

March 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.



Faith and Len

Hope and Faith

Family: In February, Faith composed and recorded a new song all by herself, called He is My Rock, which is excellent. Hope also recorded a song that Len got from the Lord many years ago, called Someone's Watching Over Me.

The children continue to do well in home school. Joseph has been using his new writing skills to write things like, "Jesus is God," "God is love," "Jesus is love," and "Jesus is Lord." And the children have recently added some new artwork to A Brush with Life.

In March we also celebrated Len's forty-ninth birthday. Notice the bright glow in the picture above from all the candles! It just gets brighter and brighter, although Jennifer spared him too much brightness by using four candles beside a group of nine candles. With his age has also come the difficulty of having a painful, abscessed tooth. He has been prayerfully considering whether to get it extracted or have a root canal. As of the date this newsletter is released he has made an appointment to have a root canal at the end of the month. Please pray that will go well.

Meanwhile, we have continued diligently with our search for another place to live. At the time of this newsletter, we have less than six weeks to move out of the guesthouse we are living in, and the church has informed us it is a firm date! Initially when we saw that owning a home and making mortgage payments to the bank is cheaper than renting a home and making payments to a landlord, we had planned on buying instead of renting. But now after praying about it, we feel the Lord may be cautioning us not to go into debt, since debt is not of God. Therefore, we have redirected our focus on homes for rent in North Carolina. We need a four-bedroom, two-or-more-bath home within our price range, which will need to be quite limited due to our income level being what it is.

Once we find a place and move in, we will need to furnish it from A to Z with furniture, appliances, utensils, cooking ware, dinnerware, lawn equipment, and every other accoutrement a home needs, since we do not own most of these things any more after being overseas for nearly five years. The Lord will provide all our needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus, as we trust Him one day at a time. This is a major need that we are requesting prayer for at this time. Please join us in praying specifically for this, so we can be moved into a new place before April 30th.

Ministry: Len is still in contact with the pastors from Burma, regarding a possible ministry trip sometime this year. The visa issue seems to be the main issue right now, and it is not a small one. He proposed the idea of meeting the pastors in Malaysia, since no visa would be required for Len to go there. They have both expressed an interest in that idea, and Len has been in contact with friends in Malaysia about such a trip, most likely to happen in the fall, to see if they could host him and these pastors. Please pray for the Lord's will to be done.

The Lord continues bringing to us new friends from other parts of the world as well, such as a sister from South Africa named Susan Waigwa, who reads Len's articles and corresponds with us occasionally. She wrote to us in February the following note:



Joseph and Christopher



Elizabeth and mother, May 2013

"Just thought of writing to tell you that may the Lord bless you greatly for the wonderful work He is doing in you and through your ministry. I love and enjoy reading your blogs. It is very interesting that I always think of your family as part of my family. I never cease to pray for you brethren. I love the way you approach and teach about holiness and righteousness. I have found a Caucasian family (yourselves) from another mother who have the same spirit and mind like me and are headed the same direction with me. I have tried sharing your articles and have been met with opposition, but I pray that the light of Jesus will shine in the dark parts of those that I have shared with and they will bow their knee to holiness and righteousness. God bless you greatly and continue. The best that I can do is pray for you because I am not able to help financially."

Len also communicated with a young man named Divad, who was reading and commenting on a number of his blogs. At first, Divad seemed skeptical, but later he came to realize the truth after diligently searching God's Word. He eventually wrote about this in a comment on the article, Sins That Will Keep You From Heaven, saying:

"Thanks for the encouragement; through my searching, GOD has been giving me quite a few revelations, recently, and I think I'm really coming to terms with the gravity of this Word that I've never encountered in the Church before."

Len also received an email in February from a backslidden Christian named Dan. He wrote:

"Mr. LaCroix, I am backslidden, but I want to return to Christ. But I cannot seem to find the willpower to turn from my sin and return to Christ. Is there any hope for me? Would you possibly be available to talk and pray with me? I thank you for your writings and desire to do God's work. Thank you, Daniel."

You may remember a very poor lady named Elizabeth and her mother, who gave their lives to Jesus in Hungary in December 2012 when we visited their home. At that time we had prayed for her to be healed, and she felt in her body that she was being healed. However, she continued to be very ill since then whenever we would occasionally check on her. Last month on February 12th, Len was led to send an email to brother Gabor in Hungary to see how Elizabeth was doing. He wrote back on the 17th to inform Len that she had died the very same day that Len had written to ask about her! It seems like the Lord was letting us know that she made it home safely. He said she had spent her last weeks in the hospital in really bad shape. Gabor and others there had begun to organize baptizing her, as she had a strong desire to get baptized! But in the end they were too late, and did not manage to do so before she died.

