

July 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 at the local flower garden



Len at the local flower garden



Joseph and Christopher at the park

Family: In July, Christopher continued to search for employment, applying for many jobs online, submitting his cover letter and resume to many employers. But so far none have called him for an interview.

One job he applied for seems like it would be perfect for him. It's a Support Desk Administrator position with a Christian Academy, in which he would be working remotely from home. They want someone who loves Jesus, loves children, and loves to solve problems. The website indicated that around 351 other people also applied for the position. Please pray that he gets the job.

We mentioned last month that the girls -- Faith, Hope, and Charity -- recently moved into their own apartment, and have a need for various furniture items. The Lord provided them with an old, wooden dining room set that was in decent condition, which Len and Christopher picked up for them and delivered to their place in a truck. Please pray that the Lord will provide all the furniture they need.

Jennifer got called up for jury duty, but when she reported for duty, they released her without requiring her to serve, which was an answer to prayer. Joseph also completed his scholastic achievement tests at the end of the school year, and is currently enjoying summer break from school.

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 Sudan, and the United Kingdom.

One of our DTS students in Uganda, sister Christine, has recently completed her three-year training with us. She was an excellent student throughout her training. She would always submit an in-depth, well-written document containing all of her lessons learned for each of the courses she completed each quarter, as well as the highlights she enjoyed the most.

She also maintained her weekly LTG discipleship meetings, while also participating actively in her local church. And one thing that made it all especially challenging for her was that she works in another city a long distance from where she lives. So she has to commute to work at the beginning of each week, remain throughout the week in the location where she works, and then commute back home for the weekend.

When she enrolled in the DTS in June 2020, she stated, "I want to enroll...so that I can get to know God more, walk with Him always, and learn how to make Him known to other people effectively." After completing all of her coursework, she stated:

"I have met my goal through DTS. Through DTS training I have learnt a lot about God, about man, and what is expected of me as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Further my knowledge of God has increased. I do not boast in this knowledge, but my prayer is that I remain focused, my eyes forever fixed unto the Lord Jesus Christ the author and finisher of our salvation.

Moreover, I have been taught what the life of a servant of God should be, and how to make God known in the right way; and not be silent, but declare the gospel of the Lord Jesus without fear. Sincerely I can say that DTS exceeded my expectations, in terms of the personal goals I had hoped to achieve through it."



Christine in Uganda



Henry in South Sudan



Max in Uganda

Praise the Lord! We held her graduation ceremony by conference call on July 14th, and the Lord truly blessed us with His presence. Her husband was present, and her pastor, who presented her DTS diploma to her, as well as her DTS transcript, both of which Len sent to him in advance for printing. They laid hands on her and prayed for her, as we all prayed for her also.

In July, Len received the following testimony from brother Henry in South Sudan, who is one of our DTS students there and a pastor:

"Dear bro Len,

I am so grateful to God for one woman who accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and savior during our door to door evangelism and her zeal for Christ is extraordinary.

Yours faithfully, Bro Henry."

Hallelujah! We share in his excitement and gratitude for this one sinner who repented.

In July, Len received the following testimony from one of our graduates in Kenya, brother Ibrahim, who received a scholarship to study Data Science for fourteen months:

"Dear Brother Len,

During the last month (June) I received a call for an interview from DanChurchAid Kenya which I participated in...Within 3 days I received an email to attend the oral interview which I did, and the HR informed me that they had cancelled the second one. On the same day I was requested to avail my references and within a week I got the internship opportunity as a Data Analysis and Reporting Assistant Intern for one year. This is what The Lord has done for me, brother Len.

Yours in Christ, Ibrahim Ambale."

Praise the Lord! Surely the Lord has done great things for brother Ibrahim, and we rejoice with him. Please pray that he will do well on all his exams and complete his training successfully.

We would like to share a praise report regarding sister Catherine, one of our DTS students in England, who will soon be interviewed on God TV, in order to share her testimony. She wrote to us in July:

"Dear brother Len and sis Jennifer,

I have now finished the five Fire books in the amazing DTS. I found the stories of going to hell really got to me a lot. They made me think of the seriousness of our sins every day, to repent more and more, to keep our Lord's Commandments... to strive to be more obedient every day, to draw closer with our Lord, to pray without ceasing, and to witness at every opportunity with great urgency.

