



# True Life in God Newsletter


"I come to restore My Vineyard  be happy..."

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### ***An Explosion of Divine Graces! The Asian Report Part I - Japan and Hong Kong***

#### ***Introduction***

"Peace be with you. My command to you is: go out where I send you to bear fruit that will last   
The Amen is with you. Go round offering all that you have learnt from Me; by the power of My Holy Spirit you shall walk, you shall talk, you shall move hearts, you shall cast out devils, you shall uproot evil and you shall plant goodness; Stand your ground for this work of Mercy; resist evil and cling to me. Go and do not be afraid to declare the truth; My Holy Spirit will remove all bounds to the truth. My Name: Peace and Love." [March 18, 1996](#)

The complete Asian report consists of one month of travels to seven Asian countries: Japan, Hong Kong, India, Bangladesh, Thailand, Philippines, and Singapore from November 1 to December 5, 2005.



**Map of Japan, Hong Kong, India, Bangladesh, Thailand, Philippines and Singapore**

Messengers of God have been sent out through the ages to proclaim the good news to His people, to remind them of their origin and destiny as sons and daughters of the Most High, to always bring back to mind the reality of God's justice, and to take to heart the generosity of His Mercy. They have also been sent to deliver messages of warning, exhorting God's people to repent, reconcile and perform acts of reparation, so as to draw from Heaven His Mercy and not His Justice. Such is Vassula's mission. Prepared and guided by the Holy Spirit, Vassula was brought once again to Asia, invited by Clergy and laypeople eager for the opportunity to listen to God speaking to us today through His humble instrument.

The uniqueness of this marathon tour of 7 Asian countries Vassula undertook was the length of her travels. Never before had she done 5-weeks, with a concentration of 17 organized meetings, speaking to audiences varying from 100 to 400,000 people. Also, within this trip fell the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of True Life in God. On the 28<sup>th</sup> of November 1985, Vassula was sitting in her home in Bangladesh and experienced the very first approach of her Guardian Angel.

It was the work of the Holy Spirit to revive True Life in God in some countries like Hong Kong and Singapore where previous opposition had strangled the flow of His Grace. It served to reinforce and encourage the work of the TLIG Associations in Japan, Thailand and the Philippines, to meet some of the hierarchy of India and the Philippines supportive of the Messages and Vassula's mission, and finally, to document the progress of Our Lady's Beth Myriam Project in the region.

From these 7 countries, a very positive evaluation was made of the impact of the booklet the "Clarifications of the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith." In early 2005, all TLIG Associations worldwide participated in its diffusion. The number of priests and nuns attending Vassula's Meetings, and the absence of any active opposition from any local Clergy, displayed the progress of Vassula's mission. The Lord has moved further to open doors for His Message.

The True Life in God Family peoples many nations today. In this account of Vassula's very exhausting but marvelous trip to 7 Asian countries, the reader will meet others who have organized, worked hard to evangelize, who participated in the numerous TLIG Prayer Groups formed, and who were called to give of themselves to the less fortunate of this world. Their heartfelt and tireless work to share God's Love Hymn today of True Life in God with everyone around them, has demonstrated the Holy Spirit's Grace which transforms, transfigures, elevates, and raises apostles on fire to do God's Work; the Apostles of the End Times. Vassula's work of speaking God's Word today to all the nations continues in full force, always in pace with the Lord, going with the Holy Spirit's flow, and as you will see, gushing into "An Explosion of Divine Graces!"

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### ***Japan, November 1-7: Meetings in Tokyo, Osaka and Nagasaki***

After a harrowing trip of more than 24 hrs. from Washington D.C., Vassula arrived in Tokyo, marking her 4<sup>th</sup> visit to this chain of islands in the North Pacific Ocean. In this impressive country whose populace is gifted with age-old traditions of discipline and politeness, highly-advanced technology and a sense of the spiritual contend in the evolution of its society. The survival of the Christian faith here owes its thanks to the many martyred missionaries and converts since the faith was brought to Japan by St. Francis Xavier and the Jesuits in the 16<sup>th</sup> century.

Vassula's previous visits took her north to south, bringing to this country's population of 127 million, mainly of the Shinto and Buddhist religions and 0.7% Christian, the Messages of True Life in God. For many years now, the Messages have been in print, propagated by faithful readers in the Japan True Life in God Association. The Holy Spirit slowly continues His painstaking Work, bringing the Messages to local Clergy and laypeople through the TLIG Witnesses invited by the TLIG Prayer Groups and the successful diffusion of the "Clarifications of the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith." During this trip, as is the proper custom, Vassula paid courtesy calls and her respects to the local hierarchy of every city she visited: respectively Tokyo, Osaka and Nagasaki; informing them of her mission and the developments in Christian Unity, highlighting TLIG's Ecumenical Retreats and Pilgrimages.

#### ***Tokyo***

In the capital city of Tokyo, Vassula visited the Apostolic Nuncio and spoke to 500 people at a meeting organized by TLIG Association Japan.

#### ***Visit to the Apostolic Nunciature of Japan***



**Vassula pays her respects to the Apostolic Nuncio to Japan, His Excellency, Archbishop Alberto Bottari de Castello**



**In the Nunciature's drawing room**



**Vassula with the Apostolic Nuncio, his assistant Msgr. Leon Kalenga, and Hans Enderle of TLIG Tokyo.**

Hans Enderle of TLIG Tokyo writes: "On the morning of Nov. 2nd, 2005 Vassula, her traveling companion Mrs. Cecilia Lutz, Satoru Sugawara and I visited his Excellency the Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Alberto Bottari de Castello, at the Vatican Embassy in Tokyo. Also present was Msgr. Leon B. Kalenga the Counsellor of the Embassy."

"Vassula and Cecilia spontaneously kissed the Archbishop's ring, it was nice to see this traditional custom as I can't remember if I've ever seen it done in Japan. Vassula and the Archbishop had much in common, as they had both spent time in Africa and Msgr. Kalenga actually is from Zaire. She explained her mission. His Excellency, a kind and friendly Italian priest who served us some good espresso, seemed very open to the messages. He told us that his transfer to Japan was probably one of the last appointments under Pope John Paul II, as he received a letter dated April 1<sup>st</sup> and the Pope passed away on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. He had met Father Gobbi and, if I remember correctly, he said he had been at the United Nations on the day that Mother Teresa had everyone say the Peace Prayer of St. Francis. He wanted to know more and asked for the book by Fr. Laurentin. I was impressed when he told us that he had studied exorcism and that rule number one was that you had to be humble."

His Excellency, the Apostolic Nuncio showed great interest when Vassula spoke of the TLIG Ecumenical Pilgrimages to Egypt in 2002 and the one to Lebanon, Syria and Jordan in May 05. He was familiar with the situation of the different churches, having been assigned to the Nunciature in Damascus in earlier years. He agreed with Vassula when she shared with him the Lord's desire for Catholics and Orthodox to celebrate Easter on the same day, and lamented the ridiculousness of the different Easter dates. In the Middle East, where many Orthodox and Catholics celebrate Easter together, the Christian churches have been forced to unite to survive. Vassula explained the advantage of unifying the dates of Easter, which would consolidate and strengthen the Church.