Len also received a very encouraging email from sister Rachael Mushala in Zambia, whom Len has previously written about in numerous articles, including Rachael Mushala Testimony of Hell and Rachael Mushala Second Testimony of Hell.

She said, "I met a prophet and he told me about you. I was amazed." Len asked her to elaborate, so she first indicated all the accurate things this prophet said to her about herself and her sister by phone, although she had never met him yet. Those things positively confirmed her prophetic ministry. Then when she met for fellowship outside his home on March 7, this is what happened. She stated: "We were outside the house, when the pastor came. He told me, 'When I was approaching the house, when I saw you, God showed me that you are a seer. You have the grace to see visions. And you also have the grace to receive messages from angels.'" She explained that this pastor is a Zambian man in a small town near the city where she lives, and the Lord uses him greatly.

She continued, "Then we began talking about the messages and visions. And he told me that it's very important those messages are gotten out to as many people as possible. Then he told me that God was showing him that there's a man who supported us so much and really promoted the messages and helped to get them out. That's you! God remembers you. I was amazed because he doesn't even know about you or your blogsite." Praise the Lord for remembering us!

That happened during the weekend of Len's birthday, and some other events also happened to her that weekend, which confirmed some things the Lord was speaking to Len at that time.

Administrative: The Directors of Doulos Missions International have recently voted unanimously to appoint to the board three new members, one of which is Jennifer, who is now serving in the office of Secretary. The other two people are British brothers who have known each other for twenty-seven years.

One of those brothers is Olugbenga Oladejo, a Nigerian-born man, who is the pastor of Complete in Christ Church in Peterborough, England. He has been married to his wife Hope for twelve years, and together they have two daughters. He has a great big heart of love, a wonderful call of God upon his life, and the Lord uses him in powerful ways to touch the lives of people for Jesus Christ. Sometimes people come from a distance to see him for deliverance or they call him for counseling and prayer. He became a Chartered Accountant in 1999, which is the equivalent to a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in the USA. He later decided to change career to become Software Engineer. Then in 2008 he obeyed the Lord's previous call on his life into ministry. He and Len have become great friends, and it is with pleasure that we welcome him to the board. You may recall that Len recently wrote an article about him entitled, A Warning for Married Christian Couples.

The other brother is a small business owner in London, England, named Omolade Moses Alabi. He was born in England, but raised in Nigeria. He has been married for twenty years to his wife, Celestina. Together they have four children, three boys and a girl. He gave his life to the Lord Jesus in 1988, and is currently forty-eight years old. Len recently wrote an article about his amazing testimony, called Born Again to New Life - Omolade Moses Alabi.

The addition of Jennifer and these two brothers has strengthened our ministry board.

"Not to us, Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness." (Ps 115:1)

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 Len's birthday celebration in March.
- 2. For the good health the Lord has blessed us with.
- 3. For the lovely new artwork and calligraphy He has enabled the children to create.
- 4. For the opportunity to trust Him for another home.
- 5. For the willingness of our new board members to serve and the board's decision to appoint them!
- 6. For the lives being touched for Christ around the world through our writing ministry.
- 7. For the many words of encouragement we have received from people.

Next steps and prayer needs:

- 1. For healing of the infection in Len's abscessed tooth and for the root canal to go well at the end of the month.
- 2. 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.
- 3. For the Lord to put a hedge of protection around our ministry president, Dr. Stenhouse, and multiply to him an abundance of grace, mercy, peace, and wisdom, as well as grant him good health.
- 4. For the Lord to give Len guidance and provision regarding the potential shortterm trip to Malaysia to meet with the pastors from Burma.
- 5. For the Lord's guidance regarding a planned ministry trip to the United Kingdom.
- 6. For the Lord to provide us with a four-bedroom, two-or-more-bath home for rent within our price range, along with all the various accouterments we will need to furnish and equip it.
- 7. For the Lord to open new doors of opportunity for ministry for us, and that we would be fruitful.
- 8. For the Lord to continue to raise up new faith partners.
- 9. For the Lord to provide for us.

Thank you so much for your partnership in this ministry.

with love from all of us, The Lacroixs

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