



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 III - Thailand

November 19-22, 2005

In Vassula's previous visits to this country she had been invited by a Catholic Bishop to speak at a Retreat held close to the Burmese border, and at Meetings organized in Bangkok. Since then, in a country whose population is predominantly Buddhist, with a small percentage of Christians, TLIG Prayer Groups have spread and now welcomed her to witness once again in Bangkok and in 2 new cities, Sriracha and Chiangmai.

Bangkok

The TLIG Association of Thailand and over 500 people in the Holy Redeemer Church Hall in Bangkok, anxiously waited for Vassula's flight from Bangladesh to arrive for her Meeting that same evening; unfortunately the plane was hopelessly stranded at Dhaka International Airport due to mechanical problems. All alternative flights from Dhaka to Bangkok were unsuitable and we therefore had to accept our flight's 6-hour delay. To remedy the situation, the Thai organizers very efficiently led a Prayer Meeting and projected a video of Vassula's, and to appease the crowd's disappointment, they promised to hold Vassula's talk the following evening. Amazingly, the majority stayed to watch the film, abiding in peaceful meditation. Vassula's 3-day stay in Thailand had already been filled with Media Interviews, and 3 main Meetings.

Edgar Dante of TLIG Association Thailand writes: "Vassula came to Thailand for the 4th time in November 2005 as part of a month-long Asian tour. True Life in God is not new to Thailand, the Messages have been promoted and translated to Thai since the early 1990s, long before Vassula's

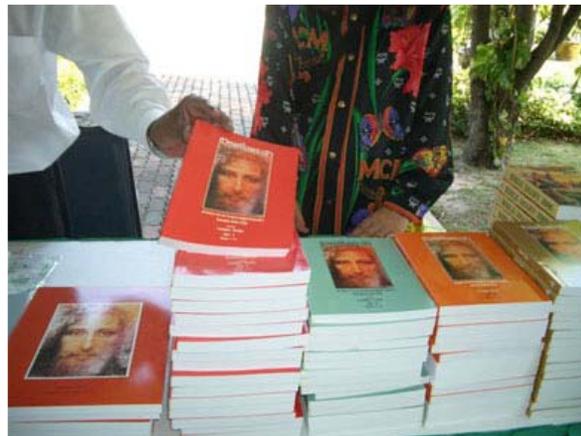
first visit in 1998. The printed versions were available since 1999, and so far, over 5,000 copies of the 5 volumes in Thai have been disseminated in Thailand. In addition, the first three volumes of the handwritten version are now widely available. Behind this is the TLIG Thailand Association which meets weekly for the TLIG Prayer Meetings and coordinates the translation and printing of the books, as well as arranges Vassula's visits."

Sriracha

Afternoon Meeting in Assumption College Church, Sriracha, 150 kms south of Bangkok:



Left: Before the Meeting with some of the Thai organizers. Right: Fr. Paul Vira, SDB was honored to finally meet Vassula in person.



The bookstand at the Church entrance displaying True Life in God books and DVDs in Thai and in English



Vassula is introduced by Peter Larsen, one of the organizers, while Rachel Daengsvang translates the talk in the Thai language



Speaking to an audience of 200 people

For this first visit to the city of Sriracha, the TLIG Thai Association succeeded in gathering a mixture of people, most of them had never heard of Vassula nor the Messages. This assembly of 200 was composed of many priests and nuns, Catholic and Protestant laypeople, both local and foreign. Many young students from Assumption College attended and carefully listened to Vassula's witnessing, delighted with her experience of her Angel Daniel. Everyone is always curious to know how Vassula receives the Messages, she therefore went into detail describing how she hears an inner voice called "locution", distinctly discerning the Persons of the Holy Trinity: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. She is also given interior visions and a light of understanding into her intellect, without utterance of speech.

Vassula went on to explain that these evil times we live in today had been predicted by St. Paul in 2 Thessalonians 2, Ezekiel 28 and Daniel. The 2 signs of the End of Times (not the end of the world) are the Great Apostasy and the Spirit of Rebellion. The apostasy of our times is great because it has spread all over, it is generalized; people do not believe in God, they have chosen to

reject and deny the Divine Truth that had been given to them. They believe in the idols of materialism, rationalism and modernism. There is a spirit of rebellion in men's hearts that seeks to question the Divinity of our Savior Jesus Christ, presenting His True Presence in the Eucharist as merely symbolic, aiming to establish that His Resurrection also was symbolic.