He was also curious about the apparitions of Our Lady in Akita, Japan. Vassula explained that she, accompanied by Fr. O'Carroll, had met Sr. Agnes Sasagawa, the visionary, in Akita during her first visit to Japan in 1992. Vassula told him that the then Cardinal Ratzinger, when Prefect of the CDF, had instantly approved Bishop Ito's acceptance and recognition of the apparitions in Akita, because it restates and confirms the secret of Fatima. At the end of our visit the Nuncio

showed us his private chapel and pointed out a plaque of the Twenty-Six Martyrs Saints of Nagasaki, Japan.

**Tokyo Meeting:** The attendance and enthusiasm of the audiences in each of the three cities confirmed the need for spiritual nourishment today, bringing together Christians and non-Christians in their thirst for the divine meaning in their lives.



**Izumi Sakura of TLIG Tokyo translating**

On Thursday November 3rd, the first public meeting took place in Ueno, Tokyo. The conference hall was filled with 500 eager listeners, taking in each word uttered by their special speaker. "True Life in God is a call of mercy!" Vassula proclaimed. "It is a call to conversion which is a ladder from earth to Heaven... conversion is the desire to know God, to love Him with all your heart, strength and mind... Obtain the Holy Spirit of Love and die to yourself, to your ego, be nothing, annihilate yourself so God can be everything..."

There is a humility ingrained in the Japanese people, they were like children ready to obey Our Lord's gentle heeding when Vassula spoke of offering our will: "If we offer Him our will, His Will will be done in us. He is a King and His Kingdom is in our heart. He wants our heart, this is what counts." She read them a Message:

**My delight is in every pure heart; My joy is when I see your eyes seeking only heavenly things; My glory is when you come and tell Me: "here I am .... here I am," offering your heart to Me to transfigure it into My domain and then reign over it; My magnificence and My splendour are when you keep My sanctuary holy, turning it into a glorious domain for My majesty; My sovereignty is when in your wretchedness and in your poverty you can cry out: "hosanna! hosanna!"** [June 10, 1994](#)

Satoru Sugawara writes: "About 500 people attended, some of them were from distant places like Hokkaido or Okinawa. 6 priests and a number of nuns attended. Vassula talked about several topics in easy-to-understand terms, such as: conversion, purification, unceasing prayer, intimacy with God, unity of the church. Sometimes with humour, sometimes with zeal. She talked about the delight of living with God, including some real episodes. Gradually she had a grip on the audience, and by the end of the meeting the audience became one. At the last we recited the Prayer of Healing and Deliverance."

We were told later on that a lady in the audience was healed of nightly neuralgic pain, a side-effect of Herpes, and was also healed of the pain from a hematoma around the backbone caused by the constant application of anesthesia. The lady and her daughter express their gratitude to Our Lord and Vassula for the healing, and persevere in praying for the continued healing of two other illnesses. Praise the Lord!





**Satoru Sugawara of TLIG Japan playing the guitar during the meeting. He is one of the organizers of Vassula's visit to Japan**



**After the Meeting, with TLIG Tokyo group**

### ***Osaka***

Osaka is located on Honshu island, the second city of Japan after Tokyo, and whose population is 2.7 million, predominantly Buddhist. Since it was Vassula's 3<sup>rd</sup> visit to the city of Osaka, it was a homecoming. Laypeople and many foreign priests (mainly French and Belgian) who have been reading the Messages for years, made the trip to attend her Meeting, overjoyed to see the Holy Spirit's Hand guiding her mission and learn of the positive dialogue with the Vatican. Most of these missionary priests have adopted Japan as their home, after the numerous years they have dedicated in the service of Japanese Christians.



**Vassula with Fr. Daniel Van Kerkhove**

Hans Enderle of TLIG Tokyo comments: "On Friday morning, November 4<sup>th</sup> Vassula attended Holy Mass at Kitano Catholic Church in the middle of Osaka city, a small Church in the middle of tall buildings. Fr. Daniel Van Kerkhove is a Belgian priest 84 years young who has spent most of his life as a missionary in Japan and who celebrated his 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a priest this past January. He had been especially invited by the local organizers to say Mass. He told me he was so excited he could not sleep the night before and had to take a sleeping pill. He considered his being able to say Mass with Vassula present, a gift from the Sacred Heart of Jesus; what a wonderful priest! For the Gospel, Fr. Daniel chose the one where Jesus gives thanks to His Father: "I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth that Thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes" (Matthew 11, 25-27). In his short sermon Father said, "God is free, and He can choose anyone," and I was very happy he clearly referred to Vassula as God's Messenger.



**Group picture with TLIG organizers from Osaka and Tokyo, in front of Kitano Church**





**An Orthodox, Methodist and Catholic belonging to TLIIG Osaka Prayer Group|sharing a traditional meal**

***Public Meeting at NCB Hotel Auditorium***



**Healing Prayers during Osaka Meeting, priests in first rows**

Satoru writes: "At the venue in Nakanoshima, Osaka, about 280 people attended, including 6 priests, many nuns, and a number of Protestant lay persons. The substance of the talk was not completely the same as in Tokyo's meeting, even on the same topics we could listen to other episodes. We heard that Vassula didn't prepare any talk before meetings, she speaks freely with inspiration given by the Holy Spirit. If I remember rightly, in most meetings she introduced the funny story of one ticket and 2 seats in a bus. Please everybody, when you are going out to somewhere, do not forget to take Jesus with you!"

To start the Meeting, the audience stood up while Vassula prayed the "Our Father" in Aramaic, the language spoken by Our Lord. This prayer, in a language unfamiliar to us, has a pacifying effect on all who hear it. She introduced her talk by comparing True Life in God to a 20 yr. old person, for in that month of November 2005, Vassula's mission celebrated its 20th anniversary. From the beginning in Bangladesh 20 years ago, the Lord has led her to over 60 countries, proclaiming His Work in close to 700 Meetings, making His Message available in more than 40

languages, establishing TLIG Associations and Prayer Groups worldwide, organizing TLIG Retreats and 5 TLIG International Ecumenical Pilgrimages, and opening 25 Beth Myriams, True Life in God's houses for the poor. There have been, and still are, difficulties but nothing has been able to crush His Work, nor silence His envoy. True Life in God has taken root in the hearts of many, and our work is to share God's Messages with all those around us.

Vassula continued to tell the audience that True Life in God is a school where the Lord reminds us of what He has given us already, it is a re-spelling of the Holy Scriptures. Since we are still unable to live the Scriptures, He in His Mercy, comes to teach us again. She likened herself to a postman, delivering God's Love Letter to His children today, telling us how He desires each soul to become intimate with Him and get to know Him.

