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Share Your Faith

On August 26 Len Ministries held a workshop at CrossRoad Church in Jacksonville, FL. Rev. Fred Kress, Continental Director for the Est Region of the USA for Evangelism Explosion (EE), came from Putnam, Connecticut and instructed the day long workshop. There were 20 attendees from five different churches.

The day was filled with excited and inspiring testimonies as well as practical lessons in evangelism. The class immediately learned a skeleton outline of a Gospel presentation and continued to recite it much of the day. Scriptures and illustrations were added as the day progressed.

Each attendee was assisted with the development of a personal story or testimony. They were also given literature that would further assist them with praying and with the proper follow-up and disciple making process.

Those graduating were: Cathy Bennett, Randy Brown, Deborah Campbell, Jennifer Conner, Bill Cook, Stephen DeWitt, John Henley, Clare Hildreth, Kim Johnson, Al Kaidor, Otto

Kountz, Teresa Kountz, John Partyka, Robin Partyka, Rebecca Richmond, Len Showalter, Marcia Showalter, Janet Smith, Tina Watson, and Beth Whisenant.

Len Ministries will be offering this wonderful one-day

workshop as needed around the NE Florida and SE Georgia area. If your church would like to become involved in evangelism, please contact Rev. Len Showalter of Len Ministries at contact information listed in the box to the left of this article.

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REV. FRED KRESS

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Kairos #61

September 21 to 24, 2006 were the dates that the 61st Kairos was held at Union Correctional Institution in Raiford, Florida. "There Is No Other" was the theme and the theme song of the event.

The Rector was layman Alex Stroupe and he was assisted by 44 others from the "outside" and by more than 20 laymen from the "inside." Together they sang, served cookies, taught, and ministered to 43 inmates. This event was approved by the prison warden, and the chaplains, Lucky Durand, and Barry Hedrick.

The ministry effort starts with preparation many weeks in advance with weekly meetings, but goes on location on a Thursday and continues through Sunday. A typical day starts at the gate at 6:30 AM and finishes at the gate around 8:30 PM. Each day is filled with a structured program with many table activities that in the four days brings the prisoner to a place of understanding of their desperate need to invite Jesus Christ into their life.

Pastor Len was able to personally lead 11 to Christ. One story that particularly stayed with him was the memory of a prisoner as a 6-year

old boy rocking on his grandmothers knee and her repeatedly telling him that he was going to Hell. Another story was of a prisoner as a young man continually being told by his mother, a pastor of a large Pentecostal church, that he could never do anything right and that he was going to Hell. He decided to live up to that and do so very well; therefore he ended up in prison. Both of these men gave their hearts to Christ and were set "free."

There is an extensive program for continuing discipleship that includes weekly meetings conducted by the prisoners for prisoners that have just completed Kairos. There are also monthly meetings with many of the "outside" ministry team coming back to encourage the prisoners in their new walk with the Lord.

If you or your church would like to have additional information or would like to be considered for the next ministry team, you may contact Len Ministries, or:

Kairos
PO Box 2083
Orange Park, FL 32067

(Photos were not allowed to be printed of the inmates)

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:

Anastasia Baptist Church (ph# 904-471-2166) 1650 A1A South, St. Augustine, FL 32080, has just started their second semester. Contact Al Kaidor.

CrossRoad Church (ph# 904-448-1288) 10005 Gate Parkway North, Jacksonville, FL 32246, has started their 17th semester. Contact Len Showalter.

Heritage Christian Center (ph# 904-388-7777) 2032 Blanding Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32210, has just started their first EE semester. Contact Pastors James & Teresa White.

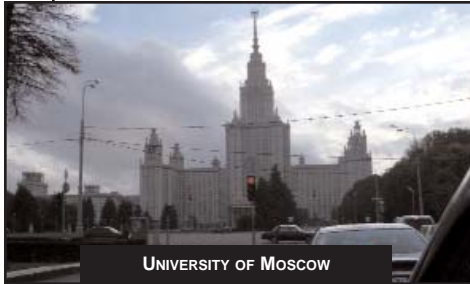
Second Missionary Baptist Church (ph# 904-354-8268) 954 Kings Road, Jacksonville, FL 32204 is teaching EE on a regular basis. Contact Winston Smith.

The Vineyard Church (ph# 904-737-2386) 5860 Mt. Carmel Terrace, Jacksonville, FL 32216. Contact Pastor Rick Wallis or Steve DeWitt.

Russia

On Monday, 10/2, Rev. Len Showalter was at Jacksonville International Airport early for the flight to Atlanta and then to Moscow. But the plane had mechanical problems prior to takeoff and was delayed over 3 hours. Needless to say, he missed his flight in Atlanta to Moscow. Delta gladly rerouted him to Paris, France, and then on to Moscow.

