

February Update

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

Family: In February we celebrated Joseph's fifth birthday. It was a very cold day, after we had been hit with ice and snow from the Pax Storm system. He received some cards and a gift, after celebrating with some delicious homemade birthday cake. It's hard to believe it's already been five years since he was born in Hungary, shortly after our arrival there.





Joseph beaming with joy at his fifth birthday party

Charity and Hope

As we reported last month, our children started a blog called "A Brush with Life," which is managed and maintained by our daughter, Charity. We have received some good feedback on it. Some friends of ours, artist Danny Hahlbohm and his wife Diana reviewed the art gallery. Upon Diana's first moments reading the "Why This Blog" page, she commented, "I am absolutely overwhelmed by the anointing I am feeling from the blog entries and beautiful artwork by your children. I look forward to exploring each and every entry. Bless you all for bringing such glory to our King." And you can see her husband Danny's world-renowned art at Inspired Art. Len uses a lot of his art on his blogs, and also interviewed him recently as a guest on our radio program in January.

Another sister we correspond with, named Faith Hetrick, liked our children's art so much, she requested permission to use some of it in a video production of her own music that she is publishing. She stated, "Dear Len, I was just looking and marveling at the amazing pictures drawn by your children. They are truly anointed and precious (both children and pictures). I have a request that I would ask you, your wife and children to pray about...After seeing the beautiful pictures drawn by your children, it would be wonderful if I could use some of them. I would credit your children and mention their blog. The videos are not for sale, I would not be profiting from their work. It would just give them a broader range of people who would be blessed by their work." We were all so encouraged, especially the children, to get such good initial feedback on the art galleries. Faith Hetrick is the webmaster for www.LoisHetrick.com, which has some excellent free reading material.

Regarding A Brush with Life, we'd like to make a correction to a statement that Len initially made on that blog, in which he indicated that our children have had "no formal art training." It is more accurate to say they have had "no formal art training, except a semester of elementary school instruction in drawing and one in painting." The intent was to say that they are not professionally trained. Please continue to visit A Brush with Life from time to time as they continue to add new artwork to their galleries and new art rooms to the galleries. For example, Charity has added new art to the Jesus and The Bridegroom rooms.

As part of Charity's home-based Christian education, she manages and maintains that blog, "A Brush with Life," under Len's training, direction, and guidance with a bit of assistance occasionally. She collaborates with her siblings (her fellow artists), then she creates digital representations of the art – through scanning or photography, crops it, organizes it, uploads it, creates the gallery rooms, organizes them, adds accompanying text (including Scriptures that she and her siblings have selected for their art), and publishes them to the web. She is learning responsibility, teamwork, administrative skills, and computer skills -including some HTML (HyperText Markup Language) programming, a bit of graphic design, photography, website development, and website publishing. In addition, this is a ministry that allows our children to lovingly share their artistic talents and the Scriptures with others, bringing glory to God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Most importantly it leads them to meditate more on the Word of God. So we hope you browse their blog and enjoy it! Feel free to share it with others, too. Please pray that it will spread God's Word and the word about the ministry of DMI, which is mentioned in the footnote of the blog.



Joseph, Christopher, and Faith



Chris P. and his son Noah

Ministry: In January, we launched our new radio program called Preparing the Way, which we mentioned last month. It's a worldwide radio broadcast via the Internet dedicated to preparing the way for the imminent return of our Lord Jesus Christ in repentance, preaching holiness, righteous, and truth. If you would like to listen to one of those broadcasts, you may find them at Preparing the Way. So far, Len has aired the following live programs: New Radio Program Launch with Denis Lacroix; an Interview with Brother Danny Hahlbohm, the artist who created the "Footprints in the Sand" painting, and that program included an interview with DMI President, Dr. Andrew Stenhouse; a very encouraging and edifying Interview with Dennis Nederveen, who is one of the DMI Board Directors. Please pray that this radio ministry will successfully accomplish the purposes for which it was established, for God's blessing upon it and provision, along with His anointing and guidance for Len.

We have produced an infomercial to expand awareness of the ministry of Doulos Missions International. This new infomercial is now being aired around the world on our internet radio program through BlogTalkRadio, as well as being broadcast on Youtube.

We have been keeping you updated on the spiritual progress of Christopher (pictured at bottom of page 2 above), our neighbor across the street. In January, Len presented the gospel of salvation to his son Noah, using the Evangecube, and he gave his life to Jesus Christ. Praise the Lord!

Chris also accepted Len's invitation to begin a discipleship relationship. However, he has not yet followed through on that as planned. Pray that he won't run from the very thing he needs, and that he will embrace the process of becoming a disciple of Christ.