**"...it is good to do good works for Me and follow some devotions as well as acts of love, thanksgivings and acts of reparation, but I would be greatly disappointed that you would die before having known Me..." [November 2, 1997](#)**

After Vassula expounded on the themes of Repentance, Reconciliation, the Unceasing Prayer and Unity, she ended her talk with the appeal to form TLIG Prayer Groups to pray for Unity. The people were refreshed with the Holy Spirit's Words, closing their eyes praying for Healing and Deliverance with Vassula. The priests and nuns flocked around Vassula, thanking her for coming once again to Osaka.

### ***Nagasaki***

Nagasaki has close to 500,000 inhabitants today, and is situated in the island of Kyushu. Historically, it is home to the largest Christian population in Japan. In the 16<sup>th</sup> century, the Roman Catholic missionary, St. Francis Xavier, landed in nearby Kagoshima and converted many to Christianity. The persecution and martyrdom of Christians by the Shoguns forced thousands of Christians to flee and go underground for 250 yrs., faithfully and courageously preserving their Christian faith. These were known as the "Hidden Christians of Nagasaki." Due to the strong faith of the Nagasaki Christians, there are many churches of pilgrimage in the city.

Because thousands of Catholics were among the 70,000 who perished in the Atomic Bomb blast at the end of World War II, this place has been called "the place where Christianity first faced the bomb." Thanks to Pope John Paul II's visit to Japan, Nagasaki Catholics are now moving from a passive martyr-like attitude toward the bomb, to more active involvement in the struggle for peace. As the Martyrs of Nagasaki suffered in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, so too the Christians who lost their lives during the bombing of Nagasaki are monuments in history, witnesses and followers of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Having visited Oura and Urakami Cathedrals, as well as the Atomic Bomb Museum, we were very moved to learn of the events in this beautiful seaport, and to see the faith, although struggling to survive as in most places, nevertheless alive. Nagasaki is a holy place and this was Vassula's first visit, many from neighboring islands made their way to come and listen to her.



A painting of the Martyrs of Nagasaki, some of the "Hidden Christians of Nagasaki" who faithfully and courageously preserved their faith underground for 250 years



Mr. Hayashi, the publisher of TLIG books in Japan, among TLIG helpers and readers



**A moment of silence for Vassula before the Nagasaki Meeting**



**Sunday Nov. 6th, during the public meeting in Nagasaki; about 180 people attended from many regions of Kyushu island, some came from Okinawa Island**

As most of the people attending the Meeting in the auditorium of Nagasaki View Hotel were newcomers, Vassula went back to the very beginning of her experience of God, 20 yrs. ago in Bangladesh. She described her purification, the pain and the suffering she had to undergo to realize who she really was in front of God. I watched the people in the hall quietly listening, I felt their heritage of struggle and suffering had found its home in her words. Many of them had had a glimpse of purification and suffering and knew what she was talking about. Once her soul turned to God, and decided wholly for Him, she felt His Mercy enfold her. The sound of His Voice made her see the real Person, a Father and very tender. Her experience of God the Father shatters the false image many make of Him as being solely a judge. He is our Father and we belong to Him. God comes to us in True Life in God to remind us of our foundations:

**"...sons! and daughters! you are the offspring of the Most High! you descend from the Sovereignty and Splendour, oh come! you belong to Us! you belong to Heaven...you are of Royal Descent, so why, why do you listen to the Beast?" [July 22, 1994](#)**

Vassula was so inspired speaking of the Fire of the Holy Spirit and the New Pentecost, that the audience was electrified. She explained that when the Holy Spirit touches a soul close to death and breathes in her a breath of life resurrecting her, setting her on fire, transforming and raising her to seek only heavenly things, she becomes an apostle. The soul who experiences this is transfigured, filled with the zeal of the Holy Spirit and the drive to do all she can for God's Kingdom. In these times we are living, a time of great apostasy, but also a time of Mercy, God raises apostles, they are called "Apostles of the End Times." They can be recognized in anyone set aflame, burning to spread God's word today.

In the audience was an American serviceman who has been reading the Messages and filmed Vassula's talk for his friends in the U.S. Military Base on Okinawa island, who were not able to come. There was also a TLIG reader from Kobe who had brought along a young Opus Dei priest from around Nagasaki. She was very keen to have him listen and meet Vassula. During the talk, his full attention was focused on Vassula's witnessing, and the different subjects in the Messages. I could see he was very impressed with the talk, nodding his head many times in agreement. When Vassula informed her listeners about the developments in the CDF regarding her mission and the writings, I saw his face break out in a smile of relief! After the Healing Prayer, he was introduced to Vassula, full of smiles while congratulating and thanking her. His friend broke out in tears of joy, tears that I'm sure stopped only long after Vassula waved them goodbye.

Satoru writes: "Here I would like to mention things that impressed me. Vassula hopes that new prayer groups are established in each place. Small groups which include 2 or 3 people are enough. Please have prayer meetings frequently. At the time of writing this report, a few new prayer groups are in preparation. I'm in anticipation to inform a good news about it to everyone someday. One more thing, we could hear an interesting story about Unity of the Church. Vassula told us that Alexei II, Patriarch of the Russian Orthodox Church and Pope Benedict XVI are following the path of dialogue and currently working hard together for Unity. Unity of the Church might not be so far off in the future, as frequently mentioned in the messages. However, are we ready for it now? Do we know anything about the people with whom we are to unite? The time of preparation has already come. For Catholic lay persons Vassula recommended reading two letters "Orientale Lumen" and "Ut Unum Sint" written by Pope John Paul II.

Vassula also said in the Nagasaki meeting, "The apostles of the end times...even this meeting, the people who work to put the meeting up by the sweat of blood, it's not easy but they are on fire, they are apostles!"





**Farewell after the Meeting, taken with TLIG group from Nagasaki, Kyushu, and Okinawa**

We rushed to catch the fast night train to Fukuoka where we would leave Japan for Hong Kong early the next morning. The start of this tour of 7 Asian countries was very hectic, the pace in Japan is unbelievably rapid. We pray that the TLIG Association and Prayer Groups flourish and prosper in the hands of the fervent organizers and readers, guided by the Holy Spirit. May God bless and protect this land of good people and inspire them to spread His Work of Mercy to all their countrymen.

Submitted by: Cecilia Lutz with Hans Enderle and Satoru Sagawara of TLIG Association Japan



### ***Hong Kong, Nov. 7-11-05***

After Vassula's successful Meetings in 3 cities of Japan, the Holy Spirit led us once again to Hong Kong, our 2nd stop in this 7-Asian country Tour. Her last visit to Hong Kong in 2002 was extremely difficult due to some misunderstandings and a lack of communication. Resulting from these, an over-prudent attitude was taken by some priests who persuaded their parishioners, from the pulpits, to stay away from Vassula's 2002 Meeting.

For this 2nd visit, the Lord called on Bro. Otfried Chan, who is presently assigned to the Archdiocese of Taipei, in Taiwan. He works hard to evangelize for TLIG, being invited to witness within Taiwan, in Japan, and Singapore. He traveled to Hong Kong last year to personally offer a copy of the CDF Clarifications booklet to the Secretary of the Hong Kong Diocese, and through him, a copy to the Bishop who happened to be abroad at the time. It is undoubtedly thanks to the clarifications in the CDF booklet that the situation of TLIG in Hong Kong seems to have normalised, there was no pressure nor obstacle placed by the Church or anyone else.

