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## 2025?

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matthew 24:14 (NKJV)

In 1995 a worldwide ministry was planted in every nation. According to Matthew 24:14 the end should have come, but it did not. With a bit more scrutiny the Greek word for "nations" is "ethnos." This clarification led to understanding that all people groups must be reached for the end to come.

Some may ask why is this a concern? We as Christians need to know the sign of the times as well as what time we are in. Does a football or basketball team not know the length of their game? Does a

Silent Auction: 12:30 pm

marathon runner know how far to the finish line? Knowing these things gives focus to the purpose of the action.

Our goal as Christians on this earth is to share the Gospel with others and to train them to help reach more people in accordance to 2Timothy 2:2. When all people groups have heard the Good News then the end will

come and we will have reached our final goal - being with the Lord Jesus Christ!

Several ministries are helping us focus on this important task. The Joshua Project (https://legacy.joshuaproject.net) details the groups that remain unreached in the world and even gives a daily prayer focus. The ministry of 24:14

(https://2414now.net) offers an opportunity for us to finish the Great Commission. They are focused on accomplishing the taking of the Gospel to every peo-

ple group by
December 31,
2025.

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Whether we agree with this process or not, we must do what the Lord commanded us to do in Matthew 28:19: "Go into all the world and teach all the nations" about Him.

Join us in this great effort to reach all the people around the world with His Good News. LMI



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**Great Raffles ~ Silent Auction ~ Door Prizes** 

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# Jacksonville, FL

[JACKSONVILLE, FL] The International Evangelism School (IES) was held in Jacksonville beginning Monday, Feb. 24, and continued through Friday, Feb. 28. The daily classes were held at Adamec's Harley-Davidson store on Baymeadows and I-95. Those in attendance were: (pictured l-r) Cathy Russi (mentor), Lisa Simpson (mentor), Dwight Preheim (asst. teacher and mentor), Carla Bitancor (mentor), Rev. Al Kaidor (asst. teacher and mentor), Pastor Jiwan Pradhan (student from India), Rev. Len Showalter (lead teacher and mentor), Nelson Roman (student

from St. Augustine), and Pastor Gregorio Oyervides (student from St.

Augustine).

Monday started at 9:00 AM with registration and a time to get acquainted. By lunch the class was well into their scheduled teaching material with each day containing about four hours of lectures. The students were sent home at 5:00 PM with a lot of memorization for homework.

On the second day, the lectures continued

focused on the actual Gospel presentation. The afternoon was different with a two-hour practicum (referred to as on-the-job training or "OJT"). Due to the heavy periodic rains the OJT was performed at a nearby mall lead by the mentors demonstrating the entire presentation. The third and fourth days had basically the same format, but on the fourth day the teams went to a different location as the rain had stopped. The results for the entire week were impressive (see "Just the Facts" on pg. 4).

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Friday the students were sent on OJT by themselves. Upon their return to the classroom they were given written and oral examinations

which they promptly passed. That evening the students and mentors celebrated with a special dinner at Golden Corral on Southside Blvd. They were joined by some of the LMI board members and the Showalter home Bible study. Testimonies were shared by the students including their plans to immediately start their own evangelism training in their churches.













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### **Bunia, DR Congo**



[BUNIA, DR CONGO] On Wednesday, January 29, Jennifer Palmer and Rev. Len Showalter boarded a plane in Jacksonville, FL. After a connection in Atlanta, GA, they were headed on an overnight flight to Amsterdam. Eight hours later they had arrived and were off again on another eight hour flight to Entebbe, Uganda. Rev. Daniele Yetna and Rev. Milton Fru from Cameroon met them at the airport. The team spent the night in the airport and caught a 10-seater Piper Cub on Friday morning to Bunia. After being turned back once due to weather, the team arrived in Bunia

after almost 50 hours of travel from home.

The team was greeted by Pastor Jerermie and were taken to Pastor David's church, The Church of Christ in the Congo, to make arrangements for the class which was to start on Saturday.

Saturday the team met an excited group of 32 students. Len led the introduction and the first lesson. Daniele and Milton continued the teaching and directed the class in their

homework.
Sunday the team separated and went to three different churches to preach the Gospel and then reconnected for an evening service in a fourth church. All were received very well.

The classes resumed on Monday and continued through Thursday with two hours of street witnessing on each day. Jennifer and Len encountered a major problem - hundreds of children followed them as they were a huge attraction. Of course, this led to the Gospel being presented and the acceptance of Jesus as Lord and Savior.

On Wednesday, Milton started the class

and the rest of the team spoke at a prayer meeting at Samaritans' Purse. Len encouraged the 80 attendees to not only do good works but to share the Gospel. Thursday was graduation with 22 passing the exams and being sent into His harvest field. The results for the week were amazing (see "Just the Facts" on pg. 4). All headed home on Friday and arrived home on Saturday.











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Just the Facts:	Gospel Shared	TO*Of Deople	Professions Assurance	s certified trained	certified leadners	
Bunia, DR Congo - Class	155	932	753		22	
Bunia, DR Congo - Children	7	269	269			
Bunia, DR Congo - Extra	21	146	55			- 175
Jacksonville, FL	34	45	34		3	
Totals	217	1,392	1,111	0	25	
%Saved/Assurances		79.8%				



### Calendar

Please note: event dates and locations are subject to change (check lenministries.org/wanna-go)

#### April 17, 2020:

Brunch at the Bay Jacksonville, FL

#### May 18 - 22, 2020:

International Evangelism School location: TBD, Russia

#### May 25 - 29, 2020:

International Evangelism School Location: TBD, Russia

#### June 1 - 5, 2020:

International Evangelism School Novokuznetsk, Russia

#### August 17 - 21, 2020:

International Evangelism School Belarus

#### August 24 - 28, 2020:

International Evangelism School Kaliningrad, Russia

#### October 19 - 23, 2020:

International Evangelism School Dangriga, Belize

Contact LMI to join a team!



### A Note From Marcia...

This is a wonderful time of year – many Christians celebrate the Lent Season and Easter on April 12th. The world has heard about those that believe in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and this provides a greater opportunity for us to share the Gospel with non-believers.

As you have read, LMI continues to do what Jesus commanded us to do: fulfill the Great Commission. Please join us by praying – going – giving. There are many ministry opportunities as listed in this newsletter. Please pray as to how the Lord can use you during these evangelistic outreaches.

Ruth and Ryan continue to stay busy juggling their careers as well as keeping up with four-yearold Quinn. She is growing up so fast and so is their new puppy, Ollie. We hope to visit them in Memphis soon.

Sara and Daryl just had their book published, www.templetonpress.org/books/courage-suffer. This is available on Amazon as well. They continue to keep busy with their careers. We hope to visit them, too, later in the month of June. Mike and Beth keep busy with Isaac,

www.facebook.com/thestoryofisaac. We are believing God for a complete miracle in the healing of Isaac. Between Mike and Beth's busy work schedules, therapies for Isaac, and nursing challenges, they have a pretty full schedule.

We would love to meet with you, your friends, and family to share more of what this ministry is doing. Just contact us and we will work out a time convenient to all.

With our love, blessings, and appreciation,

Your Missionaries,

Len and Marcia Showalter (and Medi)

