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Behind the Fence

**I was in prison,
 and ye came unto me.
 Matthew 25:36b (KJV)**

[RAIFORD, FLORIDA] Len Ministries continues its ministry into Union Correctional Institution (UCI) through Chaplain Barry Hedrick. The ministry has evolved into many needed areas and along with it the team has grown. The major areas of ministry are: Evangelism Explosion (EE), Celebrate Recovery, and Kairos.

The EE semester is well under way with 6 inmates in each of three levels of training. With the help of several inmate leaders, the teaching is accomplished each Thursday afternoon by Len Showalter, Dwight Preheim, Tony Cozier, and Jarod Powers. The weekly reports of those trained impacting the lives of others incarcerated is amazing.

Celebrate Recovery has been ongoing for almost a year with many inmates reporting much spiritual growth and recovery from addictions. The class is held in the "Faith Based" dorm each Thursday morning. Teachers Randy Brown and Sam Harmon have done a wonderful job leading about 96 prisoners each week. Plans are to move the training to one night per

week after the summer. This would allow for other dorm areas to be impacted and would also allow for an additional lifestyle class to be taught in its place on Thursday mornings.

Kairos #70 just completed its 4-day weekend in UCI. There were 35 inmates in the programs with another 12 in support roles. Duane Freeman was the rector and with him was another 35 outside participants. The intensive hands-on classes, lectures, and team building effort resulted in more than 14 professions of faith in Jesus

Christ! Over the four days, the inmates hear Bible stories, are fed many cookies, and given great fellowship and acceptance by those coming in from the outside. Many testimonies declared changed lives at the closing ceremony.

All of these ministries continue to make a difference addressing a great need. If you have any desire to assist please contact the office of Len Ministries. Your help is appreciated and needed.

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Golfing Fun

LMI hosted its annual fund raising tournament at St. Johns Golf & Country Club

[ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA] On Friday, April 1, 2011, The Lord parted the skies and there was sunshine after 3 days of solid rain. It was a beautiful day for golf despite the often gusty winds. The course was in gorgeous shape thanks to the Head Golf Pro, Mark Heeter.

The registration tables were ready at 11:30 thanks to the event coordinator, Meghan Silvestri. There was plenty of time for the provided box lunch, warm-ups at the driving range, and a putting contest. Prior to starting, Dr. Tiomico's Family Medicine set up a table for anyone to have their blood pressure checked. Dr. Shalaka Ghata manned the booth and found the players were fit to play. The tee time was 12:45 and the 14 teams of 55 players were ready to go.

Players returned to the club house around 6 with their best scores. Waiting for them was a wonderful dinner of hot-dogs, hamburgers, salad, slaw, beans, and desserts. During the meal there was much activity. Many businesses had made donations to be given away as door prizes. Closest to the pin on a par 3 hole, longest drives, and several other prizes were

awarded to various players. Despite great efforts there were no winners for the "hole-in-one" mini-vacation contests.

Additionally, there were five great items that were auctioned: a Yankee Candle basket, a large golf items basket, 2-night stay at the Wyndham Jacksonville Riverwalk with dinner for two at the Bridge Waterfront Bistro, a Party-lite Candle Basket, and two one-day tickets to the Masters Golf Tournament at Augusta National Golf Club. Auctioneer Steve Murray assisted with the bidding process.

Three teams finished with top honors. First Place - Ron Anderson, Jamie Montgomery, Alan Librandi, & John Librandi. Second Place - Chuck Nichols, Wave Rusak, Don Davis, & Tim Slater. Third Place - Nelson Caswell, Chris Pearson, Jeff Foster, & Eric Fuller.

Many thanks go out to all those that volunteered, worked, donated, manned a table, sponsored a hole, and played. A great time was had by all and plans are being made for the 2012 event. Don't miss it!

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Registration



Ladies had a good time, too



Great food & fellowship

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Church of Grace

Len Ministries lights a fire of evangelism

[PORTLAND, OREGON] Pastor Paul Golosinskiy, Alex Petrov, and staff invited Len Ministries to “light an evangelism” fire in the mostly Russian speaking congregation that worships at the Church of Grace, in Portland, OR. This was a perfect fit with the Russian background of Len Ministries.

Len Showalter, Beth Whisenant, Cathy Russi, and Ruth Harhi were joined by Suzy Warren of Washougal, WA, and Valerie Potvin of Parkland, FL. The instructions, teachings, preachings, and witnessing were in English with some translation to Russian necessary. The Church of Grace is a large Russian independant church with attendance of more than 750 on Sundays. Pastor Paul had been praying for assistance to get his people to do evangelism in English. One of the pastor’s assistants, Oleg, had recently started evangelism training but it was in Russian.