Bro. Otfried Chan of TLIG Taiwan writes: "This is the second time that Vassula visited Hong Kong. In November 2002, exactly two years earlier, Vassula gave her first public talk in Hong Kong. At that time, neither the CDF booklet nor Vassula's responses to the five questions asked by the CDF had been published. So, since Vassula's first visit, TLIG in Hong Kong had gone through a very difficult time. So bad was the situation that it did not significantly change until Vassula's return to Hong Kong. However, in order to revive TLIG in Hong Kong, CDF booklets alone were not enough;

committed helpers were necessary as well.



**TLIG Hong Kong helpers with Catherine and Cindy of TLIG Taiwan in center**

In September of 2005, Vassula spontaneously asked me to help her revive TLIG in Hong Kong. I sensed very deeply that her request was a call from God, so I said yes to her and decided to do my best. Not knowing where to start, I began by requesting the TLIG helpers in Taiwan to join me in prayer for this intention.

Catherine, our Taiwan TLIG helper in Kaohsiung, brought her cousin, Cindy, to attend a TLIG Prayer Meeting. As Cindy's health was not very good, she had gone on a pilgrimage to Lourdes where she experienced blessings from Our Blessed Mother, and returned feeling much better. She had made a promise to thank Our Blessed Mother by doing something for Jesus. After the prayer meeting, Catherine introduced me to her cousin. To my surprise, I learned of the vow she had made to Our Blessed Mother, but also of the fact that she visits Hong Kong quite often! Having told her about the TLIG mission there, Cindy immediately accepted the invitation to organize the Meeting for Vassula.



**Vassula with Mario and Colwyn Perreira of TLIG HK**

Presently, TLIG Hong Kong has a new contact person named Mario who now holds a TLIG Prayer Meeting twice a month. Some members of this TLIG Prayer Group travel long distances to pray for unity! Truly, God never abandons His people. Three years after Vassula's first visit, God literally raised TLIG in Hong Kong from death, showing His Power, His Wisdom, and His Mercy.



**Vassula flanked by Catherine and Cindy of TLIG Taiwan and TLIG HK organizers, Bro. Otfried behind**



**Private Interview in Cantonese**

As there was no TLIG material available in the Cantonese language for the local Hong Kong community, Vassula thought it appropriate to schedule a private interview at the hotel. Its aim was to inform all old and new TLIG readers in Hong Kong about the significant TLIG events that had happened since Vassula's first visit in 2002. Particular attention was given to the CDF's new perspective of TLIG and the publication that removed any and all barriers to True Life in God and Vassula's mission.



**Mario and Vassula studying the CDF booklets in Chinese and discussing TLIG prayer groups**

Before explaining to the group how a TLIG Prayer Group should conduct itself, Vassula informed them of how the Lord has provided the gifts necessary for the revival of His Church through these very Prayer Groups. She went on to explain how the specific mission of TLIG Prayer Groups is to pray for the cause of Christian Unity. Vassula stressed the importance of remaining faithful to one's prayer commitments in order to continue along the path of Christian growth. This was said because often times people move from one prayer group to another, not providing sufficient time



for the seed to mature into a vine and the vine to bear fruit. Several people decided to join Mario's prayer group as a result of this meeting.

### ***Meeting in Sha Tin Hall, Hong Kong***



**Vassula's talk with simultaneous translation to Cantonese**

Vassula's Meeting took place in one of the many activity halls inside the Sha Tin Town Hall, which is government-owned, and is recognized as one of Hong Kong's finest convention centers. Under the circumstances, we considered that a good number of people came to hear her speak, 106 in all, close to half of them were newcomers. People listened to her testimony with noticeable interest and focused attention."

Vassula started: "My coming to Hong Kong is a call from God which I hear, and I accept.. The Messages of True Life in God are Messages of Divine Intervention it will be 20 yrs. old on Nov. 28, and till today I receive Messages. During the first 3 years, I was called to write every single day, and after exactly 3 years, the Lord made the Messages public. I have visited 62 countries; then, I couldn't see or believe how the Messages could go everywhere.

For the sake of the newcomers, I belong to the Greek Orthodox Church which is similar to the Catholic Church because we share the same sacraments. Although I was baptized, I was not interested to go to church, I never prayed, like many Christians out there who do not practice their faith. I was a typical example of this generation. I never had catechism nor studied theology. God sometimes says He chose a white canvass where He could put all His Work, He chose a blank page. All that I learned regarding the spiritual life came directly from God's Mouth, never having read books nor listened to teachings by theologians. God intervenes so He can transfigure souls, and He intervenes especially in our times for the benefit of His Church and to give us hope.


We are living in a time of grace and God will not abandon us. As a Father, He reprimands us because of our indifference and our lethargy. He says: There is a lethargic spirit in this generation.. This indifference pains God, people put material things above God and this offends Him; I was one of those cases. The Lord says: Fastidious you are, generation! He means we are difficult to please, always wanting more, never satisfied. We are only aware of what we don't have and not what we have. We don't see our blessings nor do we count them. He is offended when we don't thank Him for all the gifts and blessings He gives us. Before this intervention, I was not interested in anything spiritual, I was spiritually dead. So I asked Him: why do You come



to a person like me? And He answered: do you not know wretchedness attracts Me? Through your wretchedness I will show My Mercy. And why do You give me these Messages, we have the Bible... I said, and He replied: yes, but do you read or understand the Bible?

Why is God speaking and manifesting Himself today? The Lord answers: In these times of grace I come with mercy and I address you with poetry. (God's Word is beautiful, like poetry, like a song, a hymn. In the Orthodox Church, the Word of God is never read, because of its beauty it is always sung.) My Words uttered are religion and virtue. With oil of gladness I anoint all those who approach Me, sealing them on their forehead. My approach is redemption, saving help and mercy.

The world today is filled with evil, "the stench of death has reached Heaven" and being the loving Father that God is, He sends the Holy Spirit to revive His Creation, and in His Mercy nourishes us and generations to come with His Work of True Life in God.

**We will address Our Hymn of Love to this dying generation and whosoever listens, is blessed  whosoever listens to it will grow tall and strong too like a tree because its root will be growing in My Commandments and My decrees;**

**- not long ago, I planted a seedling, today it grew into a tree and its top reached the sky, tasting now and then the essences and the fragrant breeze of heaven; now it is known in every nation, since it is seen from the ends of the earth and from every direction; its green foliage is medicinal and as a healing balm for the sick, but at the same time an appeasing fragrance to the poor and the wretched; I have been blowing kisses to it to increase its fruit and perfect it; in its beauty its fruit, abundant, is marked with the Seal of My Holy Spirit; every nation, no matter what race and from where they come can reach it and have their fill from it; its produce is enough for all; even to the unworthy this tree can provide shade and comfort;**

**I am its Keeper; [September 25, 1997](#)**

The audience was captivated by Vassula recounting the story of her conversion. She spoke of the central themes contained in the Messages of True Life in God: Repentance, Reconciliation, Unceasing prayer, Total Renunciation of One's Will, Daily Surrender to God, Importance of the Holy Scriptures and the Holy Eucharist, Intimacy, the Sweetness of the Lord, the Prophecies, Unity of Christians, and last but not least, the wonderful TLIG International Ecumenical Pilgrimage that took place in May 2005."

