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Don't Forget the Prisoners

“for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.” Matthew 25:35-36 (NKJV)

Rev. Len Showalter, president of Len Ministries, has been involved in various prison ministries for 17 years with Kairos ministry and eight years with teaching an evangelism class. The prison ministry work has been mainly focused at Union Correctional Institution (UCI) in Raiford, FL, and with the senior Chaplain, Joe Henkle.

Kairos is an ongoing ministry that takes a team of volunteers into prison for a 4-day weekend. The 30 to 40 men work with about the same number of inmates in an intensive format of 12-hour days under the scrutiny of the Chaplain and the officers on duty. The Gospel is presented in group settings and is reinforced with many stories and hands-on lessons. Usually during the closing ceremony, the inmates relate that their lives were changed through the dedication and the love shown to them by the volunteers.

The connections that Len made through Kairos opened the door for him to initiate an evangelism class inside UCI. This class has been ongoing now for 8 years. A 13-week teaching format is used with one 2-hour lesson being taught each week. Many inmates have been trained and share their faith weekly in the compound.

Additionally, Rev. Daniele Yetna (LMI director for French-speaking Africa) has initiated ministry in New Bell Prison in Douala, Cameroon, and brings the Gospel to that very needy campus.

The Lord tells us in Matthew 25 to take His Gospel to the prisoners. This is not an option for us; we must take the Gospel into the prisons. They need their lives changed, too. Contact the ministry office to join the next team going in.

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September 2019 Kairos #87 at UCI (inmates faces are blurred intentionally)

LMI Gala

[JACKSONVILLE, FL] On Saturday, November 2, Len Ministries held its annual friend-raising Gala at the Salem Centre, 7235 Bonneval Rd, Jacksonville, FL, 32256. The event's theme was "I Am Not Ashamed" based on Romans 1:16.

The evening started at 6pm with Beth Toenies, Chairman of the LMI Board, welcoming all the guests. After an opening prayer by Ken Vensel, CRU missionary, and a video from Garito Stanley, Go to Nations missionary in Honduras, a delicious buffet was presented by GrillBilly's BBQ of Middleburg, FL, for all to enjoy. During the dinner a PowerPoint presentation was shown detailing the ministry trips taken by Len Ministries in 2019.

After dinner, musician Robin Sheffield sang a special song that set the mood for a second video by Fernando Arzola, traveler to Guatemala with LMI in 2019. He reported on how his life has been impacted by the training that he personally received. Next the LMI board was recognized along with any military and pastors that were present.

Cathy Russi, LMI board member and traveler, addressed the people with her own testimony of her changed life. After a short video from Pastor Guy Landry from Ivanovo, Russia, Pastor Sean Yost of Redeemer Church in Ponte Vedra gave the keynote speech from Mark 2:1-12, detailing the need for supporting the effort to bring the Good News to those that are in great need.



Beth M.C.'s



Cathy testifies



Robin leads P&W

Next, Len Showalter, presented a "challenge coin" to all in attendance encouraging them to share the Gospel with others. Beth thanked all for attending and gave them the opportunity to join the ministry financially, and encouraged all to live their lives unashamed of the Gospel. The wonderful evening concluded with prayer by Nancy Murray, LMI Chaplain.

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Len tells a story



Pastor Sean Yost challenges all to be a witness

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Guatemala



Jutiapa students & mentors

[JUTIAPA, GUATEMALA] On Saturday, August 31, Pastor Len Showalter, Dwight Preheim, Cathy Russi, Carla Bitancor, and Fernando Arzola departed Jacksonville, FL, headed for Jutiapa, Guatemala. Despite the complications as a result of Hurricane Dorian, the team was able to make the connections in Miami and fly on to Guatemala City. After a four-hour van ride that was supposed to have been only two hours, the team arrived to a large city of 100,000 people located about 3,000 feet above sea level.

The Jacksonville team was met in Jutiapa by Honduran missionary Garito Stanley and his team: Lidia Dole, Luis Dole, Pastor Cesar Soto, and Pastor Pedro Pablo. Pastor Luis Tum of Kingdom House welcomed all to dinner at Wendy's across the street from the hotel where the combined leadership team was staying.

Sunday was a day of rest and planning with the regular church service scheduled in the evening due to the heat. The team enjoyed the music and preaching (all in Spanish) with the aid of

Lidia, Luis, Garito, and Fernando.

The International School of Evangelism started on Monday and continued through Friday. The students received approximately 24 hours of teaching and were taken to the streets by the mentors four times for about two hours each time. Also, the leadership team was able to visit six classrooms of children in two different schools over those days. The results were amazing with almost all the children wanting to receive Christ! On the streets the results were also very high with around 80% of the people approached receiving Jesus as their Lord and Savior. (See "Just the Facts" on pg. 4 for the details.)

The teams left on Saturday to return to their respective homes. This time the Jacksonville team had a two hour trip starting at 2:30 AM to the airport in Guatemala City for a 6:30 AM departure for Miami. All arrived home safely and are already planning their next international trip.



Fernando shares with Keli at Wendy's



Lidia shares with Vanessa at church



Cathy & Luis tells a class of girls about Jesus & they received



All these children received Christ

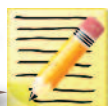


Garito catches some fish on the street

Just the Facts:

	Gospel Shared	To # of people	Professions & Assurances	Certified Trainers	Certified Teachers
Jutiapa, Guatemala	102	148	107		5
Jutiapa, Guatemala schools	6	179	166		
Jutiapa, Guatemala extra	14	26	19		
Kairos	12	12	11		
Personal YTD	25	36	32		
Totals	159	401	335	0	5
%Saved/Assurances		83.5%			

**Change a nation.
Spend the week
on a mission trip.
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A Note From Marcia...

As you have just read, LMI continues to make an eternal difference in the lives of people all over the world. This is because of you! You make it possible to raise up Soul-Winners for Christ that continue this ministry long after we leave those nations. Thank you!

Len and I plan to visit Ruth, Ryan, and Quinn in Memphis for Thanksgiving week. We miss them so much and were honored to go to Grandparent's Day at Quinn's Preschool. We don't get to see Sara and Daryl very much due to distance and work schedules. They keep busy with their careers and finished their book which is currently being published and available next Spring! We are blessed to be around our grandson, Isaac, (and their folks, Beth and Mike) and have enjoyed watching the milestones Isaac continues to make. (For more information, go to Facebook – The Story of Isaac.)

Although you and I haven't personally been able to travel with the team to Russia, Guatemala, or into prison we go with them through our prayers and our financial giving. One of my favorite scriptures is Romans 10:13-15 (NKJV):

13 For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"

May you have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

With our love, blessings, and appreciation,
Your Missionaries,

Len and Marcia Showalter



Calendar

Please note: function dates and locations are subject to change (check lenministries.org/wanna-go)

February 1 - 6, 2020:

International Evangelism School
Bunia, D. R. Congo, Africa

February 24 - 28, 2020:

International Evangelism School
Jacksonville, FL, USA

May 11 - 15, 2020:

International Evangelism School
Heilbronn, Germany

May 18 - 22, 2020:

International Evangelism School
Vladivostok, Russia

May 25 - 29, 2020:

International Evangelism School
Ussuriysk, Russia

June 1 - 5, 2020:

International Evangelism School
Novokuznetsk, Russia

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