The first of four 3-hour classes of about 60 students started on Friday night, April 15, with introductions and testimony preparation as homework. Saturday morning was filled with testimony refinement, a shortened Gospel presentation emphasizing opening consersations, and role playing. In the first of two witnessing opportunities the 8 teams went to local malls, a retirement community, and contacted several church visitors in their homes. Each team was headed by a trainer that rotated through 8 students in smaller groups of 2 giving each group about one hour of hands on training as they were to share their testimonies. All teams returned after 3 hours with an amazing report of 40 professions of faith in Jesus Christ!

During Saturday evening’s session Len taught on concluding a presentation and on



Valerie and team reporting

handling objections. The students were sent home to master the shortened Gospel presentation in preparation for Sunday’s witnessing opportunity.

Sunday morning Len brought the Word of the Lord to a packed house at Church of Grace. The 9:30 and 11:30 service Len spoke on 2 Timothy 3:5 “Having a Form of Godliness in the Last Days.” The early service was interpreted in Russian for most were Russian speaking.

The second witnessing opportunity was held on Sunday afternoon. Again the teams went to local malls with the same team formats. The result was again outstanding. The six teams returned with 15 professions



Beth shares with another

of faith in Christ with the students sharing their testimonies and the shortened Gospel presentation with the prospects.

After a report back session and another wonderful Russian meal, Len closed the evening session with “God’s Call.” The entire team and church leadership prayed for the many that came forward to hear God and to receive His anointing.

Suzy and Valerie returned home Sunday evening and the rest of the team returned to Florida on Monday. All are looking forward to “lighting” more evangelistic fires in more churches here in the USA.

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Ruth & Suzy



Beth & team witnessing at mall



Even kids can catch the “FIRE”



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

Just the Facts

	<u>Completed Contacts</u>	<u>Times Gospel Shared</u>	<u>To # of People</u>	<u>Professions & Assurances</u>
Union Correctional Portland, OR	22 157	19 53	19 147	14 82
Totals:	179	72	166	96

55% of the completed contacts, or 58% of those that heard the Gospel professed Jesus Christ as Lord!
60 members were lightly trained to share their faith and win their cities for Christ!



A Note From Us...

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:

Amazing Grace Baptist Church (ph# 904-794-7755) 10 Hildreth Drive, St. Augustine, FL 32084. Contact Deborah Onderdonk.

Anastasia Baptist Church (ph# 904-471-2166) 1650 A1A South, St. Augustine, FL 32080. Contact Al Kaidor.

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

Second Missionary Baptist Church (ph# 904-354-8268) 954 Kings Road, Jacksonville, FL 32204. Contact Winston Smith.

Union Correctional Institution (ph# 386-431-2000) 7819 NW 228th Street, Raiford, FL 32026. Contact Barry Hedrick.

Summer is just around the corner and soon we will be taking a team to Russia and be with our Russian family! It is hard to imagine that another year has gone by so quickly! We hope that you will consider going on a short-term mission trip with us! We often think that God will use us to bless others in another culture, but in reality, we are the ones that get blessed by seeing lives transformed and people come to Christ!

On a more personal note, our son-in-law, Daryl will be receiving his doctorate in Social Psychology this month from VCU. We are so very proud of him and know that God has great plans for him. Sara, a LCSW, continues to work hard and make an impact in the lives of others.

Beth has moved to another location and is busy getting settled in her new apartment. She continues to work hard, travel, and play in a beach volleyball league.

Ruth is engaged to be married to Lt. Ryan Klamer! We are very excited for them as their mid-July wedding approaches. Ryan is currently living in Norfolk working as a helicopter pilot. After the wedding, he is being assigned to San Diego where Ruth and Storm (Ruth's Schnoodle)

will join him. We are looking forward to having another son in the family!

We continue to keep very busy as you have read in this newsletter. Time is precious and there never seems to be enough of it to accomplish all we want to do! God has called us to train up disciples so that the Word of God continues to be spread in cities all over the world.

Thank you for praying with us, loving us, and financially allowing us to do what God has called us to do. May you be blessed abundantly for your faithfulness.

With our love and appreciation,
Your Missionary Family,

The Showalters

*(Daryl & Sara Van Tongeren,
Beth, Ruth, Marcia, & Len Showalter)*