Satan's hour is here, but as evil gains power, God increases the presence of the Holy Spirit in the world. God does not leave us, the Holy Spirit brings forth the 2nd Pentecost to renew His Creation. In Apocalypse 21, St. John speaks of **"the new heavens and the new earth,"** and of the new Jerusalem. This is the work the Holy Spirit is doing in many souls; transfiguring and renewing them, raising them to be Apostles of the End Times. There is a blossoming of prayer groups in the world today; many charismatic groups are alive with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, as well as individuals whom the Holy Spirit has touched, who have changed their lives, and who are given the fire to do God's will and bring His Word to all they meet.

Vassula's simple but profound witnessing sends the powerful message to all who hear, that God's Desire is for each of us to become intimate with Him by daring to approach Him with the innocence of a child, trusting in His Love for us. By His Grace, He reveals Himself to each one who seeks to know Him and love Him. Through her experience we are able to relate to the Almighty, to our Creator, but who is also our Father and our Friend, our Holy Companion. True Life in God is His Hymn of Love to His Creation, calling us to our rightful place as children of the Most High, and asking us to return to living holy, for He is holy. In the Messages, God Himself teaches us to pray from the heart, the only prayer that reaches Him. He brings us back to the Church and its sacraments, explaining and re-spelling Holy Scriptures so that we are able to understand and live them. After citing many Messages and sharing the other themes in True Life in God, she ended with the Prayer for Healing and Deliverance, asking the Lord for the healing of all those present.

There is a big expatriate community of retired people in the neighboring city of Pattaya, a famous vacation resort. Vassula was interviewed immediately afterwards by an enthusiastic Austrian journalist for the German-speaking newspaper in Thailand, the Pattaya Blatt. This was followed by another interview by a local TV celebrity, which was broadcast all throughout the province of Chonburi, including Pattaya City via TV and Radio.



Left: Interview with Austrian journalist, Ms. Elfi Seitz. Right: Another interview followed in a Sriracha hotel for Mr. Sanya Mankorn's TV show.

Evening Meeting in Bangkok's Holy Redeemer Church Hall, Ruam Rudee Road:

Extraordinarily, Vassula accepted to hold 2 Meetings in the same day, to make up for the Meeting she was unable to attend the night before. The crowded hall was filled with joyful praise music, creating a warm atmosphere for Vassula and the listeners who eagerly returned to hear her speak. Many in the audience, including several priests and nuns were familiar with the Messages and had heard Vassula speak at other times in this same Church hall.



Fr. Joseph Wichitr Likhittham introduced Vassula to the audience of 500 people

Vassula always begins her Meetings with a prayer, usually with the Our Father in Aramaic. Through this important prayer, she introduced the Person of the Eternal Father, describing her first encounter with Him wherein He teaches her, and us, to speak to Him from the heart. The tone of His Voice, so paternal, shatters the distorted image many of us have made of Him as being solely a judge. It awakens us to the truth that we are His children and that we belong to Him. Jesus describes Him in the following Message: **"...My Father is a King, yet so motherly, a Judge, yet so tender and loving, the Alpha and the Omega, yet so meek..."** ([August 10, 1994](#))

The Lord wants prayers, fervent prayers for the conversion of the world and the unity of families, people and the Church. Satan deceives the world with the same lie he told Eve - that we do not need God, that we, by ourselves, can be god. The world now rejects the Divine Truths, leading it into this Great Apostasy. Our Holy Mother says:

"♥ the world has grown cold, icy cold, and the parents turn against each other, the child turns against his parents for lack of love; the mother refuses the child's pleadings for love; the world is dead to love, it lies in deep obscurity because hatred, greed, and selfishness dominate the earth all the way to its core;

I am shaken by terrible sights, with the iniquities of this dark world and the apostasy that penetrated in the sanctuary itself; the disasters, famine, afflictions, war and plague, all these are drawn by you; all that comes from the earth returns

to earth. The earth is autodestructing itself and it is not God who gives you all these disasters as many of you tend to believe; God is Just and all Merciful, but evil draws evil;