Len arrived in Moscow on Tuesday about 5 hours behind schedule. Sveta Yarigina from Kirov and interpreter Anna Makarova from Ivanovo were still waiting at the airport. After a 2 1/2 hour ride across a rainy and cold Moscow, they arrived at a hotel near the Moscow University



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and got settled into their rooms.

A problem was discovered at the check-in counter at the hotel, the administrator had changed the reservation for departure on Thursday not Saturday. Len was able to meet with Pastor Andrew for lunch on Wednesday and with his team of 7 that night. Andrew is an inventive



PASTOR ANDREW'S EE CLASS

teacher and will continue teaching EE (Evangelism Explosion) in the Moscow area on the new 13-week schedule, but doing so in 2 weeks!

The next day Len and ladies left for Ivanovo and arrived at 2 AM on Friday (due to mechanical problems with a car and due to Moscow traffic). Len stayed with Pastor Guy Landry and family, and Sveta stayed with Anna in her home. Len met in the evening with the leaders of Ivanovo Christian Center (ICC) and encouraged them in their evangelism efforts. Even later that evening he met with Pastor Guy, Sveta Y., and Anna to



ANNA, LUBA, & SVETA

discuss the plans to host an EE clinic in Ivanovo in July 2007.

Saturday started with a meeting of the evangelism teams of ICC lead by Luba, and then on to

the streets and homes for 1-1/2 hours of visitation. There were 20 people participating with the results of 7 professions of faith. Len led a question and answer, and teaching session immediately following the visitation.

That evening, Len delivered an inspiring message to the young adults of the church at their special service on the process of "Loving Your Neighbor." Later he met with Sveta T. from Nizhny Novgorod and presented her with a small laptop computer that will facilitate her making logistic arrangements for the LMI teams that come over each year.



MISHA, SVETA, LIZA & LAPTOP

On Sunday, Len preached a sermon on "Jesus: Our role model," and then prayed for many that came forward for prayer with two people giving their hearts to Christ. Later in the day, the evangelism teams met again for another 1-1/2 hours of visitation. That evening Pastor Guy extended an invitation to Len to travel to Cameroon with him in January 2007 to determine their readiness for an EE clinic.



IVANOVO CHRISTIAN CENTER

Pastor Igor and Senior Pastor Andre of Yaroslavl had requested that Len visit to discuss the plans to host an EE clinic in their city in June 2007. So on Monday, he arrived in time for dinner with the senior pastor Andre. After dinner they attended a businessman's dinner, and Len was able to speak to them on the "Jesus: The Businessman." Several requested prayer.

On Tuesday, Len left Yaroslavl for Moscow. That evening he met with Lena L. who will be helping team members as they arrive and depart Moscow for the various trips next year. On Wednesday evening, he returned to the USA.



LEN SPEAKING TO BUSINESSMEN

JUST THE FACTS.....

95% of the people in church have never lead anyone to Christ.

Of the 3.5 million churches worldwide less than 7% are evangelistic.

EE equipped 232,265 believers to share the Gospel in 2005.

Through EE there were 4,464,318 professions in Christ in 2005.

Since 1996, Len Ministries has:

Contacted 18,049 persons.

Shared the Gospel 5,588 times to 14,858 persons.

Resulting in 4,926 professions of Faith and 1,059 Assurances.

Trained 200 people in the Jacksonville area to share their faith in Christ.

Equipped 526 leaders in 9 cities 5 nations to share their faith and to train others to do the same.



A NOTE FROM US.....

It is exciting to be a part of the lives of people when their hearts open up and receive the wonderful gift of eternal life! Yes, even God can use us – people with problems and imperfect! As you have just read, God is moving mightily in the lives of people of all different circumstances and cultures. Please pray how you can be a part of these upcoming trips. Whether it is in prayer, with your financial support, or in going with Len on these trips, God will use you and you will be blessed more than you could imagine.

While Len was in Russia recently, Marcia went and visited their daughters. Ruth is doing well at Florida Southern; Beth is busy working in Nicholasville, Kentucky; Sara and Daryl in Richmond, Virginia, are studying 24/7 working on Sara's masters in Social Work and Daryl's doctorate in Psychology. There is no greater joy then to know that your children are happy, healthy, and right where God called them to be.

We are thankful to all of you for loving and embracing our family. You are an extended part of the Showalter's and we are proud to be related to you through our wonderful Savior, Jesus Christ. May you be blessed abundantly for all you do.

YOUR MISSIONARY FAMILY,
THE SHOWALTERS

(pictured top to bottom: Beth, Ruth, Len, Marcia,
Daryl & Sara Van Tongeren & furry friends)

