

October 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.



Jennifer on her birthday



Len, Jennifer, and the boys



Jennifer with girls in front row and boys in back row

Family: In October, we celebrated Jennifer's birthday with cake, cards, gifts, and prayer for her.

In October, Christopher successfully completed the college course he is taking on the topic of "Windows Single User", which means he only has one more course left to take in the spring semester.

Meanwhile, Charity got a new part-time job at a nearby Christian bookstore, as well as another part-time job at a grocery store produce department. Praise the Lord! Both jobs are new fields for her that she has not worked in before, so these are great opportunities to learn new skills and gain new experience. But please join us in praying the Lord will help her come up the learning curve, and that she will have the strength to handle both jobs at once.

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 eight nations including Uganda, Nigeria, Kenya, South Sudan, Zambia, Ghana, India, and the United Kingdom.

In September, one of our students in Nigeria named Hannah graduated. We had a ceremony to make it official, in which her husband Deji was present. Brother Deji presented to her the DTS certificate of completion and her transcript. We sang and praised the Lord, had a time of testimony, and prayed for her. Sister Hannah is now our eighth graduate. Here is her testimony:

"I want to thank God for the opportunity to go through the coursework. It has imparted in me godly virtues. I want to appreciate the board members of DTS for all the coursework, how to heal the sick videos, Fire books, and all the practical sessions I needed to do throughout the three years training I did. Sometimes I wish to go through the fire book and read it all over again. Thank you for all you have done. I appreciate it. God bless you sir.

There are some biblical teachings I was grounded into during the training, and some [in which] my understanding was enlightened. I have started to [put the teaching on how to heal the sick into practice] on others and my family. A neighbour here complained of serious back pain. I laid my hand at his back and prayed for him. Few days after, I asked him of the pain. He said it has vanished. I was happy that God healed him through me.

I am grateful to God that I went through the training. During the program, sometimes I was discouraged, but the Holy Spirit encouraged me and he saw me through.

Thanks, Hannah"

Len received the following email in October from brother Charles, one of our DTS graduates, who is a pastor in Uganda. He wrote:

"Praise the Lord, Bro. Len:

I praise God for His goodness and mercies over our life at such a time as this. It's a joy to hear from you and be able to share this testimony of God's protection over me...

On 25th July, I was traveling from Soroti to Lira where I stay in Uganda. I had come from Karamoja (North-Eastern part of Uganda) to visit some families who



Deji and Hannah



Catherine in England



Charles in Uganda

were experiencing famine and acute hunger. On our journey from Soroti to Lira, our taxi was knocked (head-on) by a [truck], and the vehicle overturned four times. Eleven people died (7 on the spot), including the driver. I only broke my collar bone, but God is too merciful that he preserved my life to give glory to His name.

I would like to say thank you to God for the life He has given me, and to also thank you brother Len, Doulos Mission International School, and partners for the knowledge of the Word we acquired during the training program. I am very sure God still wants me to preach His Word, and I vow that I will continue to do so to the last breathe of my life.

To God be the glory for the life He has given me. Please continue to pray for me that I recover well.

God bless you all

Bro Charles L Okello"

Praise the Lord for sparing brother Charles' life through this horrific motor vehicle accident. Please join us in praying for his complete recovery.

Brother Grace, who is one of our graduates and facilitators, and a pastor in Uganda, suffered a severe heart attack in October, but is recovering by the grace of God. Afterward he had to travel to his village garden due to a dispute over his boundaries. He wrote

"Dear brother Len,

Me and my wife received an abrupt call from the clan leaders over our land boundary with the neighbours who have been blackmailing us. So we went and rested for 2 days and had to face it all with them today. They wanted so much part of our land, trying to move the boundary inside our land, but we thank God who was on our side; its resolved once and forever.

We are back home to continue with my rest for two weeks."

He added:

"The enemy has lost despite his many attacks. By the way, before we went {to the village], I saw the Lord's angel joined us in the disputed land boundary and was on our side and wasn't happy with the other people. Once more thanks for your spiritual coverage of us! And my health has greatly improved!"

Praise the Lord! Brother Grace has still been having 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 October, Len received the following testimony from brother Pascal in Uganda, who recently resumed his training with us:

"Praise King Jesus!

I am grateful for what God has done throughout this week in my life. I want to testify that my knowledge of God is increasing, and I experience God closer to me than before. I have the boldness to share Jesus with the lost. I see people confessing Jesus as their Lord and personal Saviour. Reading the Scripture, praying, and fasting every week has become part [my life] of each week, I thank God the people I was praying for [to] be saved are drawing closer to me, [in order] to ask about Christ. I feel like [there is a] fire burning inside me each day when I am studying the Word. I appreciate this course so much. Thanks!

Bro. Pascal"

Brother Deji, one of our graduates in Nigeria that we mentioned earlier in this newsletter, wrote the following testimony in October:

"Dear Brother Len,

Calvary greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I want to testify to the glory of the Lord for many things.

1. The Lord's voice that continually guides us in my family; we are very grateful.

2. The successful completion of Hannah's discipleship training with DTS. Interestingly, we prayerfully chose seven teenagers for both online and physical discipleship in our church at the same time that you were planning to have a graduation ceremony for Hannah. So we feel like the Lord purposely had it that way so that we can know that after "certification" is "intentional service". We really were not planning this kind of coincidence but we know that there's no accident with God.

3. We also thank God for souls that respond to the gospel through us. May the Lord keep them.

Blessed be the name of the Lord. Thanks Ayodeji"

We received the following email from sister Catherine, who is one of our Second-Year DTS students in England. We had called her the previous day and prayed

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.
- 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 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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