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More of Christ

"He must increase, but I must decrease." John 3:30 (NKJV)

It started in January when I (Len) entered into a time of fasting and prayer. Things began to change quickly. The Lord was speaking and moving on my heart in a new way. I desired to have more of Jesus - to know Him more, to know what He is saying more clearly.

I understood from the scripture listed above (John 3:30) that in order for the Lord to increase, I must decrease. And I wanted for people to see more of Christ in me and less of Len.

The fasting and prayer was a little more difficult due to my age, but I pressed on. I began to notice a sensitivity to the Holy Spirit that I had not felt for a long time. I saw people around me needing Jesus. And I had more effective opportunities to

share my faith in Christ. People listened to the Good News and prayed at a rate of about one per week.

Pictured left is Keith, whom I met at a Wendy's during lunch. He worked nearby and was on his lunch break. I was normally not in that area, but had stopped having a little time before my next appointment. He followed me into the store. I got my meal and left and sat in

my car. I was prompted by the Holy Spirit to go back inside and talk to Keith. I was obedient. I went and introduced myself to Keith. We talked. I shared

Jesus. He gladly prayed. We exchanged contact information.

Pictured right is Zack. Dwight and I were having lunch and Zack was the room attendant. We made a short presentation of the Gospel and Zack prayed to receive Christ. We told him of things that he needs to do to grow in his knowledge of Him.

And then there was Melinda, Quinn, Alicia, Dee, Fallin, Mia, Michael, and another

Zack receives Jesus!

Zack. Yes, the Harvest is ripe and is waiting for harvesters (you and me) to come and take the Harvest

(Matthew 9:37-38). Are you hungering for more of Him? Are you willing and are you ready to be changed? Do you and your church need training to be ready? The Lord envisioned Len Ministries with the ability to help you and your church to take the Harvest in your city, other cities, and other nations. Len Ministries is ready. Are you? Contact us.



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Siberia

[ULAN UDE, RUSSIA] Below is a report from Pastor Sergei whom we have trained in evangelism. I hope that you can get a feel for the sacrifice that is made in taking the Gospel up the frozen rivers of Lake Baikal. They need our prayers.

"Thank you for your prayers! We returned safely from our missionary trip to the north of Buryatia. We drove almost 2000 km, crossed the frozen Lake Baikal and were able to serve in various remote villages. Of course, before going to Lake Baikal, we asked a lot of advice from people who travel this route. At the exit to the

lake, there is a national park where the monitoring department works. They know everything that happens on Lake Baikal and so they confirmed to us that it is pos-

sible to go along the lake. But the night before our trip it was snowing and a blizzard began on the

northern side of Lake Baikal.

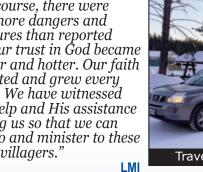
The road along that place was almost snowed over, but this information did not come to us in proper time. When we prayed and set off, we did not know that there was snow and what difficulties were ahead. We drove more than 150 km and only then we began to see that the way was becoming difficult on Baikal. We had to drive about 100 km more on frozen lake to get to the shore. We began to lose our bearings because the further we drove the more snow there was and the road was less visible. There were no trace of any cars that had previously passed.

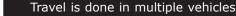
Many times one of our cars got bogged down in the snow and ice. We had to tow it out with a jeep. We drove a total of 250 km on the ice

for more than 10 hours. By God's grace, we reached the ground and

continued to the place where

we were to stay. Of course, there were many more dangers and adventures than reported here. Our trust in God became stronger and hotter. Our faith was tested and grew every minute. We have witnessed God's help and His assistance enabling us so that we can travel to and minister to these remote villagers."











Praying for personal needs





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Jacksonville

[JACKSONVILLE, FL] Rev. Len Showalter held an International Evangelism Class at Adamec's Harley/Davidson, 8909 Baymeadows Rd, Jacksonville, from February 20 to 24, 2023. The daily class schedule consisted of about four hours of lectures, two hours of practicum of street witnessing, and a final hour of discussion. Although the day is intensive the students are equipped to implement an evangelism ministry in their own church upon graduation.

