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## **Come Celebrate!**

"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13 (NKJV)

Len Ministries cordially invites you to attend the annual LMI Gala 6 to 8pm on Saturday, November 5, 2022, to be held at the Salem Centre in Jacksonville, FL. It will be a great time of fellowship, BBQ by GrillBilly, and ministry stories from 2022. The guest speaker will be Dr. Lidia Dole, DDS, of Puerto Cortez, Honduras (pictured below).

Lidia was trained by LMI in 2017 in her home

city in her father's church,

Evangelistic
Baptist
Church of
Jesus. She
was part
of the
teams
sharing
the
Gospel
that resulted in 473

professions in five days! Since then she has completed her dental apprenticeship and has opened her own office. Additionally, she

own office. Additionally, she has continued in evangelism training with LMI. Len uses her talents as a wonderful interpreter, teacher,

and trainer of others. She will be sharing at the Gala many amazing stories of the work of the Holy Spirit in her life.

Also sharing at the Gala will be Joe Hayworth, Chairman of the LMI board. He will be detailing his involvement with LMI and his mission trips, especially focusing on understanding the reporting from the field as Pastor Len goes on various

trips.

Another great speaker will be Beth Showalter Toenies, LMI Board member and COO of Belfor. She will be detailing LMI's connection with Bella Bumbas. She has some great stories about how we have assisted special needs children around the world by bringing hope to them.

Registration to the Gala is free,

but you must reserve your seating. Hope to see you there! www.LenMinistries.org/Gala LMI



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## San Salvador, El Salvador

**[SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR]** On Sunday, September 4, Rev. Len Showalter, Rick Wyman, Rev. Lito Ibarreta boarded a plane for El Salvador for a week of evangelism training. They were joined by Lidia and Jazmine Doyle, trainers and interpreters, from Puerto Cortez, Honduras. Melvin Lainez (Lidia and Jazmine's cousin) represented the La Red Christian Church as leader of the team of seven students that were to be trained. The church was located in an older part of town and was near a family park where much of the practical evangelism training ocurred. Upon arrival the team joined a church celebration of the women's ministry at the close of their weekend retreat. It was wild and loud! It started around 9pm

and finished sometime after midnight. Len and team headed to the hotel at

9:15pm due to their upcoming week long schedule. They needed some rest.

The training started at 9am on Monday. The seven students arrived and were registered into the class. (Jazmine was also registered as she had not been through the certification process at an International Evangelism School.) The evangelism training would finish each night by 7pm. Rick and Lito assisted Len in the teaching as did Lidia and Jazmine

when they were not interpreting or handling administrative duties. Typically, each day contains about six hours of teaching and two hours of street witnessing. At the end of each day the students would re-gather at the church to share their team's results. The students would head home afterwards for several hours of homework and study to prepare for the next day's class.

Friday morning started a little dif-ferently, as Len was able to speak at a week-long firefighter training class of 40 students that was being held at the hotel. One of the leaders, Ana Cea, arranged for Len to speak and pray for the firemen!

Later at the church most of the students struggled with their exams, so Len sent them out to win more souls for Christ and earn some "bonus" points. With the extra effort, all eight students passed! A graduation service was held that evening at the church. All rejoiced at the 75 new names (see pg 6 "Just the Facts") written in the Lambs Book of Life as a result of the effort of the class. After a wonderful mountain top dinner of

pupusas and a night's rest, the team headed for home.







Melvin & Claudia sharing





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# Vladimir, Russia



Kristina and her new sister

**[VLADIMIR, RUSSIA]** Rev. Len Showalter boarded a Turkish Air airplane in NY headed for Istanbul, Turkey, on Friday, July 22. After a ten-hour overnight flight, he caught another three-hour flight into Moscow. Pastor Guy Landry, Pastor Denis, and interpreter Nastya Radkova met Len at the DME airport and they headed by car to Vladimir thru the Moscow traffic. Guy dropped off Len and Nastya, and he and Denis returned to Ivanovo.