The stories of visits to Heaven gave me a lot of encouragement, and they helped me to realise how much our Lord loves us so much, which is so amazing, because growing up I never knew any love until I met Jesus face to face.

The [folks from] God TV are coming with their cameras to interview me about my testimony on Wednesday 19th July 2023. So this witness will be on TV soon.

With love in our Lord Jesus Christ, Sis Catherine."

Praise the Lord!

Brother Max in Uganda, who is one of our students there, sent us this testimony in July:

"Praise be to Jesus, dear brother Len. Thanks for always serving us. It's my prayer that God will preserve you and your family.

I testify of God's provision for me and my family including the grace to balance between my concurrent studies. I am reading a lot, which is [made possible by the] grace given by God for me to do so.

Secondly, through my LTG group meeting I testify of the fact that my personal life has changed as the five accountability questions help to shape my life. My relationship with the Holy Spirit has moved my hearing of God's voice to a better level, being mindful of others [besides] myself. I can clearly see [the difference from how I was] before I joined DTS.

Thank you for all you are doing to the glory of God."

Brother Martin, one of our DTS students in Uganda, who is also a pastor, sent us the following praise report in July, during his extended trip to his homeland in South Sudan:

"Hello brother Len,

I greet you in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I'm still in Juba, which is the capital of South Sudan. South Sudan is very expensive in terms of rental and feeding. However, I met new friends here in Juba, and God has opened the door for me to start door-to-door outreach to encourage people who are among the poorest of S. Sudan. I'm really thankful to God who helped me to join DTS.

I started my LTG group last week here in Juba. Thank you. Please remember us in your prayers!

Brother Martin Kuku."

Len received the following testimony from brother Grace in Uganda, who is a pastor and one of our DTS graduates.

"Praise the Lord, brother Len,

I thank God who is sustaining our family amid severe trials! There is every reason to step back; [but] when the trials grow severe, God always prevails!

And again amid all these, our ministry of healing and deliverance is still going on by God's grace. I still receive calls from people seeking deliverance throughout. Thank you, Jesus!

Bro Grace."

Partnership Opportunity:

If the Lord is leading you to financially support this important ministry, which is impacting the lives of so many people for Christ around the world by the grace of God, your cheerful obedience to Him would be greatly appreciated. Our partners are a vital part of what we're doing, and we'd love for you to be one of them!

Note: Some words in the recorded testimonies above may 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 the opportunity for Joseph and Jennifer to take a break from home school studies for the summer.
- 2. For helping sister Christine meet and exceed her DTS goals, and blessing us with a wonderful celebration of her graduation from DTS.
- 3. For providing the dining room set for our daughters Faith, Hope, and Charity.

- 4. For the opportunity sister Catherine has to share her testimony publicly on God.TV.
- 5. For blessing brother Ibrahim with a great internship opportunity and training scholarship.
- 6. For the lady who came to Christ in South Sudan through brother Henry's ministry.
- 7. For helping brother Martin establish an LTG in South Sudan.
- 8. For the amazing testimonies of God's work in the lives of our students.
- 9. For the opportunity to assist each of our students in becoming disciples of Christ and fulfilling their callings.
- 10. For the Lord's leading, guidance, wisdom, and help administering the Doulos Training School (DTS), and for the progress the students are making.

Prayer needs:

- 1. For the Lord to help Christopher to find an excellent, good-paying job in the IT field.
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- 3. For the Lord to help brother Grace through the severe trials he and his family are going through.
- 4. For the Lord to continue to help brother Ibrahim through his data training, exams, and internship.
- 5. For the Lord to provide for Peter and restore his possessions that were destroyed in the fire.
- 6. For the Lord to expedite the close of sister Collete's business deal so she can get paid.
- 7. For the Lord to provide for all the needs of our DTS students.
- 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).
- 10. For the Lord to fulfill His purposes for us and our ministry.

with love from all of us,

The Lacroixs

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