

December 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.



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Family: In November we celebrated Thanksgiving. Unfortunately Hope had to work that day. She was originally scheduled to get off at four o'clock in the afternoon, but they asked her to stay until closing. We all gave thanks to the Lord for His many blessings and then enjoyed a traditional meal together.

In December Charity produced some more short music videos. One of them is called <u>The Meaning of Life</u>, based on her poem by that name written in 2013 when she was fourteen years old. The other one is called <u>The Coming</u>, based on the verse that says, "Look, He is coming with the clouds,' and 'every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him'; and all peoples on earth 'will mourn because of Him.' So shall it be! Amen." (Rev 1:7). She also composed the soundtrack as well.

Len also published the personal salvation testimonies of Christopher, Joseph, and Faith. They are called <u>How I Came to Know Jesus</u>, <u>Saved at a Tender Young Age</u>, and <u>My Overflowing Joy in Knowing Jesus</u>.

Len's Writing for the Master blog, which is a collection of his articles on Christian topics, has been censored from Facebook. This means you cannot send a link to this blog to anyone in a personal message or post it on your Facebook page. Facebook has blocked it claiming "this link goes against our Community Standards." So then that would mean there is an anti-Christ spirit operating within Facebook as a company, if Christian articles contradict their allowable content. Of course, that's no surprise, especially after the recent expose of Facebook done by Project Veritas. This new development is unfortunate, but, in

one sense, it is good news, because it indicates that our blogs are doing damage to the devil's kingdom and the enemy is afraid of them. We rejoice that we are counted worthy to suffer for His name's sake (Ac 5:41).

Len and Jennifer have been making progress on our shoulders. We are both nearly pain free, except for certain movements and the fact that Len is still not able to sleep on his left shoulder without pain. Regaining our original range of motion is still the big challenge, but the Lord has been healing Len to the point where he almost has full range of motion fully restored. Jennifer still has quite a ways to go on that, and unfortunately she has had this problem long before Len did. Thank you for praying. Please pray for the Lord to drive out all remaining pain, heal all muscles, tendons, and ligaments, and restore full range of motion to our shoulders.

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 three nations including Uganda, Nigeria, and Kenya.

In December, another one of our students graduated from the DTS. Her name is sister Sherry from Kenya, who is living in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). It was an amazing accomplishment, considering that she is a single mother with children, and has moved from Lebanon to Kenya, then later to the UAE, during her training with us. When she finished, she wrote:

"I give God all the praise and to our Lord Jesus Christ for helping me to successfully complete my discipleship course. It's been an amazing journey. Thank you so much."

Now we will begin planning for her graduation ceremony, once she wraps up a few final requirements.



Ibrahim in Kenya



Sherry in the Emirates

In December we had two more new students from Kenya enroll. A sister named Cynthia and a brother named Ibrahim have both begun their three years of training with us. They are still so new that we don't have photos of them yet, but

once we do, we will post them. Cynthia, who was saved in the eighth grade and is now twenty-six, is enrolling to learn more and get deeper in her salvation experience with the Lord. As for Ibrahim, who is thirty-three years old, he was raised in a Christian family, baptized at age fourteen, and then orphaned. He has been through a lot of things that have destabilized his life. He stated that he has enrolled in order to more fully understand his Christian faith and know his Creator, so that he may live the life the Lord expects him to live, and preach the gospel to the souls that need it.

In December, Len received the following comments from two readers on his article called What Does the Bible Say About Vaccines?:

"I agree with the above but I'd like to add- we are to separate ourselves from everything that contaminates the body- this includes vaccines, yes- but also manmade toxic foods and drinks that are loaded with chemicals and preservatives. The church is as sick as the world because it has conformed to the ways of the world and this includes the way the world eats. For example, sugar, junk, fast foods, soda etc.... The Standard American Diet [S.A.D] is a diet that fuels illness. It is a diet of the world. It's time for the church to return to God's original diet (Gen 1:29) and reap life abundant. Thank you for a very informative article." -- Trish

While Len does agree that it is wisdom to stay away from the S.A.D, he leaves that up to each individual to decide before God. If they do so, then they will certainly be the beneficiaries.

"Honestly, I love your biblical insight on vaccines. I knew, through Gods word, that we are not to mix other blood with ours, as well as, have read many Health Professionals articles, medical journals reports, as well as, viewed many of Dale Bigtrees, Highwire videos with healthcare professionals, but I have never read such in depth, biblical-based information. I pray that both my older daughters and my son-in-laws all read this article, and I hope it enlightens each of them to God's Truths. Thank you so much." -- Anonymous

These comments are quite interesting, especially since articles such as this one are being banned from social medial platforms like Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, and other sources of such information, like books on the topic are being removed from Amazon. It's a concerted effort to censor this information, so that the public will not be informed about the serious risks posed to them and their children.

Although we are not based overseas any more, we are still missionaries and still need your financial and prayer support of our ministry. Please pray and ask the Father if He would have you give.

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:

- For blessing Hope with another year to serve Him and allowing us to For the measure of healing that we (Len and Jennifer) have received in our shoulders so far.
- 2. For giving Charity some new poems to write, and helping her to produce music videos for some of her poetry.
- 3. For helping Sherry to complete her three years of DTS training.
- 4. For giving us the opportunity to serve brother Ibrahim and sister Cynthia in Kenya as new students in our DTS, who are just beginning this month in December.
- 5. For the opportunity to assist each of our students in becoming disciples of Christ and fulfilling their callings.
- 6. For the lives being touched for Christ around the world through our writing ministry.

Prayer needs:

- 1. For the Lord to heal Jennifer from limited range of motion in her right arm, and for the Lord to heal Len of the same thing in his left shoulder, as well as from the pain.
- 2. For the Lord to heal Faith and Len from eczema.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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)...
- 5. For the Lord to fulfill His purposes for us and our ministry.
- 6. 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.

Thank you so much for your partnership in this ministry.

with love from all of us,

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