

September 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.



Charity, Faith, and Hope

Joseph and Christopher

Family: By the grace of God, we are doing well overall. In September, the children returned to home school and are making a smooth transition back into their studies. Joseph is in kindergarten now and is really enjoying being in school like everyone else. In September we went for a little picnic at a local park, which was fun.

In August, Hope awoke one morning with a desire to write a poem about the cross. Then she decided that she wanted to try and also cover the topic of cross-bearing. So that day she wrote an acrostic poem called <u>Cross Bearing</u>, which we have now posted on Verses to the King.

We are currently still experiencing engine oil leaks in our van, which have recently gotten worse. We are praying and asking God to solve this issue, as the mechanic who previously worked on it is an hour from here, is booked solid for the next five weeks before he could see us; and up until now he has not been willing to accept responsibility for the leaking seal. We may need to just get it done some place locally, but we have gotten different opinions from different mechanics about what part of the engine exactly is leaking. So it is difficult to know how to proceed, but the Lord will guide us and provide for us as we pray.

Ministry: We continue to reach out to our neighbors as the Lord gives opportunity. One of them was a neighbor we called "Jim" in our last newsletter, who is a Freemason. He visited with Len for a couple hours one evening and

listened to the gospel. Len left him with some material to read that exposes the satanic nature of the masons, and he promised to read it, as well as discuss it afterward. However, since then there seems to be a change in the relationship, and no follow up discussion has happened yet. Pray that the Lord would reveal the Truth of the gospel to "Jim", that he would be truly born again, and that he would realize the evil of the brotherhood he is part of.

In our update last month, we mentioned a brother, named Lusindiso, in Capetown, SA, who has been sharing Len's articles with his pastor. The pastor in turn has given him the task of distributing the messages to various groups in the church. Lusindiso has been experiencing spiritual warfare against himself and his wife as a result of his efforts. Please pray for the Lord to rescue them from every evil attack.

Brother Lusindiso says the pastor is now having him translate my articles into the Xhosa language, which is the primary language of the United in Christ Ministries he belongs to. So he is translating them and reading them to the Church members on Sundays at the pastor's request.

Len also spoke to the pastor of the church brother Lusindiso attends. She is a woman named Nontsikelelo Blessing Dondashe, who told Len she had thought she was a Christian, but when she began to read his messages, she realized she wasn't even saved, so she repented. Now she is doing everything the Lord shows her that she must do. She is making sure the people in the Church get the messages. But she is also distributing them in hard copy to local pastors and elders of other Churches. She does not know if they will receive the messages, since some of them aren't even saved, but she at least wants to get the messages into their hands, so they have an opportunity to make a decision.



A nature walk in the park

"Deji"

Her approach is to tell them, "Read the papers, then call me and we can pray about it." She also distributes them to schoolteachers as well, since they are in front of students and must also know what God requires. She was praising God for what He has been doing through these messages, and she invited Len to come to Capetown to hold meetings and teach. She said that she would work very hard to organize it, and she would invite other Churches to attend the meetings she would organize, so that they could receive this teaching from God. She says she wants to see revival come to that area, and she believes that if Len comes, the Lord will provide for all the expenses. Len told her he would have to pray about that and hear from the Lord whether it is His will for him to go there.

We mentioned last month that Doulos Missions International now offers discipleship training online through the <u>Doulos Training School</u> (DTS), a threeyear, online, distance education school. It is an international school for adult students in every nation on earth, and is intended for those who desire to become a disciple that makes disciples. First quarter began on September 1.

We have two students enrolled, one of whom is a man in Nigeria named Deji (pronounced like "cagey"), whom we have mentioned before, and the other is a woman in Jamaica named Nickeshia. We also have one student in Minnesota auditing the courses. By way of correction, last month we said we had students (plural) enrolled, but we only had one enrolled at the time. Perhaps the draft newsletter was written with that as a placeholder, and it did not get updated before it was published.

You may recall that Deji recently earned a Master's degree in Soil Science. And the Lord has recently blessed him with a job as well. He testified about how he came to know the Lord saying that he grew up in a Christian family, and was involved in many youth activities, but he didn't know the Lord at all. He said, "I was very ungodly in my thought, ways and speech. Everything about me was of the world, yet I was a regular attendee in church. The funny thing was that people could not discern who I was, especially people in church. I lived a very reckless and dirty life until December 1, 2012 when a sister narrated a dream she had concerning herself, myself and one other sister in the church. It was a clear warning from the Lord! I was so scared and turned to the Lord."

Afterward, he returned to his studies on campus in 2013, and due to bad company he chose for friends, he gradually backslid right back into the world, until his condition was worse than it had been before he had gotten saved. He continued on that reckless path until September 2014, when he was visiting his parents, and heard a sermon on his sister's phone that brought the conviction of the Holy Spirit to his heart.

