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#### November 2009

# **Upcoming 2009 Banquet**

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Len Ministries celebrates the year in evangelism and shares a look at plans for 2010 with their Annual Fundraising Banquet

**[JACKSONVILLE, FL]** The Len Ministries Board of Trustees welcomes you to their 13th Annual Banquet. The event will be held at Wyndham Jacksonville Riverwalk Hotel located at 1515 Prudential Drive, Jacksonville, FL. The fund raising event will start at 6:30 P.M. on Saturday, November 14.

The evening will be filled with testimonies, pictures, and include two guest speakers. Sveta Yarygina, LMI Administrator for Russia, and Daniele Yetna from Douala, Cameroon. Rev. Len Showalter will be the key note speaker.

Please consider how you can partner with Len Ministries as it goes forward to win and train more people for the Lord Jesus Christ. Table (Business) Sponsorships and promotion are available!

Contact the ministry office at (904) 992-0545 or go online to www.lenmnistries.org/contact\_us.htm and register if you desire to attend.







Some highlights from 2008's banquet include Pastor Len's impassioned message (top); The food served is always wonderful (above, left); and so is the fellowship (right).

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# A Hope for Africa

## Hundreds of professions of faith are a victory for LMI Team's trip to Uganda, Kenya

**[MBALE, UGANDA]** On August 13, 2009, Len and Marcia Showalter (Len Ministries) led a spirit-filled group of missionaries that were called to the nation of Africa. On the team were Dwight Preheim, Beth Whisenant, and Ryan Zerkel.

After almost 48 hours of travel including layovers, the team arrived at their destination in Mbale. At the border of leaving Kenya and going into Uganda the team shared the Gospel and gave a young boy a Kids Evangelism Explosion (EE) tract. He had the tract almost memorized by the time



they departed and expressed the desire to be a missionary someday.

On August 16th, the team shared in different churches. Len and Marcia attended Living Word Worship Church. Senior Pastor Samuel Macho shares Len's vision to have every member in his church go through the EE training. That evening Pastor Samuel and Len spoke at a local radio station in a broadcast that reaches an audience of one million people across Uganda!

Monday, August 17th was the first day of the Evangelism Explosion (EE) Clinic. Out of the 48 trainees registered, 23 attendees received the gift of eternal life after Len presented the Gospel. That morning Dwight took some of the trainers out witnessing and 14 people received Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior! Pastor Peter Wekesa, (from Kitale, Kenya) shared the Gospel with 5 Muslims who received Christ!

On Tuesday, August 18th, the class had grown to 68. While the lectures continued the trainers went out and shared on the streets and there were 55 professions and assurances of faith! After the class lectures, the trainers took the trainees out into the streets and nearby home for "on the job training" (OJT). There were 28 teams and 232 people had professions and assurances of faith!

Thursday, August 20th, the team went to an orphanage while Len was teaching at the EE Clinic. The orphanage was in Sakiya, a rural village, and was set in beautiful scenery with goats along the side of the road. The village people were all smiling and waving as the team arrived. Most of these children are orphaned because of HIV/Aids, abuse, neglect, and poverty. The team shared the Gospel and handed out toothbrushes, toothpaste, and candy. Dwight and Ryan taught them how to play with a Frisbee.

At Friday's closing services, 50 Ugandans and 1 American (Ryan) graduated. Approximately 1% of Mbale (population of 65,000 – 70,000) was eternally changed in just 3 days!

**[ELDORET, KENYA]** The LMI team returned to Eldoret, Kenya after a 5+ hour ride. On Sunday, August 23rd, Pastor Len, Dwight, and Beth preached in different churches.

On Monday, 24 people registered for the EE Clinic at Grace Life Ministries (Pastor Elvyes Situma's church), and 12 of them made a profession or assurance of faith in Jesus Christ! The team also said goodbye to Ryan as he returned home to Jacksonville, FL.