Sharing at the Mall

In the prior two years the class had to be rescheduled due to COVID. This year the class started with three students from the Light in the Word of God Church, 2137 N. Liberty Street, Jacksonville: Pastor Eric Lockett, Cheryl Elmore, and Eddie Elvord. Len Showalter was the master teacher assisted by Dwight Preheim and Al Kaidor. Also joining the class were trainers Cathy Russi and Lisa Simpson. All were welcomed by the H/D staff.

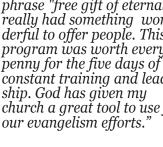
Each day was filled with much work on the students part. In addition to the note taking during

the various lectures, time was given for them to practice their memorization with each other. Witnessing was accomplished at The Avenues Mall and at a smaller shopping area at Baymeadows Rd. and Southside Blvd. near the Dunkin' Donuts.

Graduation on Friday was held at Copeland's of New Orleans on Southside Blvd. Several of LMI's Board members joined the festivities where the witnessing results were given: 46 people were contacted; the Gospel was shared 22 times to 29 people; and 20 people gave their hearts to Christ! (See "Just the Facts" on pg. 4)

Pastor Eric Lockett's comments concerning the class: "The evangelism class was great! I thought it was going to be boring, but it was far from that. Len and his crew were on point with activities and timely information. I must say it was quite enlightening with a wealth of info. The catch phrase "free gift of eternal life" was magnificent. The bottom line - we

really had something wonderful to offer people. This program was worth every penny for the five days of constant training and leadership. God has given my church a great tool to use for









More sharing at the Mall

One more receives Christ

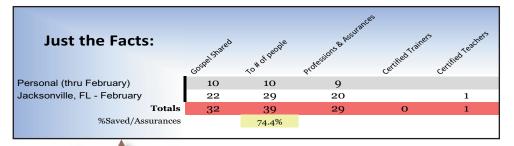




Eric & Cathy sharing at Dunkin Donuts



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Spend the week on a mission trip. Change a nation. Call LMI.

Calendar

Please note: event dates and locations are subject to change and do <u>not</u> include travel dates.

(check lenministries.org/wanna-go)

June 19 - 23, 2023:

International Evangelism School Moscow, Russia

June 26 - 30, 2023:

International Evangelism School Siberia, Russia

July 24 - 28, 2023:

International Evangelism School Puerto Cortes, Honduras

September 18 - 22, 2023:

International Evangelism School Burundi

September 25 - 29, 2023:

International Evangelism School Mwanza, Tanzania

October 2023:

International Evangelism School Spain

Contact LMI to join a team!

~note possible travel restrictions due to COVID-19~



A Note From Marcia...

It is obvious that God is moving in the lives of people all around the world. A spiritual awakening is taking place! Although we have people in conflict with one another, wars and rumors of wars, some experiencing struggles like never before, God hasn't changed and simply desires a relationship with us. Our problems come down to one thing.... we haven't made Jesus Christ the Lord of our lives.

As you have read in this newsletter, people are open to hearing about Christ and a new awakening is taking place. In Matthew 9:37-38, (NIV) Jesus tells the disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." All we have to do is step out in faith and tell someone about Jesus.

On a personal note, we are excited to soon have our son-in-law, Mike, back home from a six-month deployment. Our daughter, Beth has been single-parenting in his absence (for more information, go to Facebook, The Story of Isaac). We also said goodbye to Darla, Beth's poodle that was 16-1/2 years old.

Sara and Daryl are hoping to come to Jacksonville for a visit toward the end of March. I can hardly wait to see them and meet our newest granddoggie, Alfie.

We hope to soon see Ruth, Ryan, Quinn, Blythe, and four-legged Ollie. Our hearts long to hug those granddaughters in California. They are growing up so fast and due to schedules and distance, we haven't been able to see much of them.

Len and I are doing well. We are keeping too busy, getting older (aches and pains), but are so very grateful in all that God is doing through this ministry. I often think of Esther when she tells us in Esther 4:14, (NIV) "For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"

We were born for such a time as this. May we all be sensitive to the Holy Spirit and may He direct our paths in every area of our lives.

Your Missionaries,

Len and Marcia Showalter (and Medi)

