

## August 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.





Faith on her birthday

Christopher at Faith's birthday

Family: In August we celebrated Faith's eighteenth birthday with cake, cards, gifts, and prayer for her.

We had a 5.1 magnitude earthquake in August. The whole house was shaking back and forth, but it sustained no damage. Most people in our area probably didn't sustain much damage, if any. Thank the Lord for His protection.

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

Len received the following email from brother Grace in Uganda, who is a pastor there and in his third year of DTS training now. He wrote:

"Hi dear brother Len,

I give God the glory for what He is doing to change lives through DTS! I have been going through the 'Garments of Godliness' in this semester. This has coincided with our prayer and fasting plan. Just a week a go the Lord guided us to pray and fast for six days in the area of purity as intercessors. In the process the Lord removed our old clothing and replaced with very white garments. Some days during prayer, the Lord appeared standing in our midst with a very white

robe. We have had a wonderful time and experience with the Lord this one more time.

We thank God for what He is doing through DTS; I do share DTS teachings and testimonies with the brethren here and our lives are changed.

Blessings, Brother Grace Okurut"

Praise the Lord for that amazing testimony. He and his family recently moved from Lirat o Soroti, Uganda, where they plan to start a healing and deliverance ministry. Let's pray that they are successful in doing so.

Len also received the following emails from Humphrey in Uganda, another pastor there who is in his first guarter of DTS:

"Greetings brother Len,

Hope this finds you well and your loved ones too. I must confess that it is a very enriching experience so far so good. The materials of DTS has given me a redefining moment in my Christian walk and ministry .My perspective about God has completely shifted positively.I am glad that I have finally collided with the awesome truth I have been craving for.As I read the material ,every page drips with truth and fresh revelation that engraves a Divine mark on my heart -it is a true embodiment of truth.I am glad that I am being fully grounded, equipped,established and coming to full knowledge through DTS.

If it were not for LTG tool, I don't know where the Ugandan Churches would in this nearly six months of church lockdown more so our church. Churches are still in lockdown, but we meet in homes using the LTG system of meeting two-by-two, and this makes me to believe you are a God-sent man at such unprecedented times when things are hard. I want to conclude that if he restrictions are lifted by the government, please come and pay a visit to us, as we plan to mobilise more students.

Thank you Brother Humphrey Uganda"

Once again, we praise the Lord for what He is doing in brother Humphrey's life.

Sister Cynthia in Kenya, who is currently in her First Year Second Quarter of DTS, wrote:

"Praise Jesus. I bless the Lord for you. I pray that your family is safe and fine. I thank God that despite of everything and all the economical shifts in the business

world. The Lord has still sustained me at my work place and be able to achieve all the set targets. This is my testimony, brother Leonard.

God Bless you all."

We're thankful to God for His provision in Cynthia's life, and for the fact that she has started an LTG.

Brother John from Nigeria also gave God the glory as well. He wrote:

"The series of this course work has taught me a lot in this second quarter of my third year. Right now I am trying to see how I [can] channel myself from <a href="self-confidence to confidence in the Lord">self-confidence to confidence in the Lord</a>, stop trusting in man, and trust in God alone. I also learnt that there is <a href="beauty in brokenness">beauty in brokenness</a> as it releases a beautiful fragrance in <a href="the presence of the Lord">the Lord</a>. I think I should try as much as possible to love the process of brokenness, if it is for the Lord or caused by the Lord. The series taught me about <a href="tobedience to the Lord">obedience to the Lord</a> which is not optional. I am motivated that <a href="God does use weak things">God does use weak things</a> to carry out His purposes (e.g., whenever I think of where He drew me from). From the teachings in this quarter, I am trying to be careful about worldliness, avoid the <a href="self-help gospel">self help gospel</a>, <a href="self-help gospel">self help religion</a>, and to love <a href="suffering as a believer in Christ">suffering as a believer in Christ</a> provided it brings glory to my God. I am helped by the book by Bro. Sadiq Ibrahim (with Dr. K.N. Stewart) <a href="Walking in God's Perfect Will">Walking in God's Perfect Will</a> (Including an end-time vision of the Rapture and experience in Hell). [There are] many more testimonies I would have love to share, but in all, God is with me."

It's always great to get that kind of feedback and see how the Lord is using the DTS to equip our students for works of service.

Speaking of works of service, brothers John and Shadrach, who are LTG partners, organized a three-day, evangelistic outreach to Calabar where they live, in which they preached the gospel. Here is the report from John on the results of that outreach:

"The crusade was successful. We used a movie titled 'Eternity So Near' as a tool to gather people. As they gathered the first night, we showed part of it, and we preached the message of salvation to them. Many of them responded to the altar call that first day. We completed the movie the second day, and preached to them about the Cross and its meaning. Saturday was the last day, which we used for prayers, after which we asked those that responded well to meet every Sunday [at] 5 PM for a discipleship class. We assigned a brother who hosted us to assist them in the training, who himself is a discipline of Brother Gbile Akanni. One of [those who responded to the gospel] has been calling me from there, sharing testimony of his change life."

Praise the Lord for such wonderful results from the crusade in Calabar.

Len also received the following testimony from Shadrach who stated:

"Good evening brother Len, I really want to testify [of] what God is doing in my life through the <u>LTG</u>. The <u>LTG</u> has made evangelism a lifestyle and commitment to bringing others to Christ has become a daily heart beat. God bless you and everyone in the DTS."

Len also received the following testimony from brother Charles, who is a pastor in Uganda, now in his third year of DTS training:

"Praise the Lord, bro Len:

Greetings from Uganda. I hope everyone is okay.

Am writing this mail to thank God for the opportunity of being a student Disciple of Duolos Training School.

Am especially grateful to God for the <u>LTG</u> module. I must say that the Lord had spoken to you before hand that this program would be practical in times that we are leaving in today. The <u>LTG</u> groups has helped us as a ministry to be able to bring the members together to share the word of God and be encouraged.

Uganda currently is still under lockdown, churches are still closed and groups of more than five are not permitted. God surely knew that in 2020 a pandemic would make it not possible for Christians to gather, but we're grateful to God that through the <u>LTG</u> we are able to meet in smaller groups. Thank you brother Len for allowing God to use you for such a time as this.

God bless You, God bless all the partners and God bless all the students.

Thank you. Pastor Charles Okello Uganda"

In June Len received an email from one of his readers in Finland named Jouni (YOO-nee) about how the Lord recently brought him back to Jesus after ten years of being away from God. He wrote:

"Hey Leonard,

I want to thank you so much for your blogs that you have written. They have been of paramount help of growing in faith. The path to salvation is narrow! Thank you so much for all the work you've put in for the kingdom of God.

I'm located in Finland and I'm seeking God's will in my life. The Lord pulled me back in his mercy after I left my faith for a period of about 10 years.

## Br. Jouni"

Afterward as Len prayed with him on the phone, he received deliverance, as well as the baptism with the Holy Spirit and fire. Praise the Lord!

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 Faith's 18th birthday.
- 2. For all the praise reports from our students.
- 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.

## Next steps and prayer needs:

- 1. For the Lord to heal Len and Jennifer's right shoulders.
- 2. For the Lord to heal Faith and Len from eczema.
- 3. For the Lord to provide for all the needs of our DTS students in the hardships they're experiencing due to the lockdown, especially those in dire need in Uganda.
- 4. For the Lord to assist all our DTS students in any life challenges they may be experiencing.
- 5. 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.
- 6. 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), and help them finish all their course work for the current quarter by the end of this month.
- 7. For the Lord to fulfill His purposes for us and our ministry.

with love from all of us,

## The Lacroixs

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