

November 2005



Make Plans Now

We are told in Matthew 28:19-20, "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." So we are told to go locally and internationally, we are told to be a witness and teach, and we are told that Jesus will accompany us as we go.

On a short-term mission trip, we learn about new cultures, about ourselves, and more about our Lord Jesus Christ. We see miracle after miracle. Many people will come and hear and give their hearts to Jesus. Many will be touched by the power of the Holy Spirit and many will be set free and healed - not by man, but by God.

A short-term mission trip will be a spiritual "high" for each traveler. They will be pressed into God's Word and into believing Him like they never have before. They will pray in new ways.

This coming year, 2006, may offer some very exciting opportunities for a short-term mission trip. Many people ask each year for a different schedule, or a different location so that they can participate in taking the Gospel to another nation.

- Our plans this next year include three trips:
- 1) April 8 - 15 in Flores, Guatemala, Central America.
 - 2) June 22 - July 6 in Ivanovo, Russia.
 - 3) October 26 - November 9 in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, Africa.

(These dates are subject to change.)



IVANOVO, RUSSIA

The teams will be training pastors, lay leaders, and missionaries to equip their congregations to do evangelism in their cities. Potentially, the teams will visit

school children, orphanages, and summer camps.

Contact Rev. Len Showalter if you are interested in any of these trips. Pre-training is recommended in Evangelism Explosion and it is offered locally and elsewhere.

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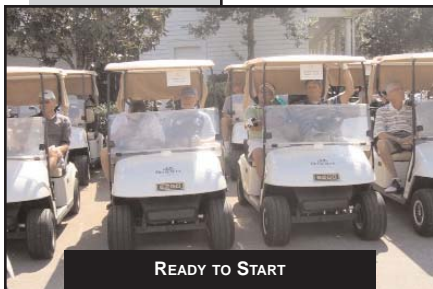
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Golf Fun Raiser

Monday, October 17, Len Ministries held a special event at the Deer Creek Golf and Country Club in Jacksonville, FL. This was their annual fun and fund raiser disguised as a golf tournament.



READY TO START

The weather was beautiful - sunny skies and warm. The 42 players began showing up around noon.

Several teams were from out of town and there were two players that came from Atlanta, GA just to join in the fun. The early arrivers took advantage of the extra time prior to tee-off on the driving range, and chipping and putting.



CATTAILS?

The registration table was manned by Marcia and Ruth Showalter, Karla Hill, and Karen Whalen. Coordinating the entire event was

Ralph Hill from State Farm Insurance. On display were many items donated as raffle items and even more items that were to be auctioned.



WARREN SELL + LEN'S TEAM

Each arriving player received a delicious sandwich compliments of Honey Baked Ham at 10131 San Jose Blvd. Donated golf balls, bottled water, coupons from Chick-fil-A, tees, and other goodies were given to each participant.

Warren Sell took on the task of distributing extra water and sandwiches during the play. Jim Lane, Steve Ettlinger, and Al Kaidor assisted by riding to each hole and taking pictures of the players and hole sponsor signs.

The tee-time of 1:23 arrived and the event started with a shotgun start.

The format of play was "Captain's Choice." Around 2:00 there was a large commotion at hole #13, as Pastor Don Nichols chipped into the cup from 111 yards for an eagle (that's two under) for his team!



KISS THAT LUCKY IRON

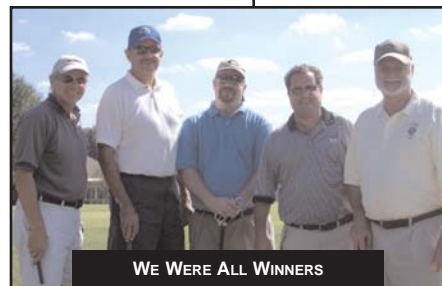
Play continued to about 6:00 PM. Everyone then gathered in the Club House for a special dinner and an award ceremony.

Raffle items were distributed and auction items were bid upon. And then the closest to the pin and longest putt awards were handed out.



IT WENT IN THERE!

Next the flight prizes were awarded. The team that received the low-net with handicaps award was comprised of Pastor Gee Sprague, Pastor Don Nichols, Jonathan Haney, and Steve Meadows. The team that received the lowest gross was Ralph Hill, Ray Miller, Mark Miller, and Wiley Martin.



WE WERE ALL WINNERS

A great time was had by all and many are already looking forward to next year's fund raiser! (P.S.: One additional benefit of this tournament was that Len Ministries was able to donate \$500.00 to the Hurricane relief effort.)



THANK YOU, SPONSORS



DINNER & AWARD TIME



MANY GIFT ITEMS

Ivanovo, Russia

Rev. Len Showalter made a second trip this summer to Russia August 12th through August 21st. His first



WAREHOUSE = CHURCH

trip was in June to Nizhny Novgorod, Russia with a team of 15. During each trip Len conducted an training "clinic" in Evangelism Explosion (EE). And during his first trip, Pastor Gee Laundry

and his wife, Galina, were trained and certified to equip their congregation based in Ivanovo.

