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MI Annual Gala

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"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

The 2020 LMI Annual Gala is going forward in accordance with local recommended COVID-19 restrictions. The pandemic has caused the ministry to rethink some of the processes in order to continue the annual event. We desired to facilitate those that wish to safely attend in person and those that wish to participate virtually.

On Saturday, November 14, we will be hosting our event at the Salem Centre, 7235 Bonneval Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32256. We will offer a BBQ dinner from Grill Billy's that

will be able to be picked up at the Salem Centre prior to the start of the program for those joining our gala virtually this year. There will time alloted for those picking up their meal to return home and eat. Also, those that wish to get their meal and stay at the Salem Centre may do so.

The eating arrangements for the group that chooses to



stay will be in COVID-19 compliance. The auditorium seating will be limited to three to five per table with proper distancing between tables. The total in-house seating will be limited therefore, reservations are required. Masks will be in use when the proper distancing cannot be followed.

The online event will feature all the same speakers, testimonies, and prayers that are present in real time. A special offering to assist Len Ministries in taking the Gospel to the nations around the world

(includes the USA) will be received at the end of the evening.

Your pre-registration is very important. Let us know how you will be joining us - in person or remotely. We need to know if you will be picking up a meal to go or joining us to eat at the Salem Centre.

Be bold, be brave, be courageous and help us take the Good News of Jesus Christ to those that need to hear!

Ulan-Ude, Russia

[ULAN-UDE, RUSSIA] From Pastor Sergey 5/19/20: "Thank you for your prayers and interest in gospel Ministry among the small peoples of Siberia. At this time, given the fact that the Covid-19 pandemic is still spreading in Russia and restrictive measures are still working for the population, we are trying to find ways to continue to bring people hope for salvation in Jesus Christ. Now we have created a new leaflet - "door hook hanger" where you can see the Lord's Prayer and Psalm 91, and also a phone number for the feedback contact. So, our evangelists were able to go to multi-story buildings in the city, where there are many apartments. With prayer, they hung a leaflet on the door handle of each apartment. As people are experiencing fears about health, and someone is having a hard period of illness, in addition to all the common life questions, they need comfort in God. Thank God that we can preach the gospel in this way.

In July, we organized a trip to lake Baikal. A total of 120 people of different ages were able to have a lot of rest and fellowship for five days. We also had water baptism, where my daughter made a Covenant with God. This is a great joy! We also focused on serving the 20 or so non-believers who came with us some of them are still attending church services!

Also, part of our team went to the Kurumkan district for evangelism. In the Buryat village Aleson, they stopped at Dariso's house. Her relatives gathered there and we did not miss the opportunity to tell the gospel in the Buryat language. They gratefully accepted the Lord Jesus into their hearts. Due to the fact that there are many shamans in this village, the spiritual atmosphere was not easy. On this trip, the evangelists met many people who opposed the news about Jesus and threatened all kinds of evil. But we prayed for protection and rejoiced for those people who were looking for a meeting with us as they wanted communication, encouragement, and spiritual Word. God protected everyone and those

who threatened us made no harm. Thank God!

In the village of Taphar, upon entering one house we were very warmly welcomed by a woman, Ayurzhana, as if she was waiting for us. We shared the gospel with her and she prayed! The tears in her eyes made us believe that the Holy Spirit had touched her heart. Thank God for the evangelists who are used by God to bring the best message of the Savior.

In the village of Poselye, where we have conducted a rehab service for several years, evangelizations are being held. On Thursday, evangelists visit people who want to know more about God and we serve them communion. A group of believers meet regularly there. Along with this, we have started to build a small meeting room in this village. The foundation and walls have already been built, we now need to put a roof and then a heating system, floor, and interior. We are praying for the funds to finish by November so that we can hold Church meetings in the new hall.

We thank everyone for your prayers. God bless you in everything. With respect and love,

Pastor Sergey and the team of evangelists."

