

June Update

Greetings from sunny 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.



Christopher celebrating his 11th birthday

Faith

Family: In May we celebrated Christopher's eleventh birthday with a party, cake, cards, and gifts.

In May, Len was ill one day and thought he might need to go to an emergency room. We prayed as a family, and others also prayed. Later in the day, his pain became severe, so he called a friend named Freddy Clark, an evangelist who has the gifts of healing and miracles, and has been in ministry for over fifty years. Brother Freddy prayed for Len, and the Lord instantly healed him. Praise the Lord.

In June, the children took their usual, year-end, Iowa standardized tests. After four days of testing, they celebrated on the fifth day with pancakes for breakfast and a field trip to the park. In June, Len traveled to Florida for the annual convention of the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions.

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.

In May, Sherry successfully moved from Lebanon back to her home country of Kenya with her son. She is currently seeking employment, as she is the breadwinner for her family. Praise the Lord for guiding her safely back home, and pray that she will find a good paying job.

Two of our students have had to suspend their studies due to financial issues that prevented them from continuing. One is Emmanuel in Nigeria, who had to move to a home that is off the electrical grid. So naturally he has no internet service, since he has no power. Of course, this is a hardship for him, just as it would be for any one of us, but he has a great attitude and says it gives him more time to pray and read the Bible. He recently wrote:

"Thank you, Bro Len, for your concern. We are hoping to use a generator this month, since connecting to the grid don't look feasible for now. And connecting to the grid will not solve the issue, since power supply is so unstable. Yes, its part of the challenge for God's children, but we are more than conquerors. I am glad it did not affect my spiritual life, because I get more time for the Word. I will continue reading your Spirit-inspired articles, but as soon as the power is stable I will let you know. In Christ, Emmanuel."

The other student, whose studies in the DTS are on hold, is Onor in Cameroon. He has moved to a different city, seeking employment. He has been conducting morning devotions with his cousin and her children, who are Catholic. He asked for prayer that the Holy Spirit would convict them of sin. So we are praying accordingly, and ask you to join us, so that they would all be saved. He recently wrote:

"Dear Len, Thanks very much for your spiritual support and for all you are doing for for the body of Christ. Bro. Len, please pray for me...It's not easy for me spiritually. Please remember me in your prayers. May God uphold me in this neighborhood. Thanks." Please also pray that he would find gainful employment.

Since Nickeshia in Jamaica enrolled in the DTS last September, she has invited seven people to join her as Life Transformation Group (LTG) partners, but none of them have accepted her invitation. She has been serving the Lord faithfully, even using her lunch break at work to go out evangelizing the lost. Please pray that she will find an LTG partner soon.



Onor in Cameroon



Emmanuel in Nigeria



Tilia in Liberia

Meanwhile, we have enrolled five new students, who began with us on June 1, as we begin a new quarter. One is a man in London, England, by the name of Bamidele, who is the pastor of our other London student, named Dina. Another student in London has enrolled by the name of Joy, who is a friend of Dina's and will be her LTG partner. A third student is a sister named Collete, who is a Kenyan woman living in Mali, Africa. A fourth student is a brother named David in Nigeria. A fifth is a sister named Tilia in Liberia. This brings the total to eleven DTS students now in seven countries. We would like to share with you the testimony of sister Tilia, who wrote:

"I am grateful to the Lord God Almighty for granting me long life to reach this far. I got save when I was a youth, but I lived a double life as a Christian. I was born and raised in a Christian family, but I had no idea about the true meaning of salvation until April 2013, when I heard Linda Paul Rika's testimony about hell. I repented of all my sins and begin a new journey with the Lord. It was not an easy journey from the start, but by the grace of God I have been going on. After my conversion I realized that the Church I grew up in was not feeding me spiritually, and so I found a Church that teaches about Heaven and Hell, Holiness, contentment, self-control, etc. My soul has been fed in this Church. I got baptized with the Holy Spirit in 2014 during the last day of a twenty-one-day fast and prayer that is held in January of every New Year. Since then I have been walking with the LORD."

"I got a call from the LORD on my life to preach to His people. My calling is specifically in preaching to women and married couples. I believe the DTS can help me in fulfilling my calling. Thanks to DTS in advance for this opportunity given me to enhance in carrying out my assignment. Thank you so much for opportunity. Let the LORD reward you."

Praise the Lord for the opportunity to assist Tilia and each of our students in becoming disciples of Christ and fulfilling their callings.

"May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world." (Gal 6:14)

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 helping sister Sherry to move safely back to Kenya from Lebanon.
- 2. For enabling sister Dina in England to find an LTG partner to meet with for discipleship.
- 3. For the opportunity to assist each of our students in becoming disciples of Christ and fulfilling their callings.
- 4. For the Lord's leading, guidance, and help administering the Doulos Training School (DTS), and for the progress the students are making.

- 5. For the lives being touched for Christ around the world through our writing ministry.
- 6. For the words of encouragement we have received from the people being touched.
- 7. For healing Len from illness, and the improvements in his back.

Next steps and prayer needs:

- 1. For the Lord to heal Len from lower spine and sciatic trouble, causing chronic pain.
- 2. For the Lord to assist us with the administration of the Doulos Training School (DTS), as well as develop through it many disciples who make disciples, resulting in multiplication for His glory. And for the Lord to help each one of them to find an LTG partner to meet with for discipleship, which is crucial.
- 3. For the Lord to help Sherry to find a job and an LTG partner in Kenya.
- 4. For the Lord to use Onor to reach his relatives for Christ in Cameroon and to provide a good job for him.
- 5. For the Lord to help Emmanuel to get stable power, so he can resume his DTS studies.
- 6. For the Lord to help all of our new DTS students, as they are getting started with their training.
- 7. For the Lord to fulfill His purposes for us and our ministry.
- 8. For the Lord to send His angels with Len's written messages to those who need them, and for an open heaven over them when they receive his messages.
- 9. For the Lord to move mountains to raise up new faith partners, including those who would sponsors our students, and 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, The Lacroixs

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