

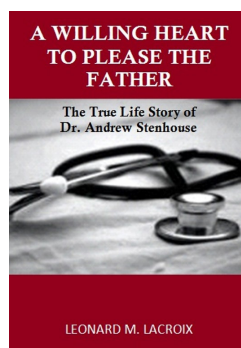


April Update

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.



Dr. Andrew Stenhouse



A Willing Heart Cover

Family: In March, Len began working on a special project, helping one of our board Members, Dr. Andrew Stenhouse (pictured left), write his autobiography. They recorded twelve podcasts together and posted them on a new blog Len has created called *A Willing Heart to Please the Father*. The website address is awillingheart.org. We encourage you to visit that site and start listening to the short podcasts, which average 15 minutes long. You can follow along in the transcript provided on each blog post, as you listen online. Alternatively, you can download the e-Book to your electronic reading device from the website above.

Len was contacted by a Muslim man named Saaed in Libya, asking for help to know the truth. So Len shared the gospel with him and invited him to give his life to Christ. Len was also contacted by a French-speaking man named Eric in the Ivory Coast who doesn't speak English, and who said he has been reading Len's articles for a year now, as well as sharing them on social media. He used an electronic translator to email back and forth a few times with Len.

Hope has continued more and more to use her recently earned TESOL certificate to teach English online to those speaking it as a second language. She has been teaching people in numerous countries such as Saudi Arabia, Brazil, Turkey, South Korea, Japan, China, Thailand, India, Columbia, Peru, Iraq, Vietnam, Algeria, Russia, Palestine, Ethiopia, Eswatini (aka. Swaziland), Belgium, Oman, and Yemen.

All of our children routinely memorize Scripture, but during the past few months, some of them have been memorizing whole chapters with the Lord's help. Faith has memorized the first two chapters of the gospel of John, and Christopher has memorized Revelation chapters one through four. Praise the Lord! A tool they've been using to help them is called BibleMemory.com.

Jennifer's finger is doing okay, and mainly only bothers her when she uses the keyboard. Praise the Lord for the healing she has experienced since her infection eight months ago last August.

Ministry: As we continue to administer our [discipleship training school](#) (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 Africa, and the United States.

In March, we held a graduation ceremony by conference call for our three most recent graduates, brothers James, John, and Grace, who all finished their DTS training on February 28th. Each of the graduates had a chance to give a brief testimony of what God has done in their lives; then we presented each of them with a diploma and prayed over them individually. Despite all the problems the enemy threw at us to try and interfere with the ceremony, God prevailed, and His presence was with us in a very tangible way. To God be the glory for the things He has done!

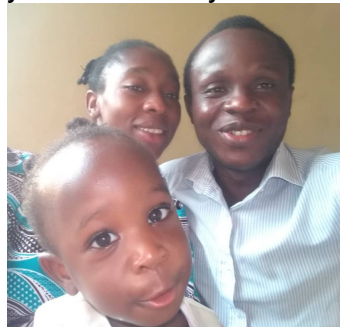
Please join us in congratulating all the graduates on their major accomplishment of graduating from the DTS. That was a significant life achievement for each of them, and only eternity will tell of all the good fruit that has and will come from their obedience and faithfulness to God in staying the course to completion.

After the graduation, Grace in Uganda wrote:

"Praise the Lord! I am so grateful to you and your team for all that the Lord has done through you in DTS! Today I am holding a certificate of accomplishment and is a great blessing to me, my family, the body of Christ and all who will benefit directly or indirectly! It was a wonderful ceremony and I pray the Lord of lords and King of kings bless you abundantly. Your brother Grace Okurut."



Justus in Uganda



Deji, Hannah, and Faith in Nigeria



Deji & Hannah's new baby

He also shared a testimony about the healing and miracles the Lord is doing through his ministry in Soroti, Uganda, where he is a pastor. He wrote:

"I have testimonies of people here who came with health complications last Saturday; one was an elderly lady called Kongai, a lady called Hellen, and two others all of whom God fixed their bones in parts like knees, legs, waist etc. Some of them could not sit or walk without support. In the prayer meeting we saw God's abundant grace in healing; they went back to their homes walking.

One girl called Betty was brought back from school seriously sick of typhoid. I read for her Mathew 8:14-17 where Jesus healed Peter's mother in-law of a fever. She stood up and danced, gave her life to Jesus and yesterday she came to Church with her mother glorifying God! A man called Ben we visited him in his hospital bed, bed ridden with stroke on his one side and on oxygen. He had also finished two months without food. After prayer the next day, he was able to sit. The Lord also told us in 3 days he would stand and it was so. Today as we talk, Ben can walk, ride, and eat, glory to God!

All of this is meant for us to glorify Him and encourage you brother...He does all things at His right time. If it's ok, I will be sharing with you the numerous testimonies of what the Lord is doing for the glory of His Name (Ephesians 3:20-21), He is the same God yesterday, today and forever...