He said, "I realized how far away I had turned from God. I felt touched and knelt down to turn from my wicked ways and ask the Lord Jesus into my life. I started reading the Bible and praying more. I started getting into more of the things of the Lord Jesus, I started going out on evangelism and everyone began to notice a 'new Deji'. Since March 15 this year, I started stumbling on some articles and videos about God's requirements on holiness, which awakened me to the fact that many Christians and myself have been very careless about our faith. This experience made me thirsty to know more about the Lord, what he has revealed about Himself in His word, and to be equipped for the work of God. In attending DTS, I believe that I will know more of the Lord until I give all of myself to Him."

Our other student, sister Nickeshia in Jamaica is a married mother of two children. She is a trained school teacher for primary and elementary levels, which she has been teaching for the past fourteen years, but now she has been teaching special education students. Please also pray for this new aspect of our ministry, especially that the Lord would develop through it many disciples who make disciples, resulting in multiplication for His glory. Please remember Deji and Nickeshia as you pray for the DTS.

You may recall we previously mentioned in our newsletter a reader, named Gino from Australia, has been corresponding with Len personally during the month of August. He and Len have continued to correspond since then, including on Skype once, and Gino has shared his salvation testimony about how he turned to Christ from atheism. Len wrote an article about it called <u>An Atheist Turns to</u> <u>Christ</u>, which is very encouraging. In that testimony, Gino talks about how the Lord used Len's blogs in his growth as a disciple of Christ, and we give God all the glory for that. Praise the Lord!

Len has already shared his article of Gino's testimony with an Australian atheist now living in South Korea, who was also raised Catholic like Gino was. This atheist's name is Peter, and so far he shows no openness to the gospel. Please pray that he will come to know Jesus as his Lord and Savior.

The Lord continues to use the online Christian literature ministry worldwide. Len also continues to get encouraging feedback from those who are benefiting from it. One brother in Uganda, named Alex, contacted Len for advice and prayer about a very complicated and difficult trial he is experiencing domestically. Len responded to him, and he replied gratefully. "Dear Len, thank you very much for the suggestions and guidance. I must say that I have already learnt quite a lot through you and your writings. You have so much material which is very educative about the Word of God and applicable to the current times. I thank the Lord for using you and letting me come across your site." Alex has given us permission to share his need for prayer. Please pray for Alex that the Lord would bring deliverance from evil to his wife, show him what he should do in this situation, and would heal his son from seizures.

One anonymous reader commenting on an article Len had written, claimed to be hearing demonic voices, who were saying blasphemous things about the Lord Jesus, and goading him or her to commit suicide. This person, who only identified himself or herself as "1lord1god jesus4life", is clearly under a major demonic attack. He or she said, "I just hate life and wish to die." Please pray for "1lord1god jesus4life" to receive deliverance from evil. Another project Len has been working on has been exposing a dangerous and destructive cult in South Korea. That same Australian atheist we've mentioned, named Peter, brought to Len's attention recently that members of a cult based in Seoul, Korea, where he lives, produced the Trip to Hell video Len had written about. Due to his own roomate and most of his students at one time getting involved in the cult, he has seen it first-hand and through his extensive research become a subject matter expert. Len has since done his own extensive research and written an article about it, called <u>Exposing the JMS Cult</u>. Although Len has been reaching out to two people within the cult that he has previously had contact with, he has not yet been successful in getting them to come out. One of them is a lady in South Korea, named Hwa, who is in complete denial of the information he presented to her about the cult, and the other is a pastor in California named David, who is (thus far) not responding to Len's attempts to reach him.

Finally, concerning the advice we received that we should publicize the prophetic message from brother Gabriel in Togo, and our decision to publish it last month, Len decided a day or two afterward to remove it from the newsletter and did so.

"Lord, you establish peace for us; all that we have accomplished <u>You have done</u> for us." (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 end of summer picnic we had at the park and the successful return to home school.
- 2. For the new people we are meeting in the community and the relationships we are building.
- 3. For the Lord's leading, guidance, and help operating the Doulos Training School (DTS), as well as the students who have already enrolled.
- 4. For the opportunities the Lord has given us to be a witness to people along the way, including the opportunity Len had to share Jesus with "Jim" the Freemason.
- 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 people.

Next steps and prayer needs:

1. 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.

- 2. For the Lord to help Alex in Uganda by bringing deliverance to his wife, showing him what he should do in this situation, and healing his son from seizures.
- 3. For the Lord to help Lusindiso, in Capetown, SA, as he shares the messages and for victory in the spiritual battles.
- 4. For the Lord to bring Peter the Australian atheist into the kingdom of God through a relationship with Jesus Christ.
- 5. For the Lord to reveal the Truth to "Jim" the Freemason, and move him out of his comfort zone.
- 6. For the Lord to grant "1lord1god jesus4life" deliverance from evil, especially the spirit of suicide.
- 7. 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.
- 8. 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.
- 9. 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.
- 10. 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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