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A census was being taken in Eldoret while the team was there and this caused some of the local tribes to flee because of fear of government related violence. Just a little over a year ago there was a tribal war going on in the area and there was much bloodshed. Even the LMI team was counted declaring their temporary residences and country of origin.

On the mornings while the trainees were in class Dwight took out the trainers for OJT. They had 63 people that professed Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior!

Wednesday, the team went to an orphanage of around 60 children. These children were being taught Bible Verses by a local pastor. The team shared the Gospel and 25 of them said the prayer of salvation. The team then handed out toys and candy.

By Thursday afternoon, the trainees were ready to share everything they had learned throughout the week as they went out with their trainer for OJT. They came back very encouraged, excited, and were able to see how effective this program is to lead others to Christ. For the three afternoons of OJT, there were 389 people that now know their destiny!

Friday was the last day of the clinic. 20 nationals passed their exams and headed back to their own church prepared to teach evangelism to their congregation.

Saturday was a day of rest, but on Sunday, Len preached in Pastor Situma's church which had grown from 150 members to 450 in just one year! Water baptism was held after the service and more than 50 were baptized. Afterwards they joined the rest of the church (and hundreds of children) in a fellowship dinner on the grounds.

The team left back to the United States on Monday, August 31st, and arrived home late on September 1st. They were impacted greatly by the many memories and experiences of the past three weeks.

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(from above): Pastors Samuel & Len at the radio station; Mbale EE Clinic; Gospel sharing in front of a police station; 50+ are water baptized. (opposite page): Ryan, Beth, & Dwight at orphanage; Boy at border displays EE track; Local girls carring water; Bicycle taxis in Mbale.





## **Southern Cross**

#### The LMI Team shares the beauty of Salvation amid the beauty of the Andes' majesty

**[PORTOVIEJO, ECUADOR]** The LMI Ecuador team consisted of Len and Marcia Showalter, Dwight Preheim, Dennis Dixon, Ruth Harhi, Helen Adamec, Cathy Russi, and Deborah Onderdonk. The team left for Quito, Ecuador on September 18.

After an overnight stay, they left Quito on a flight to Manta that went over the Andes Mountains. The view from the plane was both beautiful and breathtaking. The team was greeted in Manta by Pastor Paul Candela and Interpreter Tito Campos. Pastor Paul's church, Templo Metropolitano Alianza was the hosting church for the EE Clinic in Portoviejo. Saturday evening the team had a delicious dinner prepared by Pierina, Pastor Paul's wife.

Sunday morning Tito shared a message and Len shared that evening with Tito interpreting. The Christian

Missionary Alliance church had grown since Len, Dwight, and Dennis were there two years ago by using EE. Evangelism is important to Senior Pastor Gino Marriott and he realizes the impact it has on the church, the community, city, and Ecuador!

There were 16 trainees registered at the EE Clinic on Monday. Two EE clinic teachers from Quito, Irma de Maya and Tatiana Jhayya, came to assist with the teaching. Len stayed to help with the lectures while the rest of the team went to a daycare facility and shared the Gospel, handed out toys, and made balloon animals.

Tuesday the team went to a private school of 25 children. The Gospel was shared by the team members and 18 children received Jesus in the hearts! Then the team went to another daycare facility where there were 75 children under the

(this page): Deborah, Cathy, & Pierina makes balloon animals for children at Ecuadoran school; Dennis & Helen at daycare; Ruth sharing with children outside; Pastors Paul, Len, & Gino. (opposite page): Many children hear the Gospel; Dwight blesses clinic attendees; the majesty of the Andes mountains from the airport in Quito; Portoviejo EE clinic.



age of 4 waiting for them. They handed out stuffed animals and items knitted by the ladies at Crossroad UMC in Jacksonville, Florida, and told the children how much Jesus loves them.

During OJT Tuesday evening, Marcia went with Tito and a young boy named, Elvis. They shared the Gospel to a group of 28 children and 4 adults and everyone made a profession of faith which brought the total for that evening to 70.