Pray hard, pray with your heart for the conversion and the salvation of your era; children of Mine, pray with Me, I need your prayers, pray and I shall offer them to God♥

I assure you that I am with you wherever you go; I never leave you, you who are My children; I bless you all♥ "[May 15, 1990](#)



God asks us to convert and change our indifferent hearts to hearts burning with the fire of the Holy Spirit. Through His Mercy, He sends the Holy Spirit in a 2nd Pentecost, setting souls on fire to transform them into apostles. Many today are seeking God, desiring and yearning to taste His Sweetness and change their lives. All this is due to the action of the Holy Spirit in our times. Conversion is a constant movement, like climbing a ladder, penetrating more and more into God and understanding Him more to know His Will. Vassula continued: "...*what is the first step to know God's Will for us? Most people say one must call on the Holy Spirit to give us His Light...but the Holy Spirit cannot come on someone who is in debt to sin, filled with vices and iniquities! The first thing to do is to repent and truly be sorry for your sins, emptying yourself by repenting and confessing to make space for the Holy Spirit. The fruit of Repentance is Reconciliation which leads to Unity.*"

"*We are God's sanctuary and He dwells in us. He created us to love and serve Him, and in serving others, we serve Him.*" The Lord would use everyday occasions to teach her many lessons, among them is this anecdote which is precious learning for us: In the beginning, when He had brought her from Bangladesh to Switzerland, where her family lives, she was constantly enjoying the Lord's Presence under dictation with Him. One late afternoon, while she was deep into her work with the Lord, her mother happened to call, unable to go to the store, and asked her to fetch some bread before it closed. Vassula's work with the Lord was not finished and she was obviously torn between her priority and attending to her mother's request. The Lord, in his extreme delicacy, motioned her to pause and give her time to her mother, declaring: "**in serving her, you are serving Me.**" Vassula interspersed the subjects in her talk with passages like this, witnessing on the simplicity of God's pedagogy.

"*The Holy Spirit's call for our times is Unity. The division in the Church is a sin, we are living in sin as long as we are divided and continue to uphold this division.*" The Lord makes her understand that natural catastrophes, disasters, wars, killings and terrorism happen because the Church is divided. When the Church decides to unite using the keys of Humility and Love, all evil will stop. We are responsible to pray for Unity, TLIG Prayer Groups are formed to pray specifically for this. The world has to change, and this is possible only through our prayers and the transformation of our lives.

The audience very quietly listened until she finished, taking in the sweetness and simplicity of the Lord in His Messages. The peaceful silence during the Prayer of Healing and Deliverance showed the intentness of their pleas to receive His Healing Grace and His Blessing.



People standing, invoking the Holy Spirit for healing and deliverance.

Chiangmai (Vassula's first visit):

Leaving Bangkok the next day, we took the noonday flight to Chiangmai with the TLIG organizers. Chiangmai is a major tourist destination known for its natural beauty, rich culture and cool weather, and is located approximately 800 kilometers north of Bangkok. For TLIG, Chiangmai was a new area for evangelization.



Left: At Bangkok Airport, TLIG organizers Joan and Rachel Daengsvang, Justine Roxas and Edgar Dante checked in boxes of books for the Meeting. Right: Books for sale outside the Conference Room in Chiangmai's Park Hotel.

Evening Meeting in Chiangmai:

Peter Larsen of the Thai TLIG Association introduced Vassula in the Thai language to 150 new people attending this Meeting. Among them were Catholics, Protestants, Orthodox, and Buddhists. Vassula tries to cover all the themes of the Messages in her talks, but since her audience was entirely new, she gave much of her time to the beginnings of her experience.



During the Meeting that evening

After a short prayer, Vassula started: *"Many people are like me, they forgot their Creator, although He is always there. I was born and baptized a Greek Orthodox, I believed in God but that He was up there, somewhere faraway..."* Vassula gave them a short background of her life before God intervened. *"First the angel came - each of us has a Guardian Angel, others have more than one - My Angel helped me through my Purification, showing me my sins through God's Eyes..."* To see one's self the way one



really is can be a terrible experience: little, seemingly unimportant things were monstrous, bringing her to shed repentant tears for 3 weeks, filling her with horror and disgust at the realization that she had gravely offended God. She was at last given the grace to see that she had never praised or adored God, and had not ever thanked Him for all the good things that He had given her, citing that our families, our good health, the work that we do, the roof over our heads, the food we eat, the clothes that we wear are blessings from Him and that we ought to show our love and gratitude by thanking Him.

