

## December Update

Greetings from North Carolina in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! We're pleased to share with you what the Lord has been doing in our lives and ministry.



Hope and Faith

Joseph and Christopher

*Family*: On Thanksgiving, we had a wonderful meal, which the Lord provided, and which Jennifer made with some help from the children. We took time to pray and give thanks to the Lord for His manifold blessings in our lives, and the children enjoyed a break off from school. In December, the children have continued with their home schooling, and are enjoying mild weather, which on some days has been just like summer and other days like fall or spring.

Charity wrote a couple of new poems. One was <u>God-Given Rest</u>. The other was <u>Full of His Goodness</u>, which she read to the whole family on Thanksgiving.

The children have also been continuing to share with their friends about the Lord, playing games with them that bring glory to God, and inviting them to Church services in our home. In our services, we continue to see the Lord's hand guiding us, as the Holy Spirit ministers through each member of the Body.

We received the mattress sets for the whole family to replace the air mattresses we've been using for a few months, as well as a bunk bed for the boys, which they are enjoying. There was an issue with Joseph's mattress that required them to order another one, so we are awaiting it. But everyone is off the floor now, so we are thankful for that.

*Ministry:* We now have three new students enrolled in our <u>Doulos Training</u> <u>School</u> (DTS), which brings our total enrollment to five students. The new students are Onor from Cameroon, Africa; Richmond from Liberia, Africa; and Emmanuel from Nigeria, Africa. These students now join Deji from Nigeria and Nikeshia from Jamaica in our DTS. Praise the Lord!

Deji was baptized in water this month. He wrote: "Thank God for what He has done. Thank God I have been baptised. The devil didn't want that to happen but the Lord prevailed as always. I was baptised with some other brethren after worship yesterday. For me, I believe its another step that will usher in more of God on my life. I'm happy! In Christ, Deji." Praise the Lord! Please pray for direction and employment for Deji, as he is still unemployed.

Nickeshia in Jamaica needs a laptop, so that she can conduct her studies properly, rather than reading the DTS coursework from her phone. Please pray that the Lord would provide that for her.

Richmond, who is an evangelist with a preaching ministry in Liberia, wrote an encouraging note one week after he started his studies in the DTS saying, "Hi brother Len, I enjoy the lessons for the first quarter, because I have gone through many of them. Your writings are powerful and good. To God be the glory...God bless you."

Emmanuel, another one of our new students, shared a brief testimony with Len. He said, "My first conversion took place in 1998. I went back to the world living a double life until I had no other option. My coming back to God was divine providence, from a health issue to realizing how worthless man's life is. I came to the Lord early this year but my sanctification experience took place...on 11th Nov, 2015. Ever since, I stopped living for self and started living for my Lord Jesus. All of Jesus, none of self."

He is very happy to begin in our discipleship program and is eager to evangelize. Since he is located in the same city where Deji lives in Nigeria, we anticipate that those two brothers may be working together in the vineyard. Let's pray to that end.



**Emmanuel Moses** 



Joseph Mshana

The Lord continues to use our online Christian literature ministry worldwide. Len also continues to get encouraging feedback from those who are benefiting from it. One reader in Germany has asked to translate and publish Len's articles into the German language, so that people in that country may benefit from them. He said that teachings, such as the one's Len is posting in his articles, are missing there and much needed. His comment was:

"Hallo Len, I am a South African student studying at a Bible Seminary in Bonn, Germany. My sister and I have been greatly blessed by your ministry and I am convinced that many many more should be able to glean from it in their own language. Would it be okay for you if I translated (and had translated) some of the articles from Eternal Destinations for my friends and brethren in the Christ to see? That would be a huge service to the Church in Germany...Would that be fine by you? I would greatly appreciate it (and I am sure a lot of other people). You will be credited in all of this of course and all will be linked to your pages. Much love and regards, Monde."

Another reader, named Carlos, commented, "Hello, brother Len...it's a huge blessing for me to have found your blog. It has helped me greatly in my Christian walk, praise the Lord...God bless!"

Another reader in Beirut, Lebanon, named Sherry, contacted us for help on a personal matter, and she plans to enroll in the DTS this coming spring, once she is back in her home country of Kenya. She has a burden to evangelize the rural villages in her home country.

Another reader in Zimbabwe, named Magline, contacted us saying that she got saved through this ministry. She was asking for help with some personal matters that she is going through, so we have been serving her as well.

