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LMI Golf Tournament

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Captain's Choice Golf Tournament

St. Johns Golf & Country Club
Friday, April 13, 2012

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Golfer Entry Fee: \$150.00
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: \$600.00
(\$500 if Pre-paid by 4/1)
Hole Sponsorship: \$150.00

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.

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Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

A short-term mission trip into the 10-40

[OUAGADOUGOU, BURKINA FASO] After months of planning on Friday at 5 p.m., January 27, Len and Marcia Showalter left Jacksonville, FL, headed to Ouaga (short name) through Atlanta, GA, and Paris, France. They arrived safely at 9 p.m. on Saturday after traveling 23 hours and found that Ouaga was 5 hours ahead of EST.

Joel Hayslip, Director of Go to Nations for Burkina Faso, and Daniele Yetna from Douala, Cameroon, met them and provided assistance with the luggage. A short bumpy ride soon got them to the compound and the guest house. Heidi Hayslip had a delicious spaghetti dinner waiting. There was much to be discussed including the weather extremes. It was winter in Ouaga with highs in the mid-90's, which felt quite hot because of the colder climate in FL and freezing temps in Paris.

Len preached and Daniele interpreted at The Evangelistic Baptist Church of Don Berger (an area of Ouaga) on Sunday morning at 8:30. He shared about being ready for the coming of the Lord. At the end of the service Pastor Ye invited those that wanted to be sure of their salvation to pray with him and Len. About 75 people of the 250 in attendance stood and prayed. Afterward Joel, Len, Marcia and Daniele visited the International Church where

many missionaries attend every Sunday. Lunch was at an old American Embassy's recreation center now restaurant and then they returned to the compound to rest.

The evangelistic teaching started Monday morning at Pastor Ye's church. Daniele was in charge of registration. She and Joel helped with interpreting to French and sometimes to a local dialect. There were 20 in attendance (either pastors or leaders of ministries) Soon 10 of the students had given their hearts to Jesus Christ. Lunch arrangements were at Pastor Joseph Dayamba's guest house located in a Muslim neighborhood about 5 miles away. Due to the amount of time to transport the class (now 26), a decision was made to relocate the teaching to Joseph's school, Children Holistic Development Ministry and his new church (one month old). The classroom was located next door - directly across the street from a **Muslim mosque**.

Tuesday the class settled down to 19 and the students were excited. It was to be the first day of going to the streets and witnessing. Their job was to share their testimony which they had worked on overnight as part of their homework. Len, Marcia, and Daniele continued the teaching during the day to prepare the students for evangelism into the neighborhoods. Thankfully, 4 train-

ers arrived from Bobo to assist, so altogether there were 7 teams. (One of those that came was Youhana Drabo, National Director of Evangelism Explosion for Burkina Faso.)

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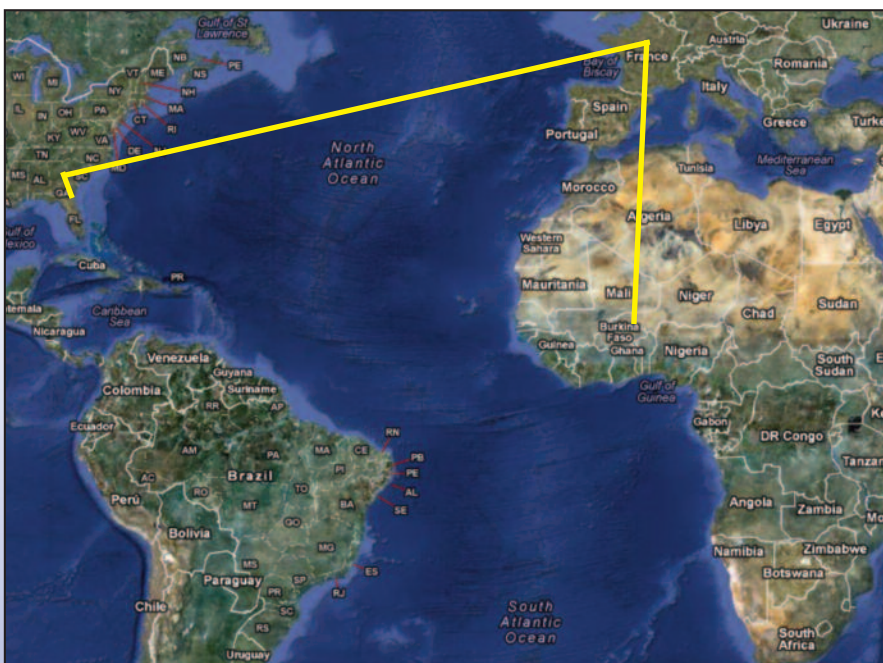
Joseph & Joel



Children want to hear



John the Baptist gets Jesus



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While Len was teaching Marcia visited with 100 of the older children at Joseph's school. Daniele interpreted and they shared the Gospel using the large evangelism cube with pictures. All 100 of the children prayed to receive Christ into their hearts! Joseph and his teachers were so excited for their kids.

