

February Update

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







Joseph on his 12th birthday

Faith

Len

Family: In February we celebrated Joseph's twelfth birthday with cake, cards, gifts, and prayer for him. We also celebrated our twenty-fourth wedding anniversary, and Len's thirty-fifth year since coming to know the Lord.

We mentioned last month that Charity and Hope lost their jobs. The good news is that Hope has since found a new job at another restaurant. Praise the Lord for that. Please join us in praying the Lord will bless her in her new job and that Charity will also find employment.

Our daughter Hope has completed her training to teach English as a second language, and earned her TESOL certificate, which is the culmination of several months of study. She would like to use her new skills to teach English to foreigners online. Please pray the Lord will make a way for her to do so.

Jennifer's finger is still causing pain and discomfort, and needs continued healing.

Ministry: As we continue to administer our <u>discipleship training school</u> (DTS), we'd like to update you on the good things that God is doing with it. By the grace of God, we currently have disciples in five nations including Uganda, Nigeria, Kenya, South Africa, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

One of our students, brother John in Nigeria, who is finishing up his third year this month, wrote the following email about his overall experience in the DTS:

"Good day brother Len.

I sincerely wish to thank God for helping me come across your school of discipleship. I must confess to you that I'm richly blessed right from the beginning till the end. Testimonies are much appreciated and the only thing I would have regretted is not to enroll when you were asking me to do so. I have learnt simplicity, holiness, righteousness, truth and many more throughout my journey in discipleship. I have been exposed to the primary, core and basic root of Christianity (the ancient path and the ancient word). Now I can stand and preach Christ in His entirety without reservation if I'm called because DTS has helped me to do so. The teachings and training in DTS are simple and understandable to every heavenly-minded believer who approaches the teachings with an open heart that loves the truth. There is nothing I will say here that qualifies what has been deposited in me in DTS.

Let me take a little survey for my last quarter in DTS, I learnt a lot from ESCHATOLOGY IV (visions and revelations), DISCIPLESHIP 5, in fact, all my course work in this quarter has impacted me positively and the most remarkable one is learning how to heal the sick which I have practiced with four persons and sees instant results. My wife has not received the baptism of the Holy Spirit but this evening (27/01/21), I followed the instructions I watched from the videos with my wife and she received the baptism in less than 15 mins. I'm trusting God for His more Grace that will enable me to whisper His heart beat to the world."

Praise the Lord for that wonderful testimony of what the Lord has done in his life through the DTS, especially how his wife got baptized with the Holy Spirit and how the Lord is using him in healing. He states that he did meet his original goal when he enrolled in the school, which was "to be discipled, to gain insight into God's truth, knowledge, understanding, wisdom and God's instruction." Glory to God alone.







Mike in USA



Deji in Nigeria

In January, Len received good news about brother Solomon, who is one of our students in Kenya. Sister Collete wrote: "Good news! Br. Solomon got a job offer last week as a Probation Officer probably starting work on February 1. To God be all the glory."

Another new student has enrolled in the DTS, and this time it is our first student from the United States, whose name is Mike. Nearly twenty years ago, Len used to work in the corporate world with Mike, who has since come to know the Lord, and wants to go further with his discipleship training. Here is how he came to Christ in his own words:

"While I was a church attender as a child and I have always believed in God, my true acceptance of Christ as my Lord and Savior occurred in 2006 when I started attending church as an adult, realizing my sinful nature, and accepting Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. I wish I remembered the exact date, but I don't. Ever since then, I have passionately pursued knowing the Lord. The 'how' was a clear explanation of the Gospel and my acceptance by raising my hand and praying at the altar."

Here is the reason he gave for enrolling in our school:

"I love the Lord. I enjoy learning, reading, and studying as part of worshiping Him with my mind. I've been familiar with the DTS school for several years, and have [also] completed an in-person church Disciple School in 2018, which changed my life. I know there is so much more for the Holy Spirit to reveal to me. With my kids getting a bit older, I've had more time to spend in the Word and memorizing scripture. I don't want to just 'know about' God, I want to know God more deeply."

Praise the Lord! We're glad to have Mike join us, and we look forward to the next three years of his training.