Another reader, named Joseph, from Tanzania, Africa wrote to Len in December, asking for electronic copies of all his articles, which he has been using to spread the gospel to others there in his country. After Len replied to him, Joseph responded in part by saying:

"Praise the Lord, dear brethren! First of all, I thank God for everything. Secondly, I thank you for your kind response. In Africa, I live in Tanzania, Tabora. I' m still a student, pursuing advanced level (A-level) education, currently in another region (Iringa). For now, I' m spending my holiday at home, Tabora."

"Since I came across this blog, I've been eager and thirsty to know the Lord God, more and more (Job 22:21). I've read several testimonies, and other fewer articles (like, '<u>Holy Living in a Perverted World</u>')...Since then, I've been informing others / letting others know about 'these things', through email, social networks

and mostly through 'hard copy distribution'. Most of the times, I've been unable to access the Internet, due to various economic and geographical reasons. That's why I decided to deal with hard copies. Even now, I still prefer the articles in hard copies, because I can easily share with anyone, at anytime. For instance, at school, it's been possible to reach many students, with the articles. By the way, the use of electronic devices such as phones, is strictly prohibited in our school, and many other schools. Sometimes, I send several articles, especially the testimonies, to my fellows in other neighboring schools, within the region."

"Apart from that, I'm still seeking the Lord, so that I do his perfect will in my life, through continuous reading of the Bible and meditation, prayers and fellowship with the Holy Spirit. I've been going through a hard moment, as the Holy Spirit reveals to me that 'The Church' s condition is deteriorating, as time passes by.' I've been praying and still praying for revival in the Church. The Holy Spirit is still teaching me a lot though."

"About the articles, it's hard to describe, but I really wanted to get all of them, if that were possible...May God bless you. Yours servant of God, Joseph." We give God all the glory for what He is doing in this brother's life in Tanzania through our ministry. Praise the Lord! Please pray that the Lord would help him to be faithful.

You may remember that last month we updated you on the progress of another brother named Carl, the man who received deliverance from demons and persistent thoughts that he had blasphemed the Holy Spirit. Well, he wrote to Len in early December saying, "Hi Len. I wanted to give you a tremendous update on how I am doing. I don't know if the Mushalla sisters told you. But since we have last talked, the Lord has been doing a great work in me. This past Sunday I was baptized with the Holy Spirit. I cried out to the Lord in tongues and I'm doing much better. I just wanted to let you know I am doing fine." Praise the Lord! To God be all the glory! Carl specifically asked if I would post this in our newsletter, so that those who've been praying for him would know of his progress.

Another demonized person in the States named Kyle contacted us a couple months ago, and we have been ministering to him. Demons were cast out of this brother, but he still believes there are more remaining, which refuse to go. Please pray for Kyle to be completely delivered from evil.

Len continues to produce his monthly publication, <u>Old News That's Still Fresh</u>, containing his latest articles, which he sends out to pastors, elders, and laborers across the world, as well as here in the States. In December, he received some encouraging feedback on it from an elder here in the States in the Midwest. We give God all the glory for the things He has done. As Paul said, "May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world." (Gal 6:14). In closing, we have much to praise God for, and many opportunities for you to join us in prayer.

Praise the Lord with us for the many answers to prayer:

- 1. For the Lord's leading, guidance, and help operating the Doulos Training School (DTS), for the new students that have enrolled, as well as for the progress they are making.
- 2. For the enrollment into the DTS of our newest disciples, Richmond, Onor, and Emmanuel.
- 3. For Deji's water baptism.
- 4. For bringing about victory in the life of our friend, Carl, and baptizing him with the Holy Spirit.
- 5. For the lives being touched for Christ around the world through our writing ministry.
- 6. For the words of encouragement we have received from the people being touched.

## Next steps and prayer needs:

- 1. For the Lord to heal Len from lower spine and sciatic trouble, causing chronic pain.
- 2. For the Lord to assist us with the Doulos Training School (DTS), as well as develop through it many disciples who make disciples, resulting in multiplication for His glory. And special blessings upon the disciples, as they study to show themselves approved.
- 3. For the Lord to provide Nickeshia with a laptop for her DTS studies.
- 4. For the Lord to deliver Kyle from evil.
- 5. For the Lord to place military people in our path who are ready for the gospel, and who will later be used by the Lord to reach many others for Christ here and in the uttermost parts of the earth.
- 6. For the Lord to fulfill His purposes for Len, and that He would help Len by opening doors for ministry and giving him courage, that whenever he speaks, words may be given him so that he will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel.
- 7. For the Lord to send his angels with Len's messages to those who need them, and for an open heaven over them when they receive his messages.
- 8. For the Lord to continue to raise up new faith partners, and to provide for us, including all the furniture we need.

Thank you so much for your partnership in this ministry.

with love from all of us, The Lacroixs

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