Pastor Gee was so enthused with the ministry in Nizhny that upon return to Ivanovo, he extended an invitation to Len to come



KITCHEN STAFF

and help equip his congregation. Len had to acquire a letter of invitation, apply for a VISA, and purchase airfare in a short period of 30 days! It was accomplished through much

prayer, and Len headed for Ivanovo on August 12th. He arrived on Saturday, August 13th, and was met at the Sheremetyevo airport in Moscow by a driver and an interpreter. After a five hour car ride, he was delivered to Ivanovo Christian Center.

After a short walk through the church facilities which is a renovated factory, it was obvious that the



WONDERFUL MEALS

church was full of vibrant, very enthusiastic, young people who loved Jesus! Then Len walked a few blocks to the home of the Pastor and set up his room for the stay. The Laundry's have three

children and two of them were staying elsewhere and had relinquished their room to Len. Len noticed that he had a



OUR FIRST PROFESSION



NEW SISTERS IN THE LORD

problem as when he went to open his luggage, he quickly discovered that it was not his, but a look-alike. It took several days to rectify this problem.



SUNDAY PRAISE & WORSHIP

Sunday came and Len preached in the church. The Holy Spirit was present with many signs and wonders, and Len prayed for hundreds after delivering a word on "What is important to Jesus?"

Monday brought the start of the EE Clinic. 22 pastors/lay leaders from



PASTOR GEE TEACHING

Ivanovo Christian Center (ICC) and 4 from the Church of God in Yaroslavl registered for the clinic. The renovated facility at ICC was perfect to host the clinic as they had a large auditorium and

their own kitchen. Sveta Yarygina from Kirov Christian Center administered the clinic as well as assisted Len in the teaching. Anna Makarova was Len's interpreter. Also, joining them were 6 trainers from Nizhny, Kirov, and Suhoy Log. Pastor Gee and Galina, who were certified in the clinic in Nizhny in June, assisted as teachers/trainers.

By Friday with all the teaching finalized and 3 nights of visitation accomplished, all those in attendance were certified as Teachers/Trainers. The visitation resulted in 105 professions of faith or assurance. Each certified person talked about their newly found desire to share the Gospel in their own area of ministry.



IVANOVO CLINIC

Plans were set to return to Ivanovo in June 2006 and to train more pastors in the Ivanovo region. Please consider assisting with this effort.



YOUNG PEOPLE GET SAVED

GREAT 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:

CrossRoad Church (ph# 904-448-1288) 10005 Gate Parkway North, Jacksonville, FL 32246.

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

The Worship Place (ph# 904-396-0540) 2627 Spring Glen Road, Jacksonville, FL 32207.

Open Arms Baptist Church (ph# 904-641-4887) 9039 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32216.

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

First Baptist Church of Oceanway (ph# 904-757-1181) 212 Sago Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32218, has started their first EE Semester. Rev. Len Showalter is leading the class and is assisted by three trainers from other churches. The eight trainees and trainers are (pictured l-r): Suzie Higginbotham, Pastor Billy Strickland, Beth Whisenant (trainer), Karen Albert, Curtis Moore, Helen Adamec (trainer), Frank Robinson, Natalie Ealy, Eric Ealy, Tina Watson (trainer), and Bill Dillhyon (not pictured).



Please pray for more workers. Pray according to Matthew 9:38 & Luke 10:2 "And He was saying to them, The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

JUST THE FACTS.....

Please find detailed below the results of the various ministry efforts with the Ivanovo, Russia trip:

	Completed Contacts	Times Gospel Shared	# of People	Professions/Assurances
Ivanovo EE Clinic:	260	113	210	105
Ivanovo Christian Center	9	8	9	8
Other (travel, etc.)	5	5	5	3
Totals	274	126	224	116

42.3% of those contacted professed Christ, or 51.8% of those that heard the Gospel professed Christ. 22 Russian Pastors/Leaders from Ivanovo and 4 from Yaroslavl were certified to teach and train others!

A NOTE FROM US.....

It is hard to believe that the holidays of 2005 will soon be here. Those of us in Florida have survived hurricane season and consider ourselves so very blessed. As we reflect back on this year, it seems to have gone by quickly. This will be our first Christmas without Sara and Daryl. Even though they will be arriving December 28th, this will be a time for adjustment, change, and spiritual growth for our family.

Sara and Daryl are doing well. They are both busy working, and Daryl will be finishing up his Masters at University of Colorado, Colorado Springs campus. Beth is busy her senior year at Asbury College with tennis, yearbook, and all the various journalism courses she takes. Ruth has adjusted nicely into Florida Southern College and has become a cheerleader for the Mocs. Us older folks seem to keep way too busy and are finding that the older we get, the less you can accomplish in a 24 hour period of time.

May you be so very blessed as the holidays and the end of 2005 comes to a close. Thank you for your prayers, your love, the financial support, and your encouragement.



YOUR MISSIONARY FAMILY, **THE SHOWALTERS**

(pictured left: Sara & Daryl Van Tongeren)
(pictured right: Beth, Marcia, Ruth, & Len)