Brother, much love to you and family in Jesus' Name.
Grace Okurut."

In April, Len received the following email from brother Richard in Uganda, who was responding to our March newsletter. He wrote: "Good morning, bro Len. It's so exciting hearing all these testimonies from home, DTS, LTG and new students, more so my fellow servant John. Welcome!

Just one word to say there is no place you learn and apply the Truth of the word in you accurately as in this DTS. That's my personal observation. Am proud of the Lord, am fully aware of my calling and ministry, and lack no truth of his Word in me.

Thank you, Brother Len."

He wrote later:

"Bro. Len I really have this as a personal testimony to give to you.

Ever since I began studying, I have got a lot of truth from the word of God, that I am imagining how much can I do to impact my community, nation, leaders, pastors, and those in captivity for lack of knowledge of truth.

As I prayed about it the Lord spoke to me to start a school centre of sharing this truth that I get from DTS and as he the Holy Spirit will instruct more.

I am happy with teaching ministry now because I am rooted with scriptural truth. We begun with four people. Now its beyond church walls to other church ministers impacting over 20 ministers once week in a class for 1½ hrs, and then praying together.

Praise be to God.

And I thank you, your family, my friend James who connected me, and my newest friend pastor Okurutu.

Love you all.

Happy Easter.

Richard L. Balikalaba"

In March, a new student from Uganda named Justus (pictured above), who is a pastor there, enrolled in the DTS. He will begin on June 1, when the next quarter begins. We look forward to serving him over the next three years.

Brother Justus is in an LTG with brothers Jimmy and Tom. According to our Uganda Facilitator, brother Grace, "They have life changing testimonies; the people they reach have asked them where they got such knowledge, and they themselves testify they have never got such a teaching from any Bible college! DTS is very enriching and rewarding!" Praise the Lord!

Brother Stephen in Nigeria is resuming an assignment as a full time pastor in a village. He and his wife will both be stepping out in faith to pursue that assignment, while continuing in the DTS. They are leaving behind multiple LTGs that they formed where they are now. Brother Stephen wrote the following testimony to Len in April:

"God bless, brother Len. With a deep sense of gratitude, I want to appreciate God for using brother Len to open my ears and my heart for God. Now I'm a soldier in the field, winning souls for Christ. I am now a full time pastor with Living Faith Church World Wide. Glory to God."

Praise the Lord for brother Stephen's progress and service. Let's pray the Lord blesses him and his wife Daniel in their new ministry endeavor.

In March Len also received a report from brother Deji on the success of his missions trip to the remote locations of Iboko and Ishashi, Nigeria, where many souls came to the Lord through that outreach.

He wrote:

"Dear Brother Len,

We bless the name of the Lord for what He did in the outreach. We had many children give their lives to Christ as 41 of them came to church on Sunday. 12 youths and adults came to church as first timers on Sunday too...We have a witness that the Lord has given us the land but [that] we need to occupy it through discipleship and persistent one-on-one evangelism. We've decided that some of us in the campus church will be going there twice weekly in order to strengthen the church.

Please pray for us that the Lord will give us grace not to get tired until we win the entire land for Christ. It seems to us that this project is not a sprint, but a long distance race where consistency and persistence are needed. Glory to God.

In Him,

Deji"

He also informed Len that his wife "Sister Hannah was delivered of a baby girl on Friday (April 2). She was at the Easter Retreat camp of her church when she went into labour. She was taken to a government hospital where she gave birth." Praise the Lord! (see photos above).

Len sent out his monthly edition of Old News That's Still Fresh in April to pastors, elders, and laborers in the harvest in the US, Europe, Australia, Africa, and Asia.

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 Len's birthday.
2. For the testimonies of brothers Stanley, Shadrach, and Grace.
3. For providing Hope some opportunities to teach English.
4. For providing a job for Charity.
5. For bringing brother John into the Doulos Training School (DTS).
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, and help administering the Doulos Training School (DTS), and for the progress the students are making.
8. For the lives being touched for Christ around the world through our writing ministry.

Next steps and prayer needs:

1. For the Lord to heal Jennifer's finger.
2. For the Lord to heal Faith and to heal Len from eczema as well as neuropathy pain in his back, left leg and foot that is coming from his spine.
3. For the Lord to provide Hope with a job.
4. For the Lord to provide for all the needs of our DTS students, particularly brother Ibrahim who is trusting God for a financial breakthrough and gainful employment.
5. For the Lord to heal brother Mike's wife Ivy from a kidney stone.
6. For a safe delivery for sister Hannah of her newborn at the appointed time in April.
7. For the Lord to help brother John in Uganda to achieve his DTS training goal.
8. For the Lord to provide for all the needs of our DTS students.
9. For the Lord to comfort brother James in Uganda in the loss of his mother.
10. 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.
11. For the Lord to help all of our DTS students to find LTG partners
12. For the Lord to fulfill His purposes for us and our ministry.
13. 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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