the coming trip there. During one rest stop, Randy successfully shared the Gospel with a girl selling hammocks.

The Sunday flight to Atlanta and then to Jacksonville, FL, seemed a little longer, too. But it was wonderful to see loved ones waiting at the airport and to arrive safely back home. **LMI**



Local Vegetable Lady Trusts Jesus



Dwight & Randy with Brothers in Christ



Girl Selling Hammocks Now Celebrates Jesus



Loarque LMI EE Graduates

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Short-Term Mission Trips!

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Just the Facts.....

Please find below the results of the Guatemala & Honduras ministry efforts:

	Completed Contacts	Times Gospel Shared	To # of People	Professions & Assurances
Guatemala Clinic:	86	45	64	50
Additional:	68	25	58	58
Honduras Clinic:	79	52	79	67
Additional:	53	33	51	46
Totals	286	155	252	221

77.3% of the completed contacts, or 87.7% of those that heard the Gospel professed Jesus Christ as Lord!

34 national pastors and leaders were trained to equip others to share their faith and win their cities for Christ!



LMI Board

The following men and women are currently enrolled as Board Members of Len Ministries. They extend to you an invitation to join with them in prayer, finances, and participation in any of the upcoming events in this newsletter or on the website.

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LMI'S VISION

Envisioned churches worldwide, empowered by the Holy Spirit, equipping the Body of Christ to win their cities for Him!

LMI'S MISSION

Equipping local and international churches to train their people to win their communities through various forms of evangelism.



A Note From Us...

In just two months our youngest daughter Ruth, will graduate from Florida Southern College and begin her career in communication broadcasting. Any television station that picks her up will have a treasure amongst them!

Beth, our middle daughter recently found full-time employment and for that we are all grateful! She is in a volleyball league and stands active with her church.

Sara and Daryl continue to work long hours that should be outlawed! They remain in Richmond and if you ask Daryl for how much longer, you will probably hear, "for two or three more years!" We know God is using them in the midst of their hectic schedules and has great plans for them.

As for the folks – let's just say that the Lord awakens us often to pray for our children or for specifics. As with all parents, we want the best for our children and more than anything, their happiness. Since we have now turned into our parents (top of the food chain as Len puts it), we are to have the answers, be full of great wisdom, and should have the abilities to foretell what is ahead. The only thing we have done is turn into

our parents.

God continues to guide us and direct us and we pray that we may always lead others to Christ. May you be blessed abundantly for your prayers and financial support of this ministry!

Your Missionary Family,

The Showalters

(pictured l-r, top - bottom) Len, Marcia, Sara, Ruth, Daryl, & Beth