You may recall a brother with lung cancer, named Bob R., whom we told you about in our August Update 2013. At that time, Bob said the pain left his back when hands were laid on and the prayer of faith was offered in Jesus' name. However, he recently told Len in January that he had continued to suffer from this disease since then. He was not in a lot of pain, and mainly took pain medication at bedtime for the pain in his back, where the cancer was in his spine. This was a difficult battle for him and his wife, Doris, and he held onto his faith in Jesus to complete the healing. However, he passed peacefully into eternity at age 74 in February, trusting in His Savior, and was not in any pain when he died.

As the apostle Paul said, "According to my earnest expectation and hope, that I will not be put to shame in anything, but that with all boldness, Christ will even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. But if I am to live on in the flesh, this will mean fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose. But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better." (Php 1:20-23). And as the psalmist said, "Precious in the sight of the LORD Is the death of His godly ones." (Psa 116:15)

Len's brother-in-law, Randy, who was married to Len's sister, also died in February, after succumbing to injuries sustained from an accident. He was only 57 years old. We were unable to travel to New Hampshire for the funeral.

Len has finished meeting with pastor Roger here locally, and helping him through training, as we prayerfully seek to find more open doors to serve. He got a note from Roger in January, which said in part, "I have been meeting with you since September, and I feel that I have really grown spiritually because of our times together. However I feel God is telling me that it is time for me to put into practice what we have been discussing, especially sharing my faith without fear, and the LTG's [Life Transformation Groups for discipleship]...Our times together have been a blessing and you have touched my life. God bless you, Roger." Since he has stopped meeting with Len, he has led a lady in his congregation to Christ, named Betty. Praise the Lord for this new life.

Len recently wrote an article entitled Messages from the Lord for Catholics Worshiping Idols, which sounds a warning to anyone worshipping idols in any way, especially the precious Catholics. It also documents Len's deliverance from this bondage twenty-eight years ago. He has sent this to a large group of pastors, elders, and disciples of Christ that we know across Eastern Europe, asking for their input. Our desire is to expand the audience for this message, since Hungary and other countries in Eastern Europe are full of idolatry. Our hope and prayer is that many in Eastern Europe and around the world would be awakened to repentance before it is too late and they perish in their sin.

Regarding other Opportunities to Serve the Body of Christ, our desire would be to come to your church or Bible Study group to preach and minister to you, while we are in the States. If you would like us to do so, we can also make a presentation of our work in Eastern Europe. Please pray about this. It's a chance for us to encourage people to greater evangelism and commitment to completing the Great Commission globally, and we would be honored to come speak. So give us a call if you would like us to come to speak to your group.

Please join us in praying for the Lord to open doors of opportunity for us, that we would be fruitful for Christ, and that the Lord would raise up additional partners.

Administrative: We would like to welcome Denis Lacroix to our support team, and give God the praise for sending him to be our new Lead Financial Assistant (Bookkeeper) in December. He is now functioning fully in his new role, after completing his training with Emily Pritchett of Edifying Ministries, who had been serving us faithfully for three years. We could not do what we do without important support roles like this one being fulfilled. We are confident that he will be a great blessing to us, and we look forward to serving with him. Denis was the first person the Lord brought into the Kingdom of God through Len's testimony when he gave his life to Christ in 1986, and we're very thankful for him.

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 bringing Noah into His kingdom when he prayed the sinner's prayer to give his life to Jesus.
- 2. For bringing this lady named Betty into the kingdom through pastor Roger.
- 3. For the good feedback on "A Brush with Life," and Faith Hetrick's use of their pictures in her video.
- 4. For the decision of our neighbor, Christopher P., to participate in discipleship in an LTG.
- 5. For the successful launch of the radio program, Preparing the Way, and the programs already aired.
- 6. For sending Denis Lacroix to be our new Lead Financial Assistant (bookkeeper) in December.

Next steps and prayer needs:

- 1. For Noah & Betty to grow in their love and knowledge of the Lord in their new relationships with Jesus.
- 2. For "A Brush with Life," the children's blog, to spread God's Word, and the word about DMI.
- 3. For the Lord to successfully accomplish the purposes for which this new radio ministry was established, for God's blessing upon it and provision, along with His anointing and guidance for Len.
- 4. For many in Eastern Europe and around the world to be awakened spiritually before it is too late and they perish in their sin.
- 5. For Christopher P. to continue to grow as a disciple and embrace the LTG discipleship process.
- 6. For the Lord to open new doors of opportunity for ministry for us, and that we would be fruitful.
- 7. For the new DMI Infomercial on Youtube and BlogTalkRadio to help raise awareness of this ministry.
- 8. For the Lord to further expand the awareness of this ministry throughout the US, and raise up many new faith partners, who will sponsor us.
- 9. For our financial blessing.

Thank you so much for your partnership in this ministry.

Love from all of us,

The Lacroixs

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