In addition, it was an important point to make her listeners aware that the Lord had prophesied the catastrophe of the NY Towers on September 11, 1991, exactly 10 yrs. before it happened, as well as the Tsunami disaster which He warned us about several times in the Messages. To inform them of another unavoidable, much graver disaster to come, and of the need for prayers and acts of reparation to diminish its force, was an appeal to each of us present to be vigilant and do our part in God's Plan; to pray for His Mercy which would help put a stop to the evil that provokes His Judgement and draws His Justice.

A thankful Bro. Otfried continues: "She concluded by encouraging her listeners to pray for Unity and to join or form a TLIG Prayer Group. A considerable number of people rested in the Holy Spirit when she performed the Healing Service after the talk, many for the first time. There was much joy and amazement in the people's eyes. As the meeting came to a close, many left their contact e-mail addresses for further news or information regarding TLIG in Hong Kong. It was

obvious that the Lord had blessed the Meeting, proving to us that He used His messenger to show us how to proceed."

***An Afternoon in Macao to meet Fr. Paul Chan, S.J.***



**Vestiges of Portuguese colonization in Macao's historic monument and buildings**

Thanks to Mario, we were able to contact Fr. Paul Chan, a Jesuit priest whom Vassula had met three years prior. Since their last meeting, Fr. Paul had been transferred to Macao, a small former Portuguese colony (16.9 sq km), 64 km West of Hong Kong and 105 km. south of Guangzhou (Canton). It reverted to the People's Republic of China in December 1999 and is presently governed as a special administrative region, similar to Hong Kong. Fr. Paul was thrilled to know that Vassula had returned to Hong Kong and happily invited us. In the afternoon, Vassula, Cecilia, Catherine, Cindy and I took a turbojet boat to Macao.



**Fr. Paul Chan, S.J., faithful TLIG supporter celebrating Holy Mass for us and discussing the CDF Clarifications booklet with Vassula afterwards**

On arrival in Macao, Fr. Paul took us directly to the Bishop's Residence to greet the Bishop, as is the custom, but His Excellency had still not arrived from a trip. After leaving some TLIG documentation for His Excellency, we entered the beautiful Cathedral just beside to say a prayer, and realized, although struggling, how strongly present the faith still is in this former Portuguese colony, thanks to the efforts of the Church and brave missionaries such as Fr. Paul. We proceeded to the Jesuit House where Fr. Paul celebrated a votive Mass to the Holy Spirit for the intention of TLIG evangelization. After Mass, Vassula offered a CDF booklet to Fr. Paul, who was very happy to know that the Vatican notification of 1995 against Vassula was finally modified. Fr. Paul said he would do what he could to spread the messages of TLIG in the Macao diocese, a diocese very new to him.



**Inside the Cathedral of Macao, the devotions to Our Lady of Fatima and the Sacred Heart of Jesus are in full evidence. Being only a boat ride away from HK and Mainland China, Macao's Catholic community is sadly decreasing; Fr. Paul shared with us the need for a revival of the faith.**

While sightseeing in Macao, we often spoke about the TLIG messages and the evangelization that was being effected as a result of them. When one of us made the observation that God was using TLIG Taiwan to revive His work in Hong Kong, Vassula responded, "TLIG will go to mainland China from Taiwan." She stated this very clearly, twice, which made me believe that she had been given a special insight in this regard. TLIG Taiwan will do its best to help Vassula should the Lord send her someday to Mainland China. The fact that some of the TLIG helpers in Taiwan have already brought the TLIG message to their friends in China may be the beginning of evangelization to the mainland.

Our mission with Vassula in Hong Kong was over. This time, Vassula witnessed at one public meeting, attended a small informal gathering of a few TLIG friends, and made a cordial visit to a Jesuit priest in Macao. Nevertheless, what can change people's hearts and minds is far more important than what can be counted in terms of numbers and figures. What Vassula did during her three-day stay in Hong Kong, among different people and in different places, was no more than be a concrete example of a disciple of Jesus Christ in our time.

The Gospels tell us that Jesus called His own people to follow Him. His first disciples gave up everything they possessed, even their own lives, to follow Him (cf. Mt 19,27). Those who followed Jesus changed their lives completely; they started to live holy and then went out to evangelize others (cf. Mt 28,19-20). Today, through the messages of TLIG, the same Jesus calls us to follow Him and to live holy; the same Triune God teaches us how to empty ourselves completely so that we can possess Him and be transformed by Him into His divine Image; into a perfect disciple of Jesus Christ. In light of the TLIG messages, a perfect disciple of Jesus is a woman or man of unity and reconciliation who evangelizes with love for love. This is what we experienced through Vassula's example: to be always faithful to the Gospels and her prophetic mission; never worrying about her weaknesses but instead, relying totally on God's power and grace. May the Lord bless all those who help Vassula in her mission all over the world, and may God give them the grace of fortitude to persevere in their TLIG commitment.

We thank Bro. Otfried, Catherine, and especially Cindy from TLIG Taiwan for their precious help and perseverance in opening the way once again in Hong Kong. We pray that Mario and the newly-established TLIG Prayer Group will bear much fruit in spreading True Life in God in their

region.

By: Cecilia Lutz and Bro. Otfried Chan

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### ***South African, Pretoria TLIG Prayer Groups Meet with Coptic Pope Shenouda***

In February 2006, TLIG South Africa, on the occasion of the consecration of the Coptic Cathedral in Johannesburg, met with Coptic Pope Shenouda. Brian Cross, a Coptic Theologian who has been attending our TLIG Prayer Group for a number of years, received an invitation from Bishop Markos (who has attended our prayer meetings on two occasions) for the TLIG prayer groups to attend the consecration and afterwards enjoy breakfast with His Holiness and other dignitaries. At first Brian Cross was told that only 6 people from the prayer groups could attend. However the day before the event, Bishop Markos extended the invitation to all interested in attending.



**His Holiness, Pope Shenouda with Bishop Markos and Brian Cross**

We were overwhelmed by the invitation and saw this as a God given opportunity to represent TLIG. We wore the TLIG T-shirts designed for the TLIG Egypt Pilgrimage in 2002 and representatives from all four Pretoria Prayer Groups attended. We were afforded the opportunity to greet His Holiness. We reminded him of our wonderful audience with him in 2002 during the Egypt Pilgrimage ([read report](#)). He remarked that he was touched by our memory of that event!



