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LMI Friend Raising Gala

“Behold, I have given him for a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander to the peoples.” Isaiah 55:4 (ASV)

[JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FL] Len Ministries’ annual Friend Raising Gala will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 8, 2014. The location will be the same as last year at the Community Center at Jacksonville Beach, 2508 South Beach Parkway.

Grill Billy’s will be cooking up something special for all to enjoy. The theme this year is “Soul Commander.” Wear your camo. Bring a friend. We will see photos and hear stories from the evangelism teachings in Jacksonville, FL;

Macas, Ecuador; Krasnoyarsk, Russia; Ulan-Ude, Russia; and Kisumu, Kenya.

The dinner ticket price is \$50 per person until October 25 and \$75 thereafter. Seating is limited, but the fun is not. Purchase your ticket at www.lenministries.org/gala or call the ministry office (904) 992-0545. There will be an additional offering received at the end of the program to assist with LMI’s 2015 ministry plans.

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Kisumu, Kenya

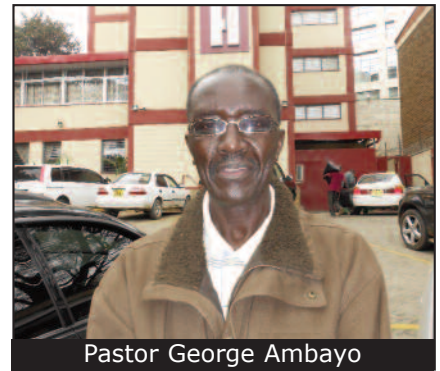
[KISUMU, KENYA] On Friday, August 8, 2014, Rev. Len Showalter headed to the Jacksonville, FL, airport bound for Nairobi. But, due to weather delays and airport complications, he was not able to leave until Saturday. After the overnight flight through Amsterdam, the delay put him in Nairobi on Sunday evening where he was met by Pastor George Ambayo.

After a night's rest at a hotel, Len and George drove east 7 hours through the Rift Valley and arrived Monday evening in Kisumu located on Lake Victoria. This delay caused the training to start a day later than scheduled. In order to finish on Friday the daily class time had to be extended several hours.

The Church of Christ in Africa was the hosting church. After meeting with the Archbishop, who participated in the split from the Anglican Church in 1957, the classes began. Pastor Hesbon Liech and Pastor Zachaues Simiyu alternated the teaching of the students with Len and George.

The large church grounds were perfect for the witness training, that began on Wednesday, because many adults work at the property while others pass through the gates daily. Also, neighborhood children play soccer and other games every day after school on the church grounds.

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Pastor George Ambayo



Rift Valley scenery



Church of Christ in Africa, Kisumu



Taxi driver prays

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Fishermen on Lake Victoria

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The class of 14 heard the Gospel presentation on Wednesday and all prayed for assurance of their faith in Jesus Christ. In the group was a pastor from Tanzania, a pastor and his wife from Uganda, a bishop from Uganda, and a lay leader from Uganda. The remainder of the class was from Kenya.

On Wednesday, the class was divided into 8 teams, each led by a trainer. After two hours of visitation on the streets around the church and talking to the kids who were playing soccer (the ball is pictured on page 1), the teams reported 53 professions and 3 assurances of faith. It was amazing to have 76% of the people that were talked to profess Christ!

As Len took his team witnessing it became apparent that the children in the area were extremely interested in listening to him. Len took on the responsibility of entertaining the kids in order for his students to have an opportunity to witness with others. Typically, there was a minimum of 20 children surrounding Len.

On Thursday and Friday the teaching progressed and the teams were sent to the street, again. One student, Martha, did not feel well, so she stayed behind during the visitation time. Len was able to bring his 20 "followers" to her. She sat in a chair while the kids gathered around her. They listened to her presentation and received Jesus! On Thursday and Friday the teams spoke with 360 people, which resulted in 303 professions and assurances of faith. (See the totals for the trip on page 4.)

Final exams occurred late Friday afternoon. 10 students passed and 3 needed more instruction. After graduation, the students departed for their homes and the team from Uganda left promising to invite Len to Uganda in 2015.

George and Len headed back to Nairobi through the Rift Valley on Saturday. Zebras, wart hogs, gazelles, and baboons were all present roadside! Despite delayed luggage, missed connections, and long flights it was a very fruitful trip.

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Sharing on the streets



The kitchen & our next meal



Soccer players receive Jesus



Len teaches students



They sat, listened, & believed



2014 Kisumu students, teachers, & trainers



Local fisherman with his catch

Just the Facts: **1** Evangelism

	<u>Completed Contacts</u>	<u>Times Gospel Shared</u>	<u>To # of People</u>	<u>Professions & Assurances</u>
Kisumu, Kenya	463	189	453	371
Church of the Messiah (Jacksonville)	90	42	79	40
First Presbyterian Church (Jacksonville)	91	40	65	28
Totals:	644	271	597	439

74% of those that heard the Gospel professed Jesus Christ as their Lord!
15 pastors and lay leaders from Jacksonville (FL), Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda were trained to share their faith, equip others, and win their communities for Christ!

Wanna Go?
Spend a week,
change a nation.
Call Len.



A Note From Us...

This was a busy summer full of international evangelism training for us: once in Ecuador; twice in Russia; and once in Kenya. Each trip we take seems to always be our favorite one. Even with all the obstacles, the change of plans, and the lack of being in control, we always realize that we need to put our trust in Jesus Christ to guide us and lead us no matter where we are.

Marcia was able to visit Sara and Daryl in Holland, MI, in September. And we are in the process of planning a trip to visit Ruth and Ryan in Coronado, CA. We are blessed to have Beth nearby, even though we don't see her as much as we once did. She's busy with work, travel, and activities. Beth's husband, Mike, is currently deployed. We ask that you cover him and his squadron in prayer.

Len continues to keep busy working with churches in the Jacksonville area, as well as making preparations for trips in 2015. He is still doing evangelism training and working with the Kairos Ministry at Union Correctional in Raiford, FL. Many of the prisoners receive Christ and have a new

freedom that they have never experienced.

It seems like this year has gone by quickly. May you be blessed abundantly as you sew seed into this ministry! Your prayers, financial support, encouragement, and love are what makes it possible for us to do what we do. You are making a difference!

Your Missionaries,

Len and Marcia Showalter



Marcia and Len near Krasnoyarsk Dam

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:

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