

## 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.







Charity

The Family

Jennifer, Charity, and Len

Family: In June we celebrated Charity's twenty-fourth birthday with cake, cards, gifts, and prayer for her.

Hope finally received her driver's license in July and has been enjoying her job working with Faith at the grocery store's Deli-Bakery, and has come up the learning curve quite well by the grace of God. Praise the Lord. Pray that she will now become proficient in all of her new job skills.

The boys finished their school year and completed their standardized final exams. They are now on summer break from school, except for Christopher, who is almost finished with his summer semester of college courses, which ends a little more than a week from now on July 24th. He has two more college courses to do (one in the fall and one in the spring), during his high school senior year, in order to complete the certificate program in IT Support.

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 our entire community. By the grace of God, we finished that outreach on July 3rd. Pray that the Lord would water the seeds of the gospel that were planted.

*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, India, and the United Kingdom.

Len received the following testimony from brother Tom, one of our students who is a pastor in Uganda:

"Dear Brother Leonard,

Our first showing [of the Jesus Film] was powerful, though we had only sixty people watching. Four people got saved on that day. We have mobilized many people this time and this is scheduled to be on Sunday July 10th. May you help pray for us as we evangelize."

This projector had been shipped to Kampala, Uganda in February for brother Tom, who is in Lira, Uganda, but it was not delivered to him. Len checked up on it with the Jesus Film Project people and discovered that it was sitting in Kampala at LIFE Ministries, so brother Tom traveled there to pick it up.

Here is the report from Alex, the brother in Kampala, Uganda with LIFE Ministries, which is affiliated with the Jesus Film Project, who handed over the new projector to brother Tom. He wrote: "...we handed [the Jesus Film Projector] over to Pastor Tom. He was so happy receiving his equipment (in the photo attached Mr. Wataba prayed and handed over equipment to Pastor Tom), but also being at LIFE Ministry for the first time. He spent half a day with us, we prayed together and handed over his equipment."

Let's pray the Lord helps brother Tom as he uses the projector to show the film all across northern Uganda, so that it would yield a harvest of souls for Christ.

Brother Ibrahim wrote the following email to Len in July:

"Hello Bro. Len, Thanks for your email. Currently I have no testimony to share but to thank God for the gift of life and enabling me to survive. Since my childhood, without parents, he has been with me all throughout these years. And I am



Yatta in Uganda



Ibrahim in Kenya



Tom receiving Projector

optimistic that he will uplift my life situation soonest. I am still searching for a job, almost seven years after graduation.

Yours in Christ, Br. Ibrahim."

In July, sister Rebecca in South Sudan wrote the following message to Len:

"Dear bro Leonard, Praise be to the Lord.

I am grateful to share with you my testimony, about what the Lord had done for me through DTS.

After my contract ended with the organization for which I was working, I moved from a rental house and started to live in a new area where I had put up a temporary house. I began altar prayers every evening and on Sundays, where I expected local area residents to join, too. This was due to the zeal I have developed for the work of God's Word. But instead, it turned [out differently]. Parents only send their children for prayers while they remain at home. I have learned that God has given me a children's ministry.

I thank God for DTS, and the ministry He has given me.

Stay blessed. Sis Rebecca"

Praise the Lord! What a wonderful testimony of God's faithfulness that He has given this sister a children's ministry. She says these children go home and do there what they see her doing in her prayer meetings with them. Let's pray that through these children their parents will get saved.

In July, Len received the following testimony from brother Max in Uganda:

"Being in DTS is surely God at work in us and with us. Thanks to you, bro. Len, for allowing God to use you for the touch of our lives. The five accountability questions among us as LTG is the greatest thing that has happened in my life. As the Holy Spirit continues to direct our path, souls are getting saved and the most amazing [thing] is when I trained 20 (male) inmates on how to share to their fellow [inmates], and the Lord made 19 of their colleagues to pray to receive Jesus as they led them and I witnessed them.

Glory to God for ever more!! Praise the Lord!

Brother Yatta in Uganda wrote in July:

"Two weeks ago, I and my LTG class went for a door to door outreach. We found one elderly person who was sick with a severe headache. According to him, he said the headache had taken almost a month. He went to the Health centre, an examination was done, and medicines were given, but there was no improvement. The pain instead intensified the most.

Therefore, when we asked him if it's ok with him for us to pray for him, he said yes. Indeed we took our time to pray for him without knowing what had happened. Three days later, that elderly person sent us a message to go back to him and this is what he told us...."My children, thank you for the prayers you made for me last time. As you were praying, I saw two arrows coming out of my head. I really didn't know how and what they are, but since then, I have not experienced the headache anymore. I had a wonderful sleep for the last three nights..."

We were filled with Joy, but we in turn told him, it's not by our own power; it's not by our own might, but all that happened is only by the power of the Holy Spirit of God. We were so grateful for what the Lord did. May you continue to keep us in your prayers.

Thank you, and may God bless you.

**Brother Yatta**"

Praise the Lord!

Brother Martin in Uganda wrote to Len in July saying:

"I have learned a lot from the videos on Share Jesus without Fear.

I have also learned that by sharing Jesus without fear, we help many people to come to know the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sharing the gospel is only about trying to transform new people to Christianity through the work of the Holy Spirit. Spreading the gospel is a way for us to partner with the Holy Spirit.

Most of us Christians commit the sin of silence, when we do not share the gospel of Christ!

Yours in Christ

**Brother Martin**"

Brother Ibrahim in Kenya needs prayer to find employment, as he has been unable to find normal employment in his field since graduating seven years ago, and sister Rebecca in South Sudan needs a new employment contract, since her old one ended.

Brother John who is one of our students and a bishop in Uganda wrote to Len:

"Keep praying with me. Going through some hardships, but in all will turn to victory in Christ Jesus. I am struggling in two Courts with two different unfaithful people who are using lies and money to corrupt Justice. But God is faithful to stand with me in all. Brother John Babu."

Please remember him in your prayers, too.

*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 us with a happy celebration of Charity's birthday together.
- 2. For helping the boys to finish their school year, enabling Christopher to be nearly finished with his summer college courses, and for blessing them with a summer break.
- 3. For providing the Jesus Film projector for brother Tom in Uganda, and that he finally received it.
- 4. For the amazing testimonies of God's work in the lives of our students and their brethren in Christ.
- 5. For helping us to successfully complete our evangelistic outreach to our community.
- 6. For the opportunity to assist each of our students in becoming disciples of Christ and fulfilling their callings.
- 7. 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 Len and Charity from insomnia.
- 3. For the Lord to water all the seeds of the gospel that we recently planted during our evangelistic community outreach with the *Jesus Film* DVD.

- 4. For the Lord to bless the boys with a relaxing and refreshing summer vacation from school.
- 0. For the Lord to provide for all the needs of our DTS students, including employment for brother Ibrahim in Kenya and sister Rebecca in South Sudan.
- 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).
- 0. For the Lord to fulfill His purposes for us and our ministry.
- 0. 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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