Once Vassula was purified, she experienced hearing the voice of the Eternal Father, which seemingly lifted her up from a deep sleep. His Presence and the tone of His Voice invaded her

whole being and brought her to the truth that she is His child and that she belonged to Him from the beginning of time. He asked her to pray the "Our Father." Remembering this prayer, the only prayer she was obliged to learn at the Christian school she attended way back in Egypt, she heaved a sigh of relief and recited it. He was not happy so He asked her to say it again, and again... and again, from morning till night. The thought that He was probably asking her to make up for all the "Our Fathers" she neglected to say all these past years, crossed her mind at one point. But this was not so, once she began to say each word from her heart, meaning each phrase by realizing that she was speaking to Him and not to a wall, the Father was pleased, nodding His approval. It was the first step in entering into Intimacy with God, she knew He was there and was listening. She approached Him like a child would do, with the knowledge that she was nothing and that He was everything, her soul had finally recognized her Creator.

"We are living in a time when good is turned to evil, when love for God has grown cold. The world does not glorify God but glorifies itself, making its own commandments which oppose the Lord's Commandments." The Father says:

"My Heart pains me, My child, for I see to the ends of the earth and what I see is not according to My Heart's desires...your Father rules everything, but not your freedom... and man has perverted his freedom... Beloved, pray so that those who are dying will have time to redress themselves - every drop of love is used for their salvation. Many beneath the rubble are still breathing - so pray for them that I refresh their soul..." ([October 18, 1994](#))

Our Lord Jesus first came to her as the Sacred Heart, exposing the depth of His burning Love for each of us and His Desire for us to find our place in His Heart. The Sacred Heart is a Catholic devotion unknown to other Christians. The Orthodox know Our Lord in His Divine Heart or as the Pantocrator, the Judge. By revealing Himself to her, an Orthodox, in this way, He taught her that He makes no distinction and yearns for all His children to adore Him around one single tabernacle. Our mission for Christian Unity was born through the fact that in True Life in God, the Sacred Heart speaks to all His children and chose an Orthodox to bring His Message to Orthodox, Catholics and Protestants alike. His plea is to remove the walls of division and build the bricks of Unity in our hearts through the keys of Love and Humility. This division among brothers is a scandal, it is the greatest obstacle to the triumph of God's Kingdom on earth, and the cause of much suffering.

Edgar concludes: "Vassula spoke to about 150 people in the meeting room at Park Hotel. Among them was a senior staff member from the Institute for the Study of Religion and Culture who was interested in the Messages and the mission of True Life in God. One Nepali, who happened to be at the hotel, came to the meeting and learned of the Messages for the first time. After the talk, the organizers eagerly recruited some interested people to start a TLIG Prayer Group in Chiangmai. The Messages are making their way through Thailand, thanks to the Holy Spirit who calls God's people and His people who answer."

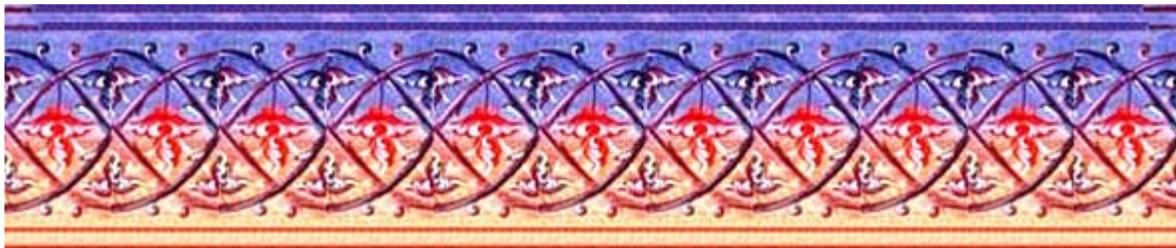
"...realize how I, Yahweh, have leaned down all the way from above to clothe you and everyone else who turned an ear to Me as well, with majesty and splendor; I wished to revive the faith of this generation, curing your so deplorable state, with tenderness and compassion..." ([June 1, 2002](#))

The Holy Spirit led us through this beautiful country of gentle people to bring healing, strength and nourishment for its spiritual growth. Many thanks to Vassula for her generosity in witnessing, to the organizers and TLIG Prayer Groups who will help spread the seeds of salvation. May the Lord and Our Lady bless the work of True Life in God in Thailand.