Wednesday the team visited two schools while the lectures continued. The first one was a Christian school with two assemblies scheduled for the team, one for ages 6-11, and a second for those aged 11 -17. Each team member told a little about themselves and together they shared the Gospel. 89 children and 5 adults made







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professions/assurances in Jesus Christ! After this school the team visited another private school and was greeted with hugs and kisses. Everyone shared a part of the Gospel and 72 children and 7 adults made professions of faith!

Thursday morning was a time of ministry to those at the clinic. The LMI team gave out t-shirts, flashlights, and prayed for each trainee. Afterwards the team did some touring in Monte Cristo during the day and then began packing for the journey back home. That evening Pastor Paul and Pierina had yet another wonderful dinner prepared for the pastors in the church and the American team.

Friday was a very busy day for the American Team members as well as those in the EE Clinic. While the trainees were busy taking their exams, the American team members went to a medical clinic a couple of blocks away that is an outreach of the church. There they found that construction was ongoing as the Samaritan's Purse Ministry was building a new surgery center in coordination with the church.

The team spent time rejoicing that so many different ministries are working together to bring God's Word to people all around the world! Then they shared the Gospel with several of the sick families that were there visiting the medical clinic.



Afterwards, the team returned to the church for the graduation of 15 national students and 1 American (Deborah). There was a time of praise over the total of 187 professions of faith during the three nights of OJT!

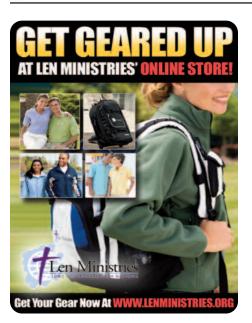
Pastor Paul, Pierina, and Tito took the team for a brief look at the Pacific Ocean in Manta

where the team was able to share the Gospel via a Spanish track with some local fishermen. Soon the team was on the plane bound for Quito. And after an overnight stay they all returned home safely on Saturday, September 26. LMI

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### **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:

All Nations Church International (ph# 904-695-1957) PO Box 37312, Jacksonville, FL 32236. Contact Len Showalter. 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. Christ Cares Alliance Church (ph# 904-641-8233) 1620 St. Johns Bluff Road North, Jacksonville, FL 32225.. Contact Lito Ibarreta.

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

#### Just the Facts.....

Please find below the results of the Mbale, Eldoret, and Portoviejo EE clinics and ministry efforts:

Comple	ted Contacts	Times Gospel Shared	To # of People	Professions & Assurances
Mbale, Uganda:	1,081	457	957	659
Eldoret, Kenya:	603	327	584	452
Portoviejo, Ecuador	: 409	77	400	306
Totals	2,093	861	1,941	1,417

67.7% of the completed contacts, or 73.0% of those that heard the Gospel professed Jesus Christ as Lord!

85 national and 2 American pastors/laypersons were trained to equip others to share their faith and win their cities for Christ!



### A Note From Us...

The holidays will soon be upon us and we will be welcoming in 2010 before we know it. The stores in the United States have had Christmas merchandise out for over a month now and... didn't all the kids just go back to school?

Time is something we take so for granted until we grow older. It is as though someone has your life going at warp speed and you're unable to accomplish all you want to do in a day.

The LMI Banquet will be exciting this year because Daniele (Cameroon) and Sveta (Russia) will be speaking as well as staying with us for a couple of weeks. We look forward to being with you on November 14th and hope that you will tell other people about this event also!

The Showalter family will all be together for Thanksgiving this year and for that,

we are truly thankful. (Psalm 30:12) May you be blessed abundantly as you continue to make a difference in the lives of people all over the world!

Your Missionary Family,

#### **The Showalters**



Come "Light the Fire" with Us Len Ministries' Annual Banquet November 14, 2008 6:30 p.m.

**Reservation Required** 

To Make Your Reservation or For Additional Info Call (904) 992-0545 or Visit www.lenministries.org/contact\_us



