



### ***September 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.



Joseph and Christopher



Faith

*Family:* Faith, Christopher, and Joseph returned to their home school studies in September, following an enjoyable summer break. Charity and Hope continue to work at a cafeteria restaurant, and both of their jobs can be demanding, as well as fairly stressful at times, but they are doing well. Hope is still preparing to take her standardized SAT college entrance exam in October.

We're also continuing to pray for our shoulders to be healed. Jennifer's is not so much painful anymore, but she needs the Lord to restore full range of motion to it. Len's shoulder pain has been significantly reduced, too, but there are still some very painful moments during certain movements of his arm. Plus he also has a loss of range of motion that we are praying for the Lord to restore, while he continues to get physical therapy for it.

At this time, we are in need of some urgent home repairs and auto repairs that are coming all at once. Please pray that the Lord would provide the right people to do these repairs, that they would be responsive to us, that He would give them wisdom to fix the problems, and that He would provide for it all.

*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 four nations including Uganda, Nigeria, Kenya, and the United Arab Emirates.

In August, another one of our DTS students named Collete in Kenya graduated from our program. She wrote regarding her completion of the training:

"Dear brother Leonard,

The name of the Lord be glorified. It is by His grace that I am able to complete the three years training. Many thanks to you and your family for encouraging us even when I was soaked with challenges. Your end of the month DTS Newsletter and mid month Old News That's Still Fresh have been very refreshing. I admired how you manage the Doulos [Training] School, it is one of its kind. The program is relaxed which is convenient to most people.

Stay blessed.

Sister Collete"

Hallelujah! We give God all the glory! It's so wonderful to see another one of our students complete the three years of training.

We mentioned last month the dire straits she was in where she was living in Mali. As it turned out, she was unable to settle her late husband's estate, so she gave up on trying. She also had to leave the country and move back to Kenya. She had been wanting to move back to Kenya for some time, but didn't know how. Her daughter in Canada was able to buy plane tickets for sister Collete and her daughters that were with her in Mali. So she is living with one of her sons in Kenya for the time being, and her daughters who moved there with her are looking for employment. Let's pray the Lord would provide employment for her daughters and a place for them to live with sister Collete.

She wants to eventually join up with the ministry of a village church in Kenya, where her brother serves as pastor. Once she makes that move, by the grace of God, we plan to have her graduation ceremony. Let's pray that the Lord's presence will be upon us during her graduation.

Len received the following email from Richard, one of our students who is a pastor in Uganda. He stated:



Sherry in the UAE



Collete in Kenya



Richard in Uganda

"I finished my coursework for the second semester first year, so interesting training. Am grateful for DTS and the staff. Thank you for equipping us with material and training in biblical truth. Am so encouraged, and for sure am so useful to the congregation that I lead and the entire community. When I speak, lives are transformed; and the LTG team is so much a wonderful ministry with learners who now live by the power of the Scriptures in daily life actions. Thank you, Lord, for my school and brother Len and administration."

Praise the Lord for this wonderful testimony.

On September 3, Len received the following good news from brother Deji, who is a recent DTS graduate in Nigeria, about his wife Hannah, who is a current DTS student. He stated:

"Dear brother Len,

The Lord blessed us with a baby girl yesterday.

Praise the Lord, great things He has done!

In Christ,

Deji"

Praise the Lord! Let's pray that mother and baby are both able to get some rest now.

Len received the following email from sister Sherry in the United Arab Emirates in September:

"Hallo brother Len,

I have experienced and gained a lot of wisdom in DTS. Am even surprised at myself and humbled that His Grace is sufficient. I remember on my First Year First Quarter reading and studying about GOD. I felt a special kind of feeling a wonderful, sweet, smiling feeling of assurance and of love and joy and peace. I still do, whenever I think about that article. So amazing, and it remains my most favorite...and all the others. I was excited to start working for the Lord already like a new child starting to walk. That's where the fiery suffering of a believer comes in. I would later on fall and bruise myself, but The Lord is good and renewing my strength.

Thank you brother Len.

I am grateful. Be blessed."

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

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:*

1. For the measure of healing that we (Len and Jennifer) have received in our shoulders so far.
2. For blessing our children with a relaxing summer vacation from their studies.
3. For helping sister Collete complete her three years of DTS training and return to her home country of Kenya.
4. For the testimonies of what the Lord is doing through the DTS in the lives of brother Richard in Uganda, sister Collete in Kenya, and sister Sherry in the UAE.
5. For the birth of Deji and Hannah's new baby in September.
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.

*Prayer needs:*

1. For the Lord to heal Jennifer from chronic pain and limited range of motion in her right arm, and for the Lord to heal Len of the same thing in his left shoulder and arm.
2. 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.
3. For the Lord to heal Faith and Len from eczema.
4. For the Lord to help Hope to study for the SAT test and do well on it in October.
5. For the Lord to provide the right people to do our needed home and auto repairs, that they would be responsive to us, that He would give them wisdom to fix the problems, and that He would provide for it all.
6. For the Lord to help sister Collete's daughters to find employment in Kenya.

7. For sister Collete to find permanent housing and join her brother's ministry in the village, as well as bless her with His presence on her graduation ceremony when the time comes for it.
8. For the Lord to bless Deji and Hannah as they enjoy their new baby girl, and give them guidance regarding ministry in Nigeria, Liberia, or wherever the Lord would have them serve.
9. 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.
10. 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).
11. For the Lord to fulfill His purposes for us and our ministry.
12. For the Lord to move mountains 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 -- as He releases a financial miracle.

Thank you so much for your partnership in this ministry.

with love from all of us,

The Lacroixs

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