Submitted by: Cecilia Lutz, and Edgar Dante of TLIG Thailand Association



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Vassula Returns to Portugal December 2005

On Saturday, December 10, 2005, Vassula and I arrived in Lisbon, Portugal. The same day that we arrived from abroad, Vassula was scheduled to speak at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. You cannot help but to think when the Lord says in a message, "**you will have no rest**" ([May 24, 1987](#)) and to keep up with His pace. The Lord says in a message, "**I wish to remind both of you, how important it is to keep up with My pace, the urgency of My Message; you are facing the dawn of the great events to come; put your heart at work; then, be gracious to one another; tepidness in your work displeases Me**" ([February 18, 1995](#)).

There was a Rosary, a Holy Mass, and then Vassula addressed the crowd of two thousand people. Since we were in the month of the celebration of Christmas, she touched on the topic: "The meaning of Christmas." In this message she read where the Lord is disappointed in the way we have forgotten His birth and view it as a secular holiday, etc.

[December 24, 1991](#) TLIG message:

"...today I come with peace-terms and a Message of Love, but the peace I am offering is blasphemed by the earth and the Love I am giving them is mocked and jeered in the Eve of My Birth; mankind is celebrating these days without My Holy Name; My Holy Name has been abolished and they take the day of My Birth as a great holiday of leisure, worshipping idols...I have warned the world."

She also spoke on Repentance ([September 13, 2002](#)), the Purification ([August 17, 1988](#)) and Intimacy with God ([April 25, 1999](#)). Everyone was so attentive, that the Cathedral was completely quiet and still so that one could have even heard a pin drop. Vassula spoke in French and there

was a translator for Portuguese. There were approximately six priests who attended the Mass and then stayed after Mass to hear Vassula's talk.



Vassula addresses the crowd of two thousand people

After her talk was over, the six priests greeted her in the Sacristy with much enthusiasm and warmth, expressing how happy they were to meet her. We went with them to a small reception where there were coffee and refreshments for us. Afterwards, one of the priests escorted us out and made sure we went on our way safely. We truly were impressed by their friendliness and openness to the True Life in God Messages.



Vassula with priests after the talk

We then were led by the spirit and departed for a three-hour road trip north to Porto (this is where port wine comes from) where Vassula would be speaking the next day. It was at this point that jet lag started to kick in.

When we arrived at the Convent in Requiaq, they gave us a brief tour but took us around only by car because it was dark and the convent was so large. I was touched by the holiness I felt there. They had prepared a lovely meal of fresh duck and treated us to a specialty in Portugal: the fruit cake often served during Christmas time. The young novice nuns that were in the convent were so gracious and hospitable. Vassula shared conversations with them on topics of the apostasy in the church ([Oct 10, 1989](#)), prophecies ([here](#)) and a spirit of anti-Christ ([June 27, 1991](#)), and that many people are teaching the symbolism of the Christmas tree and an anti-Christmas spirit.

"At Christmas every Christian is asked to celebrate Christ's birth by rejoicing and going to Church and celebrating His Holy Name. Many, in their apostasy, celebrate and worship the Christmas tree instead, exchanging gifts, eating until sick, and amusing themselves to folly" (<http://www.tlig.org/en/spirituality/letters/tsunami/>).