As we left, he called our group back and presented each of us with a leather Coptic cross. We were touched by his kind request that we pray for him. Brian Cross also received a commemorative medal of the event on behalf of our prayer groups.



**Pope Shenouda with TLIG Prayer Groups**

For some of the prayer group members it was their first exposure to the Coptic Church. A genuine sense of unity prevailed, as there were representatives from other denominations. We caught a glimpse of the Arch Bishop of Johannesburg and were recognized by our T-shirts by Father Nadim of the Maronite Church in Johannesburg.

The experience has left us all with a zeal for unity. It was truly a Spirit filled occasion for which we thank Our Lord.

Love in the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary

TLIG Prayer Groups, Pretoria, South Africa



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***Do You Walk Alone? Millions and Millions Do.  
"/gravediggers for their own graves"***

Sometimes by looking at the content of pop culture we gain deeper insights and broader general



perspectives of the state of humanity. This is true in art, music, cinema and so forth. For a particular piece of modern culture to be popular it has to speak to something in the soul of the masses and perhaps in our soul too.

The Song; "Boulevard of Broken Dreams" by Green Day was part of an album they released called: "American Idiot". In March 2006, they received the best album MTV European music award. In other words millions and millions of young people across the world like their music and their lyrics.

The lyrics to one of their most popular songs are below. You can watch the video of the song here: <http://www.mp3.com/albums/642361/summary.html>. **Warning:** If rock music annoys you, turn down or off your speakers or do not click the link. If you do not have a fast computer do not even try to watch it. Notice in the pictures of the video a post apocalyptic wilderness landscape of desolation. The video opens with a car running out of gas. We can interpret this as a symbol of the end of times. This epoch is "out of gas"...and if we don't get Jesus Christ into the tank (in our heart) we go into the abyss.

Boulevard Of Broken Dreams" (excerpts)

I walk a lonely road  
The only one that I have ever known  
Don't know where it goes  
But it's home to me and I walk alone



I walk this empty street  
On the Boulevard of Broken Dreams  
Where the city sleeps  
and I'm the only one and I walk alone

I walk alone  
I walk alone  
I walk alone

My shadow's the only one that walks beside me  
My shallow heart's the only thing that's beating  
Sometimes I wish someone out there will find me  
'Til then I walk alone


Ah-ah, Ah-ah, Ah-ah, Aaah-ah,  
Ah-ah, Ah-ah, Ah-ah

I'm walking down the line  
That divides me somewhere in my mind  
On the border line  
Of the edge and where I walk alone

Read between the lines  
What's messed up and everything's alright  
Check my vital signs  
To know I'm still alive and I walk alone

I walk alone

When I heard this song...it affected me on a very deep level...for in it I hear an inkling of the anguish of humanity without Christ. The singer cries ah ah ah-aaahh ahh.....anguish! This is what the young people of the world are listening to! They feel this anguish deeply; they "relate" to it. Christ looks down on this anguish and loneliness...this wasteland our souls have become where the viper has taken up a home. In this wilderness of our souls Christ suffers to a degree almost beyond human conception. He helps Vassula understand.

**I then made you understand how I had suffered in your wilderness and how you had turned My Lips dryer than parchment for thirst of love; then I made you see your insides as having become the perfect wasteland for the viper to nestle and lay its eggs without fear within you;**  [March 3, 1990](#)

In the wilderness Christ was himself confronted with the tempter:

**"Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil."**  
(Mathew 4:2)

When our soul becomes a wilderness we also are confronted with the tempter...but in our case for many, he is not defeated! The viper lays his eggs in us!

What is this shadow the song speaks of as walking beside the singer? He sings:

"My shadow's the only one that walks beside me"

The shadow that walks now with humanity is the shadow of death. The song is expressing what lies just below the surface of consciousness for the masses and young people are starting to sense it and expressing it in their music...for Jesus tells us in True Life in God:

**"My Vassula, the shadow of death looming over your generation, a shadow that can plunge it into the deepest abyss, is covering a good part of it now..."** [February 25, 1998](#)

Notice next these words in the song:

"I'm walking down the line that divides me somewhere in my mind on the border line of the edge and where I walk alone..."

The edge he speaks of is the abyss...millions walk on the edge of the abyss...again I quote Jesus's words in TLIG:

**"My Vassula, the shadow of death looming over your generation, a shadow that can plunge it into the deepest abyss, is covering a good part of it now..."**

The soul loneliness felt by those who do not have Christ, felt by millions, has cast them into the wilderness, outside of communion with Him. There is the sensing of an edge...The soul thinks: "perhaps I have already died...living in this hell of broken dreams?" So the song's author says:

"Check my vital signs to know I'm still alive and I walk alone"

He can still hear his "shallow heart beating" - so concludes he is still alive...in other words, though he senses in a way he is spiritually dead...he hears his own shallow heart beat...so he is in fact alive, the walking dead.

**I am Present and My Power heals and saves, but, look at the world today, very few responded to grace and have not taken their refuge in Me, Yahweh; very few fear Me, Vassula; death is round the corner but even so, the world does not invoke My Holy Name; this generation refuses to walk with Me;**

**in the land of the dead I have sent you, where havoc and despair reigns in many hearts; although the noose of the evil one is evident now, still, the world in its apathy continues to hate My precepts; My Law is constantly being broken... [June 1, 2002](#)**

Jesus warns us in TLIG again:

**♥ ...ahh generation! the hour of darkness is upon you now that you have embarked into the boat of death, it will lead you to death;**

**the danger signal was given to you now close to ten years; it had been echoing in your ear close to ten years, but you were fleeing from My Voice thundering all this while...foreigners have been more attentive and sensitive to My Voice than you, you who call My Name daily and raise Me daily; if only you could listen, if only you who are dying would see My saving help! but a veil of shadow hangs over your eyes...ah, if you only knew how utterly dead you are and how the rest of you have become grave-diggers for your own graves... [March 6, 1995](#)**

What is this "city that sleeps" that the soul walks through on the road of broken worldly dreams? By pain and anguish in a sense there is maintained consciousness...the pain keeps one awake...but the rest of the city is fast asleep.

**Vassula, Satan is hounding you, so do not sleep, sleeping leads you into temptation, you become an easier prey for Satan if you are unaware, so be alert, be on your guard, when you are aware, you feel My Presence, remember My Presence... [April 27-29, 1988](#)**

Jesus after the baptism...went to the wilderness. There he met temptation. In his case he overcame it and was victorious. Millions suffer in the current wilderness subjected to every temptation and succumb. They wander the city boulevard of broken dreams...unprotected. The small lights of souls awake kindling the flickering flame of Christ in their heart...shines out into the night...shines out into the city fast asleep...shines out onto the boulevard of broken dreams - the boulevard Vassula has traveled with God's Love Hymn. The boulevard of broken dreams has been the harvest fields - where Vassula has labored all these years...many of us know the

boulevard as we came from it. Vassula writes, by the Holy Spirit in dialogue with Jesus:

*Let Your Words drop on them,  
one by one to refresh them,  
Look how they are in Your assemblies,  
open-mouthed, as if to catch  
the year's last showers;  
For the sake of Your great Love,  
let Your rain fall on lands where no one  
lives and make out of a sterile land,  
gardens;  
give drink to the lonely wastes,  
making grass spring where  
everything was dry;*

[January 28, 1997](#)

The boulevard of Broken dreams are the lonely wastes... This is where everyone who reads TLIG is called to work. It's a vast desert of the dead and dying. Not one of us these days can afford to fall asleep and if we do we have to quickly repent and get back to work. Can you hear, can you feel the anguish of humanity that lives without God?