At 3 p.m. the evangelism students were sent to the streets with trainers and came back with glowing reports. Many Muslims of the neighborhood were professing Jesus as Lord! Len's team shared two different times with Catholic men and both professed Christ. The first man that Len's team shared with was John the Baptist! He had been gathering wood to sell and then received the greatest gift of all. Altogether there were 23 professions of faith during the 2 hours of witnessing.

Wednesday morning Marcia and Daniele went to the children's ward at a local hospital. After meeting with the administrator, they visited with the families and kids and gave out small stuffed "Jesus" bears. They prayed for healing for the children in the burn and surgery units with one parent receiving Christ. Upon their return the 4 teams went back to the local neighborhood and 3 teams returned to the area near the Baptist church. Two hours later, they returned with results. 51 persons professed Christ with the students sharing their testimony and the Gospel with the trainers help. It was also reported that one of the trainees had gone to Compassion International's street ministry site and shared with 30 street kids and 29 professed Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

The excitement was palpable on Thursday. The leadership team prayed and commissioned the students in the morning. Marcia was able to teach on sharing with children and her teaching was well received as there are so many kids in the area. That afternoon the 7 teams went out on their own and then with trainers. Three teams were sent back to the Baptist church area. They returned with a total of 77 professions of faith and 1 assurance of salvation. One student was so excited as he was able to lead a professing atheist to Christ. Another student lead a man to Jesus and then was confronted by a local mother. She told that the professing man was a known thief. After discussing that he had confessed his sins and was now a different person, she decided that she wanted what he had gotten. She, too, gave her heart to Christ!

Friday was examination day. The students have to show knowledge of the lectures given and ability to share the Gospel without help. The process took a while, but all 19 passed. It was discovered that one student did not read or write, nor did he speak English or French. His brother who was also in attendance was trans-

lating and reading to him the whole week. He, too, passed.

There was a celebratory luncheon for the graduates in which several additional pastors attended. The men and one woman rejoiced and were presented their certificates as teachers and trainers. They were encouraged to begin teaching what they had learned in their own churches immediately. Joel, Joseph, Daniele, Marcia and Len were bestowed recognition as Generals in God's army in Burkina Faso.

On Saturday Daniele, Marcia, and Len were taken by Joel to a ministry headed by Kate Royal (Go to Nations) for Fulani street boys. They shared the Gospel and 7 of the 30 prayed to receive Christ. It was difficult ministry as they are largely an unreached people group and the local interpreter was not very good. Afterward Daniele returned to the compound and then to the airport headed back home to Cameroon.

Len, Marcia and Joel left for a overnight stay at a 225,000 acre elephant park 3 hours away. Many baboons and deer were spotted along with several families of elephants. They slept well after the hard week. On the return trip to Ouaga on Sunday they stopped and visited a random local family. The husband and his two sons were home. They work the land by hand. They had 6 cows, 2 donkeys, several pigs, and a bunch of chickens and guinea fowl. The boys had never attended school as they helped with the farming. The man attended church, but was unsure of his faith in Christ. He prayed and received Jesus as his Lord.

Len and Marcia began their trip back to Jacksonville, FL, on Sunday evening. After a delay in Paris, France, they made it back safely home after 30+ hours of travel.

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The Mosque



School children pray



Farmer receives Him



The Ouagadougou class

Just the Facts: **1** Evangelism

Ouagadougou	Completed Contacts	Times Gospel Shared	To # of People	Professions & Assurances
3 days of OJT	284	112	270	152
Outside the classroom	327	8	327	292
Totals:	611	120	597	444

74% of those that heard the Gospel professed Jesus Christ as Lord - most were coming from a Muslim background!
19 pastors and lay leaders were trained to share their faith, equip others, and win their cities for Christ!

**Wanna Go??
Siberia
June/July
Call Len!**



A Note From Us...

We have a special place in our hearts for the new family we have in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. We have more of an impact in this world when we work together with one another. It was refreshing to have missionaries from different missionary organizations all work together to win souls for Jesus Christ and train others to be soul winners for Him! We are so very grateful for the kind hospitality of Joel and Heidi Hayslip (Go to Nations) and Joseph and Aimee Dayamba (Children Holistic Development Ministry). To see the hopelessness in the lives of

many transformed into hope and experience God's Love is amazing!

The LMI Prayer Ministry continues to grow and we see firsthand the power and need for intercession for others as they go through physical, emotional, spiritual, and financial challenges. If you would like to be a prayer partner or have a prayer request, please notify the ministry office. So many people are in need of God's intervention in their lives.

On a personal note, the Showalter Family is doing well. Although we are scattered from Florida, Virginia, and California, we are blessed and enjoy having the conveniences of computers and cell phones to be able to communicate with one another on a regular basis.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming Golf Tournament. Even if you don't play golf, plan on coming out for a day of fun, ministry, good fellowship, food, and prizes!

Len and Marcia Showalter
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