In February, Len received the following testimony from brother Grace in Uganda:

"Praise the Lord brother Len! I thank God for what He is doing through DTS! I have just been sharing with our Christians on the subject of head covering for some good time, and this has yielded fruits. And as I share now, most women in our Church pray with veiled heads. As I share now at the time of sending this testimony, I am going through "Discipleship VIII," [which includes the article on] "a woman's hair her head covering." with women. The Lord has done it, and His glory is manifesting in the Church as a result of obeying this command. I bless the Name of the Lord for this.

Grace Okurut."

Blessings dear brother Len.

We received the following email in February from brother Ibrahim in Kenya:

"Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Thank you for your email. I am doing well myself and I just wanna thank God for everything he has done as I pray for a financial and job breakthrough. Keep me in your prayers. Be blessed and stay safe. Yours in Christ, Br Ibrahim Ambale"

Our DTS Facilitator for Nigeria, brother Deji, informed us that he is preparing to go on his first missions trip in March. He wrote:

"Dear Brother Len,

It is with excitement and joy that I'm sharing this with you sir. My church, the campus church, initiated an outreach to a rural place. The regional overseer of my denomination has approved it and we are getting every support we need.

The Lord is touching the hearts of people to get involved. We created a team that will be in that area for about one week to pray, fast, do morning cries, personal evangelism before others will join few days after for the crusade.

Please join us in prayers to break the hold of the devil over that area, and for a bounty harvest of souls.

This is the first mission trip that I will be involved in. Please share with me any useful informations in getting a bounty harvest in outreaches like this...

We believe the Lord is leading us to these places and we are trusting Him for harvest of souls and deliverance from the territorial spirit in that region. Please we cover your prayers sir. We will be going on the 9th of march and return on the 14th of march.

The Lord bless you sir.

Bro Deji"

Please join us in praying for brother Deji and his team before and during the trip. It's a mostly Muslim area with deeply entrenched strongholds of darkness.

We are also pleased to report that brother Stephen in Nigeria has started four Life Transformation Groups (LTGs), only one of which he is a member of. Praise the Lord! This is the kind of multiplication we pray for from our students, and we trust that in due time the Lord will bring that to pass.

In Uganda, brothers James, Jimmy, and Humphrey recently traveled together on a missions trip to a refugee camp to evangelize the people living there. Brother James is still awaiting the Jesus Film Projector, which has not been granted yet by the Jesus Film Project, and he had to complete yet another form for that recently. We are still hopeful he will receive that soon, in order to help him be more effective in his ministry to the unreached people groups. On February 14th, he informed us that he lost his dear mother, so please pray for the Lord to comfort him at this time.

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 enabling us to celebrate Joseph's birthday and our anniversary.
- 2. For the testimonies of brothers John and Grace.
- 3. For helping brother Solomon to find a new job.
- For providing Hope with a job and helping her to earn her TESOL certificate.
- 5. For bringing brother Mike into the Doulos Training School (DTS).
- 6. For the opportunity to assist each of our students in becoming disciples of Christ and fulfilling their callings.
- 7. For the Lord's leading, guidance, and help administering the Doulos Training School (DTS), and for the progress the students are making.
- 8. For the lives being touched for Christ around the world through our writing ministry.

Next steps and prayer needs:

- 1. For the Lord to heal Jennifer's finger.
- 2. For the Lord to heal Faith and Len from eczema.
- 3. For the Lord to provide Charity with a job, and Hope with an opportunity to teach English.
- 4. For the Lord to provide for all the needs of our DTS students, particularly brother Ibrahim who is trusting God for a financial breakthrough and gainful employment.
- 5. For the Lord to help brother Deji in his upcoming evangelistic outreach in March, so that he and his team would reap a great harvest of souls.
- 6. For the Lord to help brother Mike to achieve his goals for discipleship in the DTS.
- 7. For the Lord to comfort brother James in Uganda in the loss of his mother.
- 8. For the Lord to assist us with the administration of the Doulos Training School (DTS), as well as develop through it many disciples who multiply disciples.
- 9. For the Lord to help all of our DTS students to find LTG partners (another Christian to meet with weekly for discipleship in a Life Transformation

Group), and help them finish all their course work for the current quarter by the end of this month.

- 10. For the Lord to fulfill His purposes for us and our ministry.
- 11. For the Lord to raise up new faith partners, and for Him to provide for all our needs -- not only ours personally, but also those of the ministry.

with love from all of us,

The Lacroixs

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