**I, who am Master of Love, will teach you to love Me fully and love one another as I love you, this will be your first step towards Me; I look upon you all as My little children, hardly knowing how to walk alone 🍷 I shall offer you both My Hands and you will place your little hands into Mine, and together, together you and I will make a few steps forward...do you know how I delight already? I will progress you and I will embellish your soul leading it into perfection, if you are willing to open yourselves entirely to Me... [April 5, 1989](#)**

**upon My Shoulders I am carrying you; like a shepherd carrying His weak lamb, I carry you, because I know you are weak, miserable and unable to walk by yourself; I, the Lord, am pouring on you grace after grace, for your survival; I overlook all that you do not do in My favour, daughter; have confidence; I have rescued you from Death to walk by My side, I have rescued you, flower, so that you walk in My Presence,**

*but Jesus*

**talk little, shsh...listen to Me, listen: ...how many have I raised up in this particular way and educated little by little?**

*Not many my Lord.*

**then trust Me...I shall bring you to fulfil every vow that rose to your lips in your act of consecration; listen...who was more determined than I and My Mother for your salvation?**

*No one.*

**no, no one;**

**in spite of your childish insolence I offered you My Sacred Heart to become your dwelling place;**



why, Vassula, I have taken you by the hand across the desert and have shown you Heaven, and your eyes saw thousands of myriads of angels surrounding Me ♡ daughter, I granted you many favours and all this from the Love I have for you, listen to Me...I have come to educate you and millions of others through these Messages, I have not come for you alone, I have not come to raise you up alone, but to raise through these writings nation after nation to glorify Me; and as I have taken you to My Banquet Hall, I intend to take soul after soul in My Banquet Hall too;

...you were uninhabited, a desert, hear Me, then, to fulfil My purpose, I came into your wilderness to pitch My Tent in you to prosper you and make out of you My Property and My Dwelling ♡ now you belong to Me and you are My Own and My Temple; for this reason I guard you like the core of My Eyes, from the Slanderer, who without cease endeavours in various methods to invade and ravage your land and make a desolation out of you ♡ like a watchman I watch over you day and night, like a sentinel I guard you from all intruders, aha! no-o, no one will be allowed to enter into My Property ♡

I have not spoken to you only, I am speaking to every soul; so come to Me, you who are needy, I shall lift you out of your misery and press you to My Heart; come to Me you who are desolate and I shall make rivers flow out of you; oh come to Me, you who are weary and place your head on Me, rest in Me, soul; your hardships, your worries, I shall bear, give them to Me, offer them to Me and I shall relieve you, rejoice! for in your nothingness I Am Everything, in your poverty, I am King, and in your abandonment to Me I can do My Will! Righteousness and Justice are observing you, so do not fail Me, soul, Salvation is at your door ♡ [January 16, 1991](#)

None of us can sleep now. We have to wake up. We have to work and pray like never before. With every fiber of our being we must guard the "flickering flame about to extinguish."

Jesus, lead us all out of the loneliness of the "boulevard of broken dreams," dreams the tempter has woven over our eyes. Dear Lord, wake us from our apathy and lethargy this lent to shout your message around the world, your message which saves. Allow us with your help...to assist our brothers and sisters...who cry out in soul anguish "for someone out there who will find me" as they walk without you...alone. Amen

Jonathan

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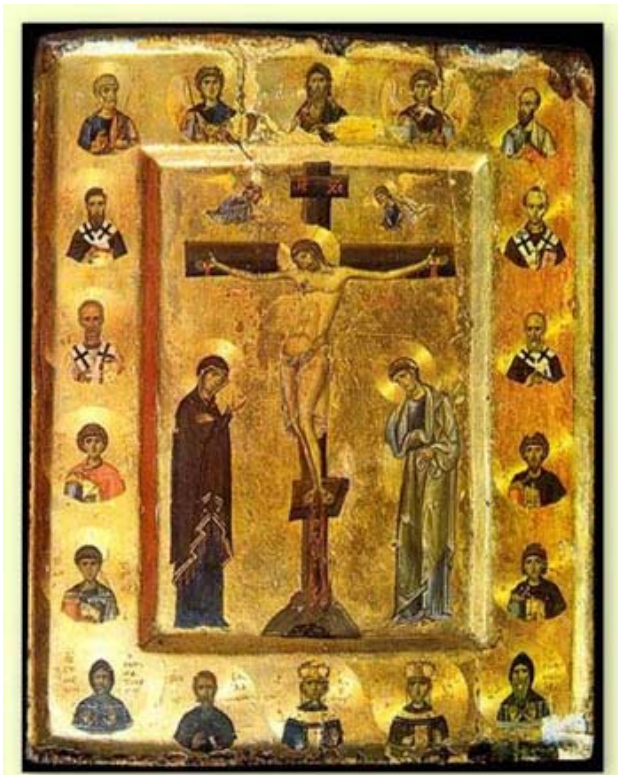
*A Lenten Message*

**Where Are The Offerings You Owe Me?  
 I Come To You All With My Heart In My Hand  
 The Light Of Your Body Is Your Eye**

*February 14, 1991*

**peace be with you;**

**flower love Me; sanctity does not come in one day...**



Jesus Crucified, 12th century, Mt. Sinai

abandon yourself entirely to Me,  
 adore Me and love Me and I shall do  
 the rest; do not sleep; soul, your sins  
 are numerous, and so are the wounds  
 you give Me; each time you sin it  
 comes on Me, as a stroke, or a  
 scourge, or a hole in My Body by a  
 nail...why Vassula? why? I, who  
 revealed to you My Holy Face, have I  
 revealed to you My Face to be struck?  
 and have I shown you the Wound of  
 My Heart so you would pierce It  
 more? on earth there is no one to be  
 found more wretched than you are! O  
 what a wretch! do not go now, sit and  
 hear what I have to say ♡

had it not been for My Infinite Mercy, the Father's Justice would have struck you and you would  
 have withered instantly; have I taught you to sin? where are the offerings you owe Me? where are  
 the sacrifices you promised Me, soul? why have you been neglecting Me? lent is here; lent will  
 bring My Passion back to you, yet you are neither ready nor prepared; I filled you with Celestial  
 food to grow in My Light and become a vessel of light, I made you Mine, and with everlasting  
 Love I have risen you from the pit to become My bride in My Presence and the presence of My  
 angels for ever, yet your eyelids heavy with sleep took the best out of you ♡ O My Vassula! If only  
 you knew how I the Lord love you! I am thirsty for love;

I know dear child that the times you are living in are evil but have I not made you discern good  
 from evil? and now My Territory's soil is growing coarse again; tell Me, was it by your efforts you

saw the Light? No, I toiled in you; to maintain you in My Light I poured on you grace after grace; I treated you not as your sins deserved, I treated you as I never ever treated a soul before; I gave Love for apathy; Tenderness for unholiness; Mercy for wretchedness; yes, I showed My Holy Face to sin; I treated you as I treat the jewels of My Heart; I prayed for you to the Father, Vassula, so that He remembers My Sacrifice and thus spares you ♥ (To continue reading this message click [here](#).)



