

September 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.



Christopher, Jennifer, Charity, Hope, Joseph



"In the Garden" painting by Faith's coworker Lea



Len

Family: Our daughter Faith shared that one of her coworkers in the Deli / Bakery at the grocery store gave her a gift that really blessed her. The gift is a painting this lady created (pictured above). The lady is an older woman, who is also a sister in Christ that recently took up painting as a hobby. But when Faith brought the painting home and showed us, we could see it was very beautiful and that this lady is very gifted by the Lord with artistic talent. The painting is good enough to be in an art gallery, and she gave Faith the original.

She told Faith that her friendship with Faith had rekindled her faith. She said that she wanted Faith to have this painting, and that when she did the painting, she was picturing herself in the bottom right corner on a rock spending time with the Lord with the water cascading down across the rocks above her. It is based on the hymn called "In the Garden" that says, "I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses." The gift of the painting really touched Faith's heart, especially because of the kindness of this lady, and how much the painting meant to the artist. Faith said her coworker was getting emotional as she was giving it to her. Pray the Lord will really bless this sister named Lea (pronounced LEE-ah) and multiply her artistic gift for the glory of God.

We mentioned last month that we as a family have been distributing the *Jesus Film* DVD and some gospel tracts, as well as Len's salvation testimony and his book, *A Willing Heart to Please the Father*, throughout a nearby community. Pray

that the Lord would water the seeds of the gospel that we have been planting and continue to plant. We estimate we'll be finished in about four weeks.

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 seven nations including Uganda, Nigeria, Kenya, South Africa, South Sudan, Zambia, India, and the United Kingdom.

Len received the following emails from sister Rebecca in South Sudan about the challenges she has in accessing the internet, and how she travels for days to reach Juba, where there is internet service:

"Our new area, being an area full of cattle keepers, they always have conflicts among themselves, which leads to loss of lives. Starting from last month to this month, there have been lots of insecurities along the road leading to Juba town from our area. It takes me days to go to town where there is easy access to good internet network, because where I am, there is no internet network...All will be well, because our God is very Faithful. Many thanks for your prayers, I really appreciate it. I take motorcycle from my area up to where there is public transportation, then from there I proceed to town. Within town, the internet network is very good and faster. But I don't go to internet café...Sometimes while am home, I move a little more distance to where there is a mountain or climb a tree to access the mobile network, because our area is still covered by tall trees and bushes which makes network very poor."

Please pray for sister Rebecca. Her story illustrates the challenges our students face being able to access the internet, in order to receive the discipleship training we offer through our school.

Brother Grace, who is one of our graduates and facilitators, and a pastor in Uganda, wrote the following email to Len in September:

"Dear brother Len.



Rebecca in South Sudan



Grace in Uganda



Paschal in Uganda

Our God is so loving and sometimes with tears of joy we testify what He has done and continues to do great things.

We have the case of a lady by the name Brenda who was dying in the house last week. The neighbours having realized when they heard the snoring noise and struggle, broke the door and carried her unconscious to our altar. The Lord healed and delivered her instantly! We give Him all the glory and honor! More of these testimonies next time.

Blessings my dear brother Servant Grace Okurut."

Praise the Lord! Brother Grace has been having serious problems with his smartphone freezing up on him when he is trying to use it. He needs the phone to conduct his ministry as our DTS National Facilitator for Uganda, so please pray that the Lord would resolve this problem.

In September, brother Max in Uganda wrote the following message to Len:

"Glory to God, brother Len,

I would like to testify of the grace of God upon us as our LTG team is reaching out every week to share the Word of God, and the Lord's faithfulness of saving souls is evident.

I also testify of the holy fire of God that I feel in my bones every time I'm reading the word and ask myself whether all people experience this kind of burning fire, too. As a result I composed and sang a song unto the Lord, 'I'm so glad I'm the temple of the living God', so I would like to say that the beginning of my second year first quarter is timely. Amen."

Praise the Lord!

Len also sent out the Old News That's Still Fresh in September to pastors, elders, disciples, and laborers in the harvest in North America, Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australia.

Note: Some words in the recorded testimonies above have been changed to correct the grammar and spelling, and to enhance their clarity and readability. This was done without changing the meaning.

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 blessing Faith with the gift of that beautiful painting from her coworker, and the gift that the Lord has given to her friend Lea.
- 2. For blessing brother Paschal with a new smartphone so that he can resume his DTS training, and for bringing him back to us.
- 3. For the amazing testimonies of God's work in the lives of our students and graduates, and their brethren in Christ.
- 4. For helping us to continue with our evangelistic outreach to another community nearby.
- 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, wisdom, and help administering the Doulos Training School (DTS), and for the progress the students are making.

Next steps and prayer needs:

- 1. For the Lord to heal Faith and Len from eczema.
- 2. For the Lord to heal Charity from insomnia.
- 3. For the Lord to water all the seeds of the gospel that we are continuing to plant through our evangelistic community outreach with the *Jesus Film* DVD.
- 4. For the Lord to help us in a very difficult neighbor situation we've been having.
- 5. For the Lord to provide for all the needs of our DTS students.
- 6. 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.
- 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 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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