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Save the Date

[JACKSONVILLE, FL] Len Ministries extends to all an invitation to attend the 2013 annual gala themed "Salty Life." Salt is flavorful. Salt heals. Salt is a preservative. When we are salty we can bring flavor to someone else's life, or we can bring healing, or we can preserve it even unto eternal life. But if we have lost our savor (our saltiness), our lives are not serving the purpose God created it to be. We do not have the proper value.

The gala will be held at the Community Center at 2508 South Beach Parkway, Jacksonville Beach, FL, at 6:30 PM Saturday, November 16. Reservation is required and the attire is khaki and white. Tickets are \$50 by October 18 and \$75 thereafter. They are available at: www.lenministries.org/gala or call (904) 992-0545. Be prepared for some delicious BBQ!

There will be many stories told with pictures from the ministry efforts of 2013 and a vision cast for the ministry for 2014. Opportunity will be given to go, to pray, and to financially support Len Ministries as together we touch lives and make a difference in the Jacksonville area and around the world.

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"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses is flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men."
(Matthew 5:13) NKJV

Annual Gala

SALTY LIFE

Matthew 5:13

Saturday, November 16, 2013
at 6:30 pm, Attire: khaki and white

Community Center at Jacksonville Beach
2508 South Beach Parkway, Jax Beach 32250

Barbeque will be served!

Seating will be limited, Reservation required
\$50 per ticket by October 16 (\$75 after)

Purchase your tickets today at:
www.lenministries.org/gala or (904) 992-0545




Ivanovo, Russia



Guy teaching



Marcia sharing in background, too



Sunday praise and worship



2013 Ivanovo class

[IVANOVO, RUSSIA] On Thursday, July 4, 2013, Len and Marcia Showalter flew out of Daytona Beach, FL, at 6 A.M. due to last minute flight changes. Pastor Guy Landry met them at the airport in Moscow Friday afternoon after a very quick pass through Passport Control, baggage claim, and immigration.

It was a hot (95 degrees) 5-1/2 hour drive (200 miles) to Ivanovo Christian Center (ICC). The time difference of 8 hours ahead of EST caught up with them and rest was needed. Recuperation continued on Saturday which included some family time with Guy, Galina, and their 5 children.

Sunday began with a wonderful church service at Ivanovo Christian Center with many familiar faces. There was praise and worship, communion, a message from Pastor Len, and a time of prayer for people. After church, Len and Marcia went to the home of Sveta and Anthony (an American from Louisiana now living there) for dinner. It was a great time of fellowship and sharing about our cultures, politics, and God's Word.

Monday, July 8, began early with registration of 16 students. After a brief questionnaire and Gospel presentation, half of the class gained assurance of their salvation! The teaching continued on Tuesday as the weather turned cooler. The class had increased to 21 students. Len worked with the

trainees on their personal testimonies during the morning and Len, Guy, and Marcia taught lessons in the afternoon. After dinner 7 teams of 4 & 5 were sent out to the streets to share the Gospel and returned with 8 professions of faith.

The next day the students were excited and with more teaching they were now prepared to share more. With more trainers available, 10 teams of 3 went to the streets and 25 people professed Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior! Everyone rejoiced over the wonderful results.

Marcia started Thursday with a devotion from Mark 10:13-16 where Jesus blesses the little children. (Typically, Marcia would have visited an orphanage after her devotion, but a law had been passed in the Moscow/Ivanovo area forbidding foreigners visiting the children.) There was a time of prayer for the students and more teaching. With two additional witnessing opportunities during the day there were 43 more professions of faith!

Friday was certification day. Oral and written exams were taken by the students. There were 16 that passed and 5 that need additional training by ICC. After much celebration and gift exchanging, Len, Marcia, and Guy made preparation for the early 5 hour Saturday morning trip to Moscow and 2 hour flight to Ufa.