After a night's rest at a hotel in Vladimir, Len and Nastya headed to Vladimir Christian Center for a Sunday service where Len preached. The service opened with wonderful praise and worship led by Kristina, 13-year-old pastor's daughter. Len then spoke on the Holy Spirit with almost all of the 35 members coming forward for prayer. Afterwards many enjoyed fellowship at a local dacha (summer house).

The evangelism training started Monday morning and went through Friday. Pastor Guy and Denis returned to assist in teaching the class. Typically, each day contained about six hours of teaching and two hours of street witnessing. At the end of each day the students with their mentors would re-gather at the church to share their team's results which was inspirational to all. Of course there was a little more instruction given, but all would leave each night excited. The students would head home for several hours of homework and study to prepare for the next day's class.

Friday had several hours set aside for final exams - oral and written. Eight of the nine students passed! A graduation ceremony was held with Anna (8 1/2 months pregnant) and Nastya (not the interpreter) receiving top honors. All rejoiced at the 39 new names (see pg 6 "Just the Facts") written in the Lambs Book of Life as a

result of the effort of the class.

Friday evening interpreter Nastya returned home to Yaroslavl. Len, Guy, and Denis headed to Ivanovo to hold another evangelism class. Much to their surprise four Vladimir students came to help, too! (Cont'd next page)









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# Ivanovo, Russia

**[IVANOVO, RUSSIA]** Pastor Len, Pastor Guy, and Pastor Denis arrived in Ivanovo Friday night, July 29. Saturday was a day of rest and family time with Pastor Guy.

Ivanovo Christian Center (ICC) was the location of Sunday service. Len spoke after the awesome praise and worship. He spoke on "New wine skins needed for new wine," from Matthew 9:16-17.

The response was great with many being prayed for.

As the same as in Vladimir, the evangelism training started Monday morning and went through Friday. Arina, one of the students, was drafted to be Len's interpreter for the week. As before, each day consisted of about six-hours of teaching and two-hours of street witnessing. At the end of each day the students with their mentors would re-gather at the church to share their team's results which was inspirational to all. Of course there was a little more instruction given, but all would leave each night excited. The students would head home for several hours of homework and study to prepare for the next day's class.

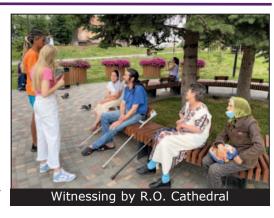
Friday had with several hours set aside for final exams - oral and written. All 19 students passed! A graduation ceremony was held with Marsha and Jozef receiving top honors. All rejoiced at the 95

new names (see pg 6 "Just the Facts") written in the Lambs Book of Life as a result of the effort of the class. Len and Guy took great lengths to "lose" interpreter Arina's graduation certificate at the end of the ceremony, but then they found it just before the "melt down."

Friday night Len spoke at the Youth Meeting at ICC. It was an exciting meeting with five new comers that had been witnessed to that week in the streets. Len spoke with a great response on King David's "Motley Crew" (2Samuel 23).

Guy drove Len to Moscow on Saturday through much traffic and then returned home. Len was able to stay with Sergei and Tatiana Litysheva, who have hosted him previously. They graciously got up at 2am and drove him to the airport. Len traveled back through Istanbul to NY and then to JAX for a total travel time of 31 hrs.

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Two legal students hear

Arina shares with a couple





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### More....



#### [SAN PEDRO SULA, HONDURAS]

Missionary Garito Stanley with Go to Nations continues training missionaries and teaching them to evangelize. He uses the teachings given to him by Len Ministries over the past few years. His current report is as follows:

"Pastor Pedro's church is in week five and they have had 114 professions and 31 confirmations of faith in Christ with the 28 students in the class. Also, five Congregational Pentecostal Churches are going to the streets weekly to evangelize. I am continuing to work with them on implementing a healthy discipleship program."

**[ULAN-UDE, RUSSIA]** Pastor Sergey Lyakhov of the Buryat Church reports that in August teams have made trips in different directions in the regions of Buryatia:

"We visited one of the remote villages in the Kurumkan district: about five hundred kilometers far from Ulan-Ude. We passed almost every house and where any door was open to us, there we had the opportunity to communicate closer with people and preach the Gospel. About thirty people turned their hearts to the Savior in prayer. If possible, we will visit these people so that there will be a home group there and people will have the opportunity to grow and be confirmed in the Lord.