Father Milheiro and Sister Isabelle, who invited Vassula to come and speak, continued to accompany us and were telling us about their prison ministry. What they had to report was highly impressive. They have gone to sixty prisons and have distributed over fifty thousand books to the prisoners. Father Milheiro has received fifteen thousand testimonies over the years. He now has a book published, so far only in the Portuguese language, containing many of the prisoners' testimonies. On the cover is a picture of Vassula with the title, "Who Do You Say I Am?" These two indefatigable evangelists and prison ministers also distribute posters of Christ to the prisoners. It was extremely inspiring to hear of these fruits of the TLIG inspirations. Father Milheiro assured us that with all of the spiritual material he hands out to prisoners, he gets the most positive response from the True Life in God books. **"Wherefore you shall know them by their fruit"** (Matthew 7:20).



Father Milheiro's book of TLIG prison testimonies, "Who Do You Say I Am?"

On Sunday morning December 11, 2005, Sister Isabelle took us for a beautiful walk of the grounds of the monastery. It was a brisk, clear day with the sun shining and the birds chirping, lending to the peace and tranquillity there. One could truly feel the presence of the Holy Spirit. We found out that the convent has many chapels, but most especially, there is also an area dedicated

to the garden of Gethsemane which has a special large board with a TLIG message from Jesus about His agony in Gethsemane ([May 16/17, 1987](#)).

Next, Sister Isabelle showed us the room where the TLIG books get printed in the Portuguese language.



Left, Touring Monastery grounds; Right, Chapel dedicated to Our Blessed Mother



Chapel with cave inside; Nativity scene

A Spirit-filled event took place in the afternoon. Previous to this day, both Father Milheiro and Sister Isabelle were so concerned about the two-week bout of rain and heavy winds since Vassula's presentation was to be outdoors. Yet, while the people gathered, some in warm coats, as it was still a bit brisk, we were reminded of Our Lord's words to the Apostles on the stormy Sea of Galilee: **"Be still!"** And the winds and the sea obeyed Him (Mark 4: 39-41).

The event began with Holy Mass, having twenty priests concelebrating for the three thousand people there. After that the Rosary was offered. Some persevered in standing on the sidelines even though everything lasted four hours; the winds had disappeared and not a leaf on the trees was stirring. Neither was the audience stirring who were thirsty to hear Jesus' Words through His

instrument. So on the day of the event, despite the previously stormy weather, there was not even a leaf shaking. Everything was so still. **"Be still, and know that I am God..."** (Psalm 46: 10).

His echo, Vassula Ryden, and I were quite impressed that people came out of their comfort zone and stayed faithfully for those four hours even until it became dark and colder.





Vassula handing out prayers to the crowd

After the talk was over, there was a reception with the clergy and people who helped in the event with lots of food and sweets being served. It was so enjoyable to see the priests ask Vassula for her autograph. They were like little children waiting and wanting her to sign the prayer cards that they were holding. Apparently, many of the priests have been reading the True Life in God Messages for years. Many of them have seen Vassula in Portugal at other speaking engagements. This was very encouraging.



Vassula with a group photo of the clergy



Benedictine Monk priest

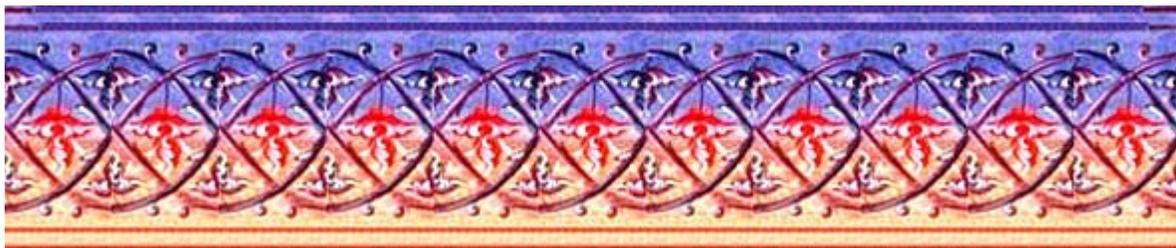


Vassula with Father Milheiro and Sister Isabelle

We retired early for bed in order to rise early enough to catch a 5 a. m. flight to South Africa for the next set of meetings there. Father Milheiro, Sister Isabelle, and the other Religious Sisters all came early in the morning to greet us with big smiles and with an abundance of love. They really made us feel so welcomed and appreciated.

May God bless them for their tireless work and ardent dedication over the years of disseminating the TLIG messages to the people and to the thousands of prisoners. Tabone! to all (means thank you in Portuguese).

