

## October 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.



Jennifer



Christopher

*Family*: The children have continued with their home school and Charity with her new job. All is going well, so praise the Lord. In October we celebrated Jennifer's birthday with a party, cake, cards, gifts, and prayer.

Around that same time Christopher fell off his bike and injured his left knee. He was in pretty significant pain when he tried to put his weight on it. We thought it was possible he may have broken something or torn something inside his knee. So Len was shopping for a pair of crutches for him, and we were planning to take him to urgent care the next day for an examination and x ray. We laid hands on his knee and prayed for it, and the next day he reported feeling much better. The pain was down to a level one or two on a scale of one to ten. Praise the Lord! Our Christian neighbor across the street brought over a pair of crutches to loan us for Christopher to use, but Christopher was able to walk back over and return the crutches, since he did not need them. Please pray for a complete healing of the rest of the pain in his knee.

Len had also injured his knees somehow, especially his left knee, which has been painful. It feels like a torn ligament. He is trying to get an appointment for physical therapy, and has been icing it. This has been going on for over a month, so please pray for his knee to be completely healed in Jesus' name.

*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. Currently we

have nine students in six nations including Nigeria, Kenya, United Kingdom, Mali, Liberia, and Rwanda.

In September Len received the following report from brother Theophilus in Nigeria:

"Last week , we had a medical outreach in the barracks. I made a decision to distribute some simple leaflets on health with biblical references. In addition I included the ten commandments as a simple guide to knowing the will of G-d. The response was alarming, certain Muslim women feels offended and inform the Senior Officers who instantly call for its withdrawal. Finally finished with course now in Abuja. Thanks so much Sir. God bless you. Lt T A Ayodele."

Len also received an update from Deji saying that he has invited two brothers to pray about joining him in a Life Transformation Group (LTG), one of which the Lord recently used Deji to lead back to Christ. He is also planning to be married to Hannah his fiance in December. Here is his note on that:

"I am...trusting the Lord for my wedding on the second of December this year, by sight no preparation is on, but we believe the Lord will do it. God bless you sir. With love in Christ, Deji."

Praise the Lord for this good report for Deji. Let's pray he is able to successfully start an LTG and that he and Hannah are indeed able to get married on December 2 as planned.

Len sent out his monthly edition of <u>Old News That's Still Fresh</u> in October, and received positive feedback. A pastor in Uganda named Grace (pictured left with his wife) also responded saying: "Thanks so much my brother! I am blessed by your articles and praying for you. Blessings, Grace."

One of our DTS students in Mali named Colette also responded by saying:



Collete in Mali



Deji in Nigeria



Theophilus in Nigeria

"Dear brother Leonard, Thanks for the October edition of '<u>Old News That's Still</u> <u>Fresh</u>.' I am always edified by reading the articles. May the Almighty increase your strength to continue with his work. Stay blessed. Sister Collete"

In October, Len received an encouraging comment from a pastor in India who read Len's article called <u>Gifts and Fruit of the Spirit -- What's the Difference?</u> He is a Hindu convert pastoring a church in a Hindu village, and he wrote:

"I have learnt a lot. I'm a Theological student. I did my B.Th and doing ministry now. But always confused regarding [the] gifts.. now I got clarified. Thanks for the wonderful composition based on scriptures. Please do send me any more articles to my email. Pastor Vijaya R, India." Praise the Lord for the way He is using our articles, such as this one, to touch the lives of people around the world like this precious pastor. Len did send him some additional articles to read as he requested.

Pray the Lord will use these to impact brother Vijaya's life for eternity, and the lives of those he serves in his congregation in that Indian village among Hindu people.

In October, a woman named Cana in Florida contacted Len, because she was afraid she had blasphemed the Holy Spirit. Len corresponded with her and sent her some articles. Then he wrote to her that we were going into prayer for her as a family, which we did right after he sent that email. The next morning Len received an email from her that had been sent while we were in prayer the previous night, shortly after he sent that email. She wrote the following, which we are sharing with her permission:

"I felt your prayers somehow. Before I read this... I looked down at a paper right at the name Daniel and instantly thought someone with the faith/power of Daniel in the Bible is praying for me.. I thought maybe it was you and then I just checked my email!" That is when she saw the message that we would pray for her. Then a moment later she sent the following email:

"Ok ... Oh my.. You'll never guess what just happened.. Right near that paper with the name Daniel, I set down my beverage. For the first time ever I am drinking sparkling water by the company Lacroix! Like your last name!!! How weird is that?" Praise the Lord! We give God all the glory. Please pray the Lord would help Cana receive His mercy and forgiveness, that she would be delivered from demons, and that the Lord would break off all condemnation from her life.

We had previously informed you that Denis our office manager and

bookkeeper had a tumor on his one and only kidney, which was deemed by one doctor to be cancerous. Again, that is the only kidney he has, since his other one was removed a couple decades ago due to kidney cancer at that time. Here is the wonderful praise report we received from Denis in September:

## "Hi Len and Family,

I just wanted to share with you a mighty miracle of God and answer to your prayers. I had an appointment this afternoon to find out the results of my second MRI. Just to review.... primary doctor said I had cancer of the kidney as a result of first MRI. A follow up with urologist confirmed [there was a] tumor, but he was uncertain of cancer and wanted a six-month wait and second MRI. Though at that time he was willing to remove tumor and be done with it, if I decided to do that. As of today, there is NO TUMOR and the only thing that remains is a small cyst of no significance. He recommends a follow up in two years, but does not anticipate any further issues. Praise and Glory to God of all creation !!!! Thank you for your prayers.

Blessings, Denis"

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord! We give God all the glory for healing Denis miraculously from kidney cancer. Thank you for praying with us for him.

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

Although we are not based overseas any more, we are still missionaries and still need your financial and prayer support of our ministry. Please pray and ask the Father if He would have you give.

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 Jennifer's birthday.
- 2. For the way He spoke to this woman Cana in Florida in answer to our prayers.
- 3. For the amazing healing in Christopher's knee.
- 4. For the miraculous healing of Denis' kidney and the way He shrank that tumor on it without any medical treatment.
- 5. For the opportunity to assist each of our students in becoming disciples of Christ and fulfilling their callings.
- 6. For the Lord's leading, guidance, and help administering the Doulos Training School (DTS), and for the progress the students are making.
- 7. For the lives being touched for Christ around the world through our writing ministry.
- 8. For the words of encouragement we have received from the people being touched.

Next steps and prayer needs:

- 1. For the Lord to dissolve the remaining cyst on brother Denis our bookkeeper's kidney.
- 2. For the Lord to help Cana receive His mercy and forgiveness, that she would be delivered from demons, and that the Lord would break off all condemnation from her life.
- 3. For the Lord to heal Christopher's knee.
- 4. For the Lord to heal Len's knee and sciatic pain.
- 5. 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.
- 6. For the Lord to increase the enrollment in our DTS according to His will.
- 7. 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).
- 8. For the Lord to fulfill His purposes for us and our ministry.
- 9. For the Lord to send His angels with Len's written messages to those who need them, and for an open heaven over them when they receive his messages.
- 10. For the Lord to move mountains to raise up new faith partners, including those who would sponsor our students, and for Him to provide for all our needs -- not only ours personally, but also those of the ministry -- as He releases a financial miracle.

Thank you so much for your partnership in this ministry.

with love from all of us,

The Lacroixs

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