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Marcia shares with youth group

Igolino, Russia

[IGLINO, RUSSIA] Saturday, July 12, the day began early with Guy, Len, and Marcia leaving for Moscow at 7:00am. With a 2 hour flight and two additional time zones they arrived to Ufa early evening and were greeted by Tim Lovelace, Go to Nations Ministries and CEO of Global Development.

In addition to being the oil center, Ufa is the Muslim capital for Russia. The team headed to Igolino, a village of 15,000 just 20 minutes away. Go to Nations Ministries has a training center located there where missionaries come for 10 weeks of training.

Len and Marcia stayed in the home of Alexander (Sasha) and Irina, Open Heaven Church members. Guy stayed in the church's rehab center where the missionary interns stay.

Church started at noon on Sunday. The service started with a wonderful testimony by a young woman who previously was an addict, but is now an intern with the missionary organization. Irina led praise and worship after which Len preached with Guy interpreting.

On Monday, July 15, registration and teaching began for the class of 4 Americans and 14 Russians with 3 receiving assurance of their salvation! A woman who wanted to be a missionary and two others joined the class on Tuesday bringing the total to 21. After a day of teaching, 7 teams of 3 or 4 went out to a nearby park and to the streets sharing the Gospel

with Muslims, Russian Orthodox, and people who had no faith. 29 people made professions of faith.

Wednesday was filled with more lessons, examples, and instructions how to effectively share the Gospel. That evening 7 teams went out again for 2 hours in the same areas that they had been in the night before. The students shared their testimonies and the Gospel. 12 people received Christ with one-to-one witnessing.

The next day Marcia, Guy, Tim, and Sarah (Tim's daughter), visited an orphanage about an hour away. The orphanage had about 40 children but they were only able to visit with 9, ages 7-12. The team had fun with the children, telling them about life in Florida. Marcia and Guy shared the Gospel and all 9 children prayed to receive Jesus Christ!

When the team returned, the trainees were out in the streets witnessing on their own with the results of 19 people professing their faith in Jesus Christ. That evening they went out again and there were 8 more that professed Jesus Christ as Savior.

Friday was exam day. 15 students passed with 6 needing more training. After the exams, the team took a 6 hour trip to the Urals with Sasha. Saturday the team returned to Moscow. Monday Guy returned to Ivanovo and Len and Marcia returned to the USA.
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Hosts Alexander, Alina, Irina & team



Student Victor witnessing in the park



Orphanage kids listen & respond



Nine prayed to receive Him!



2013 Igolino class

Just the Facts: **1** Evangelism

	Completed Contacts	Times Gospel Shared	To # of People	Professions & Assurances
Ivanovo, Russia	271	123	195	85
Iglino, Russia	234	91	181	89
Totals:	505	214	376	174

46% of those that heard the Gospel professed Jesus Christ as Lord!

31 pastors and lay leaders were trained to share their faith, equip others, and win their cities for Christ!

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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:

Anastasia Baptist Church

1650 A1A South
St. Augustine, FL 32080
(904) 471-2166
Contact: Al Kaidor

Holiday Hill Baptist Church

730 Mandalay Road
Jacksonville, FL 32216
(904) 721-0721
Contact: Bob Wilmot

Second Missionary Baptist Church

954 Kings Road
Jacksonville, FL 32204
(904) 354-8268
Contact: Winston Smith

Union Correctional Institution

7819 NW 228th St.
Raiford, FL 32026
(386) 431-2000
Contact: Barry Hendrick



A Note From Us...

School has already started; leaves are already changing color in certain areas; and we're trying to figure out where summer went. Before we know it we will be celebrating the holidays and welcoming in the New Year.

We recently went out to visit Ruth and Ryan in California and are looking forward to having Sara come for a quick trip home mid-September. The time we can all be together as a family again is becoming less and less since everyone is so busy and schedules conflict.

Thank you for your continued love, prayers, and financial support. You are vital to this ministry, to us, and to those that you are making an eternal difference in. Come join us on Saturday nights in our home for a time of fellowship, worship, prayer, breaking bread together, and studying the Word of God.

With our love and appreciation,

Your Missionary Family,
The Showalters'

Len & Marcia Showalter