In Christ,
Georgia Klamson
TLIG reader in New York City, USA



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Lebanon Report

"TRUE LIFE IN GOD" ECUMENICAL WITNESSING

IN THE HALL OF "ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH" DOWNTOWN BEIRUT



The audience from 6 different church denominations, including 7 clergymen, 2 of whom are Bishops



"...it is on account of uniting you that I have prompted you with My Messages of Unity ♡"

March 27, 1992

True life in God, Lebanon, has recently organized an Ecumenical Meeting on Monday March 27, 2006 in the hall of "All Saints Episcopal Church" in Downtown Beirut.

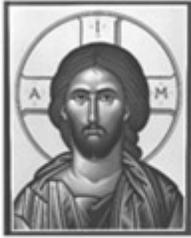
It all started as the witness and the organizer became both inspired to do a special witnessing different from those accomplished until now. We wanted to invite Clergy from different Church denominations to an Ecumenical Meeting (Witnessing) about Unity. We couldn't do it in January in "Unity Week" because we didn't have time to prepare as the idea came out in December, so we

made a few contacts and the Lord allowed that the Episcopal (Anglican) Church in Lebanon offered us their Hall with great generosity. It was not the first time that the Episcopal Church in Lebanon opened its doors to us, through Reverend George al-Kopti Rector of "All Saints Church". Rev. al-Kopti had given us before, in agreement with Rev. Saoud (Presbyterian), the hour of the Weekly Bible Study they usually have to witness for True Life in God and both Anglican and Presbyterian believers were present since they share weekly the Bible Study.

Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend. (Joh 15:13)

True Life in God

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Is honored to invite you

to a meeting where Mrs. Yolla Abou Jaoudé will be speaking about the content of the "True Life in God" call in the Church Hall of "All Saints Episcopal Church" in Downtown Beirut next to Marina Tower on Monday March 27, 2006 at 7:00 am

For apology: 04 712031 – 03 399610

www.tlig.org (this website is linked to all languages)

The Invitation Card (translated from Arabic)

After fixing the location, we prepared the invitation cards for the clergy and distributed them. We started by focusing on the Clergy who already were given the CDF or other TLIG material but have never been to a TLIG witnessing. We also invited new people that we picked with discernment who were also given a file to introduce TLIG messages, the instrument "Vassula", testimonies from Ecumenical Bishops and our fruits.

We were overwhelmed with Joy when the Association of the Catholic Patriarchs and Bishops in Lebanon sent His eminence Flavian Joseph Melki Vice-Patriarch from the Syrian Catholic Church as a representative. We were also blessed with the presence of His eminence Chucrallah Nabil El Hage, Maronite Archbishop of Tyr. The presence of Rev. Souheil Saoud, from the Presbyterian Church, as a representative of Rev. Doc. Salim Sahyouni, was another blessing from the Lord. Also in attendance were Fr. Gabriel Hachem, director of "Faith and Unity" section at the Middle East Council of Churches, Fr. François from the Greek Melkite Catholic Church, and Rev. Imad Zoorob from the Episcopal Church who is the director of the St. Luke Association for Persons with special needs.

We immediately felt God's great work in this witnessing especially that the audience included 6 different Church Denominations: Syrian Catholic, Episcopal (Anglican), Greek Orthodox, Presbyterian, Maronite and Greek Melkite Catholic.

The organizer, Engineer Chadi Choufani, started with the "Our Father" prayer, the united Arabic version, taken from The Middle East Council of Churches. Then, he introduced Engineer Michel

Hissab who presented the True Life in God's beginnings and Vassula as the instrument used by God. His Powerpoint presentation also included details about the fruits of TLIG (Prayer groups and Beth Myriam), about TLIG Ecumenical Pilgrimage 2005 and the latest communication of Vassula with the Vatican.

After that, Chadi introduced the witness, Yolla Abou Jaoudé who spoke about the contents of the "True Life in God" call and she focused on: the call for reconciliation and unity, the Holy Spirit's role in the path of Christians towards Unity and the relentless repentance. After her speech, Yolla invited Rev. George al-Kopti to end the meeting with a prayer. Then we had some refreshments and some pastries. Everyone mingled and chatted taking a look or purchasing some of the articles displayed: books, DVDs, videos and some other articles in Arabic, French and English.



