

November Update

Greetings from North Carolina in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! We're pleased to share with you what the Lord has been doing in our lives and ministry.



Hope

Charity and Faith

Family: In November we celebrated Hope's fifteenth birthday. As usual we celebrated with a small party, including homemade cake, gifts, and cards. We praise God for another year of her life, and the growth He has brought about in her.

Although we had quite a bit of rain, we have also had some beautiful, unseasonably warm fall weather. Praise the Lord!

We have also ordered mattress sets for the whole family to replace the air mattresses we've been using for a few months, as well as a bunk bed for the boys.

Ministry: Deji, one of the students currently enrolled in the <u>Doulos Training</u> <u>School</u> (DTS), has recently received the baptism with the Holy Spirit, which he had been praying for. Praise the Lord! Len has been spending time teaching him, whenever he has questions. Please remember Deji and Nickeshia as you pray for the DTS.

We also have at least one new student enrolled in the DTS, named Richmond King, from Liberia, Africa, who will begin on December 1. We wrote about him last month, and Len has since posted Richmond's testimony online, called <u>The Spiritual Awakening of Richmond King</u>.

The Lord continues to use our online Christian literature ministry worldwide. Len also continues to get encouraging feedback from those who are benefiting from it.

For example, Len received a comment on <u>Rachael Mushala's Testimony of Hell</u> from a brother in the Netherlands, named Jan, who said, "Hello Len, I'm glad I came across this site and read the testimony...Thank you so much Len, for this website and the posts, and thank you, Rachael Mushala for sharing your testimony. My heart is excited to learn and grow to know the truth!"

A sister named Magline wrote to Len saying, "Hi Len, thank you for the good job you are doing for us to repent. I really thank the Lord God for having you, because I no longer live a worldly life like I used to do. Keep on sharing the Word with us."

In fact, we even received an encouraging email from the pastor of one of the three largest churches in India, which is considered to be the fastest growing church in the world. It is also one of the biggest churches in the world with over 130,000 members, but we had never heard of it before or had any contact with this pastor. He had read Len's article, <u>Gifts and Fruit of the Spirit: What's the Difference?</u>, and said, "I did read this article and I was blessed. It is very balanced and bible based. I truly appreciate what you are doing for the Lord." We thank God and praise Him for what He has done. He deserves all the glory, all the praise, and all the honor for the way that lives have been touched.

Len continues to produce his monthly publication, <u>Old News That's Still Fresh</u>, containing his latest articles, which he sends out to pastors, elders, and laborers across the world, as well as here in the States.







Deji Odebode

Lastly, we want to give God the praise for what He has done in Carl's life. This was the man who contacted us in September, who we originally identified as "1lord1god jesus4life", and who was suicidal. We reported that we ministered deliverance to him by phone in October on two occasions, and that he later

attacked Len verbally. Well we are pleased to report that he has reconciled with Len. But more importantly, God has been at work in his life in a wonderful way since we last spoke to him a month ago.

Carl has gotten involved in a Bible study and realizes he must not take his own life. He said that instead of praying for five minutes before going to bed, he now prays for an hour. And instead of being what he called a "zip reader" of the Bible, he now reads it carefully to understand it. He says he reads the same passage twice each day, both in the morning and again at night. He practices meditating on the Word now. And he has learned to command the demons to go in the name of Jesus Christ, which is bringing greater victory in his life. He sounded much better, although he still has battles with the demons from time to time.

He said that he got a job at a local Christian bookstore, where he enjoys the presence of the Lord while he works. He works behind the register and greets people at the door. He also prays for people who need prayer. He said he is not depressed and not unhappy any more.

He and Len prayed together on the phone, and when Len prayed for him, Len got the verse from Romans 16:20, "The God of peace will soon crush satan underneath your feet." Afterward, Carl said that this was the very same verse the Lord had spoken to his heart personally a couple weeks ago. He said that after the Lord had spoken that to him, he had to go to the Bible to find it and make sure it was not the enemy saying that him. When he found it in Romans 16:20, then he knew the Lord had really spoken to him. And when Len got that verse for him, it encouraged him to know that he is actually hearing from God.

This is a man who was previously convinced that he had blasphemed the Holy Spirit and who thought there was no hope left for him. He says that the Lord used the article, <u>False Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit</u>, to help him overcome the enemy's lies. Through the article, he was able to see that he was not the only one experiencing this problem. And in addition to contacting Len, he was able to correspond with the Mushala sisters, who had also experienced this same issue at one time. They also were very helpful to him, praying for him and counseling him. So the Lord has done a great work in his life and we give God all the glory! Praise the Lord. Please do pray for him though as the Lord leads, because at times, he still comes under attack and reverts back to thinking he has committed the unforgivable sin.

For all of these things, we give God all the glory and the honor and the praise for what He has done. "Lord, you establish peace for us; all that we have accomplished <u>You have done for us</u>." (Is 26:12)

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 Lord's leading, guidance, and help operating the Doulos Training School (DTS), as well as for the progress being made by the two students, Deji and Nickeshia.
- 2. For the enrollment into the DTS of our newest disciple, Richmond King, from Liberia.
- 3. For the Lord baptizing Deji with the Holy Spirit.
- 4. For bringing about deliverance and victory in the life of our friend, Carl.
- 5. For the opportunities the Lord has given us to be a witness to people along the way.
- 6. For the lives being touched for Christ around the world through our writing ministry.
- 7. For the words of encouragement we have received from the people being touched.

Next steps and prayer needs:

- 1. For the Lord to heal Len from lower back and sciatic trouble, causing chronic pain on his left side and down his left leg into his foot.
- 2. For the Lord to assist us with the Doulos Training School (DTS), as well as develop through it many disciples who make disciples, resulting in multiplication for His glory. And special blessings upon Deji and Nickeshia as they study to show themselves approved.
- 3. For the Lord to place military people in our path who are ready for the gospel, and who will later be used by the Lord to reach many others for Christ here and in the uttermost parts of the earth.
- 4. For the Lord to fulfill His purposes for Len, and that He would help Len by opening doors for ministry and giving him courage, that whenever he speaks, words may be given him so that he will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel.
- 5. For the Lord to send his angels with Len's messages to those who need them, and for an open heaven over them when they receive his messages.
- 6. For the Lord to continue to raise up new faith partners, and to provide for us, including all the furniture we need.

Thank you so much for your partnership in this ministry.

with love from all of us, The Lacroixs

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