Placing door hangers

Lake Baikal retreat





Ayurzhana receives Christ

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The Ministry Continues



[JACKSONVILLE, FL] The Coronavirus has effected Len Ministries by causing the personto-person contacting to be modified. Regardless of the new limitations we have continued to go to the streets as we have heard the cry of the people. The need for sharing is even greater now due to the newly realized amount of fear that is present in the population. Here are the current ministry efforts:

1) Prison ministry at Union Correctional Institution (UCI) is still restricted. Tony Cozier has worked with Len to teach the inmates evangelism for about 8 years. Tony mostly substitutes for Len as needed, as Tony also does ministry at Putnam Correctional Institution (PCI). Due to recent illness Tony is taking a sabbatical and Len has substituted for him at PCI. Len was able to preach and encourage the smaller than normal group of 28 for several weeks. Len hopes to be able to assist Tony more in the future.



Bob videoing Len's teachings

2) With the aid of videographer Bob Springer, Len has been recording the evangel-ism teachings that he has been using since 1991. Bob's skillfulness is very evident and his editing skills are bringing forth Len's best work. The teachings (without the practicums) should be available through the LMI website soon.

3) For over 25 years Len has met with local pastors and min-



Ministers join in fellowship & prayer



Molly stopped and received the Good News with Len!

isters once a week to pray for their ministry, family, and the city. They were meeting at the City Rescue Mission (CRM), but now they meet at other locations due to the COVID-19 restrictions. They have met at various open air parks including the one above in Green Cove Springs. Currently, they are meeting weekly at Tony Nasrallah's Murray Hill Theater, 932 Edgewood Ave S, Jacksonville, FL 32205 on Thursdays at 11:30am. This is open to anyone in ministry.

4) Several evangelism courses are planned for September. These will be located around the area of Jacksonville and may have some openings for more students and prayer partners. To join us



Makayla receives Christ with Carla

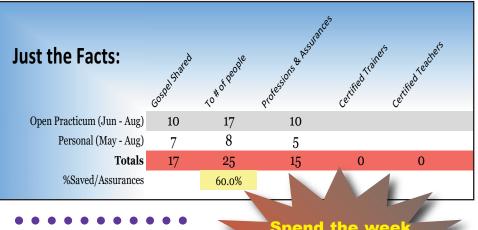
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5) Len continues to plan trips for 2021 to Central America, Russia, and Africa. Our international partners are excited to have LMI return for ministry.

Please contact the ministry office if you are interested in joining a team or one of these ministry efforts. LMI



Len shared Jesus with Sarah's girls



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Calendar

Please note: event dates and locations are subject to change

(check lenministries.org/wanna-go)

November 14, 2020: LMI Gala Jacksonville, FL

January 25 - 29, 2021: International Evangelism School Kigali, Rwanda

February 1 - 5, 2021: International Evangelism School Libreville, Gabon

February 22 - 26, 2021: International Evangelism School Jacksonville, FL

May, June, & August 2021: International Evangelism School Russia

Contact LMI to join a team!

<u>~note possible travel</u> restrictions due to COVID-19~ What a different summer this has been. Who would have imagined that in 2020 we would be going through all the challenges we find ourselves facing each day? In John 14:27 Jesus tells us, "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful." (ASV)

We have had a busy summer. Len had foot surgery on July 30 and recovery is estimated to be a couple months. He has been busy working via virtual meet-ings while having his foot elevated. What a trooper! Ruth, Ryan, and Quinn welcomed baby Blythe into the world on August 3rd. Due to COVID-19 and other restrictions, we have not been able to see them in person. Sara and Daryl were able to interrupt their personal schedules to travel and take care of Quinn while her folks and Blythe were in the hospital. Beth, Mike, and Isaac have moved into a newer home that will provide some much needed space for Isaac, his nurses, and his specialized equipment.

Len's Aunt Hattie (Chesapeake, VA) went home to be with Jesus on August 9. She was 93 years young and a mighty prayer warrior and loved member of the Showalter family.

We hope you will join us at the Gala November 14. Although this year's Gala is a little different than past ones, God is still moving - people are coming to Christ - and we continue to raise up soul-winners for Him!

With our love, blessings, and appreciation,

Your Missionaries, Len and Marcia Showalter (and Medi)