Jesus in Gethsemane, 11th century, Mt. Athos



### ***The New TLIG Website: Understanding Web Page Navigation***

How often do you find yourself on a website saying, "where am I and how did I get here?" We click here, then there, then there...and before we know it, we find ourselves lost in the labyrinth of interconnected web pages and pondering what we were looking for in the first place. It can become frustrating to say the least.

In this month's Editor's Corner article, I would like to introduce you to a new feature on the TLIG.org website. The Breadcrumb was designed with the hope of alleviating that potential "feeling lost" frustration while browsing the site.

On EVERY page you visit, you will see in the upper left hand corner of the screen, just below the page banner, the breadcrumb (see figure below inside red circle ). This will tell you exactly where you are in the website. Take the example below. You have just navigated to last year's Pilgrimage Report. If you look at the breadcrumb, you will notice that it starts from the homepage ("ENGLISH HOME") then to the Spirituality section, then the Pilgrimages & Retreats subsection, then to the Lebanon Syria and Jordan Pilgrimage pages, then finally to the Official Pilgrimage Report article in which you are reading. Each part of the breadcrumb is also clickable, so you can easily get back to a previous part of the trail from which you came.





May the Lord Bless you and lead you on the One True Trail leading to Him.

In Christ,  
Mark  
Volunteer on the Web Team

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***A Testimony: "Throughout My Whole Cancer Experience, I Always had Faith in Jesus"***

On September 5th, 1987 I turned 20 years old. I was starting my 3rd year of university and hoped to apply to medical school after my degree. Less than a month later, I would be led on a very frightening, yet incredible journey that would change my life forever.

In 1987, I entered my 3rd year. I was "geared-up" to work hard and finally get to take more of the courses I liked, rather than the compulsory ones. In October of that year, I noticed that a lump in my neck that I had noticed a few months prior was getting bigger. I got it checked and the doctor told me that it was stage 2 Hodgkin's Lymphoma (CANCER!). My reaction was pretty strange in retrospect. I told the doctor to do what it takes to get rid of it because I don't have time for this and need to get on with my life. Later, I came to find out that it wasn't all that simple. I went through 12 rounds of chemotherapy that lasted 6 months. After that, I underwent 8 weeks of radiation therapy. The doctors were so impressed with how I was responding to treatments that they all but told me that my disease would not recur.

In September of 1988, I wanted a fresh start. I headed to a new university, in another province to continue my studies. But by that October, my cancer had recurred and both the doctors and I were completely shocked. My oncologist told me about this new procedure called an "autologous bone marrow transplant." Initially, I did not know what it meant, but I knew that it did not sound very pleasant. However, the doctor also told me that my cancer was very aggressive and that this was my only chance. So I agreed to go ahead with it.

I received my transplant in November of 1989. During my two-month convalescence, 2 things



happened: First, I spiked a life-threatening fever of 42 degrees Celsius. At one point I lost consciousness... During that scary time, I did not see Jesus, nor did I have any type of vision. However, when I awoke, many things in my life were very clear to me - more so than ever before. To this day, I am unsure of what happened. Having said that, I know that I was not the same man after that. The second thing that happened was much more joyous. I have always believed in Christmas miracles. From the book: "*A Christmas Carol*" that I read when I was in grade 9, to the miracle of the Virgin birth of our Lord, I have always known in my heart that Christmas miracles were special. That December 22nd, my blood counts were simply not high enough to let me out of isolation. In fact, the "magic number" for me to go home was 1000 and I was only at 400. My family was getting ready to spend Christmas at the hospital. The following morning, December 23rd at 6:00 AM, they drew my blood as usual and at 8:00 AM, I was told that my blood count was 1400. We were simply overwhelmed with joy. I wasn't able to attend Midnight Mass that year, but at least I was home to celebrate Christmas with my family. Isn't it ironic that on the occasion of His birth, Jesus had given me this gift? My cancer has recurred 3 times since my transplant: once in August of 1990, once in May 1991 and again in August of 2004. In fact, in 1990, I was given a year to live. As of today however, all tests are clear.

Throughout my whole cancer experience, I always had faith in Jesus. In fact, shortly before my transplant, I spent some time alone praying to God and promising to become His disciple for the rest of my days if He would only get me past this. When people ask me today to what I attribute my recovery, I smile and give thanks to the wonderful doctors and nurses, however, I attribute every bit of my recovery to Jesus Christ. Praise be to Him for giving me life! Praise be to Him for allowing me to live with cancer and learn what I have learned! He certainly did not give me cancer, but He most definitely was at my side the whole time.

From my recurrence in 1991 to my recurrence in 2004, my life took many different turns... Lately I have been experiencing a hunger for Jesus, unlike anything I have ever experienced before. I know that, even today He is still looking after His disciple, as wretched as I am.

This "hunger" that I spoke of stems from a meeting I had with an acquaintance in 1991. I was recovering from my latest recurrence and he asked me if I had ever heard of Vassula Ryden. When I told him that I hadn't, he told me a little about her and gave me a videotape of a talk she gave in Switzerland. I was a bit skeptical at first, but after watching the video, I knew that her words touched me spiritually. It wasn't until mid 2004 that I subscribed to the TLIG daily messages. These daily messages have become for me a source of spiritual nourishment. To not read one of the daily messages for me would be like missing breakfast or supper. Since I started reading the TLIG daily messages, my wife and I have been attending church regularly and, speaking for myself, I pray a lot more. Sometimes I find myself praying without realizing it. I truly desire to become holy, as Jesus asks us to do.

When I was a young boy, I asked someone: "If there is only one God, why do we need all of these different churches?" This person tried to answer the best he could, but this experience awoke in me, even at a young age, a strong belief and desire for unity within God's Church. Now, in my daily prayers, I pray for unity. I also pray that I am able to repent, love and stay humble, in order to serve God. According to the messages, only these things will bring about unity in His Church.

I share my story with you, not to bring attention to myself, but to testify of my experience of God's great love and mercy. I am so very thankful to Him for everything I have in my life. I know that I have a very long way to go in my spiritual journey, but as He says so many times in His messages, "**I, God, love you.**" Thanks to TLIG, I am reminded of this every day.

In finishing, I wish to share that never in my life have two very small words meant so very much to me. When I see or hear them, I am filled with great joy and comfort, knowing that they come from Jesus Himself...**"We-Us."**

May the peace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

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