According to local residents, no one had previously preached the gospel there at all, or maybe it was a long time ago and no one remembers anymore. We were pleased that we did not come here in vain because nothing inspires us more than hearts open to God."



**[WEBSTER, NY]** Rebecca Parzynski, founder of Bellas Bumbas, gives the gift of Independent mobility to children all across the world who would not have access to a wheelchair otherwise. Most of the time the child's parent has to carry the child

because of their inability to walk independently. The nonprofit provides home-built wheelchairs to the families at no charge except for shipping. Through the recommendation of a therapist, Isaac Toenies, Len & Marica's grandson, (pictured far left) was given a chair that made a significant difference in his life.

Len Ministries has gotten connected to Bellas Bombas as a "delivery service" to bring wheelchairs as LMI travels to other nations. So far, LMI has assisted in delivering six wheelchairs to four nations; Honduras, Russia, El Salvador, and Rwanda. Beth Toenies, LMI Board member, will be detailing her personal involvement with Bellas Bombas at the LMI Gala, November 5. Don miss it! (See pg. 1)



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Just the Facts:	Gospel Strated	To Hot beaple	Professions & Assurance	s Certified Trainers	Certified Teachers	,
Union Correctional Institution	30	33	16			
Gracias Lempira, Honduras	338	512	441		13	_
Vladimir, Russia	58	92	39		8	
Ivanovo, Russia	146	260	95		19	
San Salvador, El Salvador	80	122	75		8	-
Totals	652	1,019	666	О	48	
%Saved/Assurances		65.4%				

Spend the week on a mission trip. Change a nation. Call LMI.



#### Calendar

Please note: event dates and locations are subject to change and do <u>not</u> include travel dates.

(check lenministries.org/wanna-go)

October 3 - 7, 2022: International Evangelism School Mityana, Uganda

October 10 - 14, 2022: International Evangelism School Kigali, Rwanda

> November 5, 2022: LMI Gala Jacksonville, FL

**February 20 - 24, 2023:** International Evangelism School Jacksonville, FL

March 13 - 17, 2023: International Evangelism School Southern Russia

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Contact LMI to join a team!

~note possible travel restrictions due to COVID-19~



#### A Note From Marcia...

As you have read, we've been busy this summer and will be this fall. God is doing amazing things while so many challenges are taking place in the world. People are coming to Christ and LMI continues to train and raise up Soul-Winners for Jesus in the USA, Russia, Central America, and throughout Africa.

Witnessing should be a way of life for all of us. If you aren't comfortable in talking to others about Christ, contact us and we'll give you the information and training to be able to share the Gospel effectively and with confidence with others.

On a personal note – Len and I are staying busy, and we forget sometimes that we're getting older. It amazes me that our bodies and our minds are not always in sync.

Sara and Daryl are enjoying their new little puppy, Alfie. Sara was able to go and visit Ruth, Ryan, and the girls for a week. I know the girls loved having their Aunt Sara there, although they missed their Uncle DeDe. Sara and Daryl keep busy with their careers and travel.

Beth and Mike are busy with the boys and their work commitments. Beth's company was purchased by Belfor and as COO, she's stays busy as well as scheduling appointments for Isaac. Isaac recently had a complicated surgery, so please keep him in your prayers. Mike has been promoted to Chief! He is

also scheduled for a six-month deployment in October.

Ruth, Ryan, and the girls are busy with their careers and school. Ruth keeps busy being a mom and working at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital mostly from Coronado; Ryan has assumed command of the largest helicopter Sea Combat squadron. Quinn started first grade and Blythe, who is two, began going to Montessori Daycare.

I miss our clan being together but am grateful for being able to stay connected via FaceTime, phone calls, and texts.

We hope you will be able to join us on November 5th to hear the testimonies and find out what God is doing through LMI throughout the Jacksonville area and around the world. May you be blessed abundantly!

Your Missionaries,

Len and Marcia Showalter (and dog, Medi)