Yolla Abou Jaoudé witnessing for True Life in God



Rev. al-Kopti ending the meeting with a prayer

Later, at the request of some of the attendees, Rev. al-Kopti showed them the Church from inside and he explained about it and about the "Cross of nails".



Left: Rev. al-Kopti explaining about the Church to some participants. Right: The Altar of "All Saints Anglican Church" in Downtown Beirut.

After all that, we went with the clergy to dinner at a restaurant in Beirut. We had informed them earlier and we wanted it to be a small dinner to be able to converse. At dinner, we discussed many issues concerning unity, God speaking through a person in our times and True Life in God messages. His eminence Melki had different points he noted during the witnessing and we gave him a file with only the text of the witnessing of that day to be given through him to the Association of the Catholic Patriarchs and Bishops in Lebanon. We noticed that this file was important and valued and we thank God who inspired us to prepare it. After dinner we gave the Clergy a file with Cardinal Sfeir's words of welcome, testimonies of Ecumenical Bishops, Vassula's "Renunciation" talk, our visit to the Lebanese President, the welcome of Mr. Biltaji, Advisor to the King of Jordan, pictures from the 2005 Ecumenical Pilgrimage, the text of the witnessing of that day (March 27, 2006), and the fruits of True Life in God with pictures of Beth Myriam Lebanon.

Through this event, God has opened new doors and new places for us to witness. Relations with the different churches and True Life in God are being created. We pray that he will always help us stay small so that he is free to accomplish miracles through us. Praised be His Name for ever and ever!



At dinner: His eminence Melki (third from the left), Rev. al-Kopti (first from the left)



**At dinner: His eminence El Hage (second from the right),
Rev. Saoud (third from the right), Fr. Hachem (fourth from
the right)**

Chadi Choufani
TLIG Evangelisation Lebanon 2006



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***Give thanks to the God of Heaven, His love is everlasting!
He provides for all living creatures, His love is everlasting!*** (Ps136: 25,26)

Rokeya's story - Beth Myriam Dhaka

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The inspiration for the Beth Myriam in Dhaka came in the form of a question from Vassula: "When will you open a Beth Myriam in Dhaka?" It was during a visit to Dhaka where Vassula was invited to witness in August 1999. The sight of extreme poverty in some areas left me speechless and at the same time motivated me to work immediately for this project. A contact person was needed who knew the local people, so I asked Carol Chamberlain who had worked for three years in Bangladesh, if she would like to help start this project. In four months time, in December 1999, with the precious help of Duleep in Dhaka (later on my husband), Carol and I visited Dhaka in order to open the first Beth Myriam.

Since then, six years have gone by and not a day has passed that a hot meal hasn't been provided to the needy people coming from the nearby slum areas. In the beginning it was only ten guests who were receiving daily lunch; two religious sisters from the Charles de Foucauld order - known as the Blue Nuns - suggested bringing the people they knew who were in great need. Today, 100 guests - men, women and children are being served daily at noon a complete meal. According to a weekly balanced menu with adequate caloric content, the guests are served beef, chicken or fish curry, accompanied by the traditional rice, vegetables, salad and dhal; banana for fruit.

One of the Muslim women from those first guests, Rokeya, a quiet and smiling young mother of a little girl, would come and eat very fast everyday and then smile and go back home where she was leaving her young girl. You could tell how low a level of poverty she was coming from, but you would never see a miserable or unhappy face or attitude.



After coming for over a year for lunch at the Beth Myriam, she gave birth to a healthy baby girl. When we asked her how she would name the baby, she said, "Whatever you would like", out of gratitude. But we didn't agree; we told her to honour her tradition first and as a second name she could give the name Myriam. Rokeya decided to name the baby only Myriam. As a shorter version to this day they call the girl Pia. We know that Rokeya doesn't know what Pia (pious) means, but we receive it as the divine humour!

Rokeya and Myriam during the Beth Myriam Anniversary, December 18, 2002

Our Lady is being mentioned and honored by this grateful Muslim woman. But Rokeya's story doesn't stop here; as the guests coming daily to the Beth Myriam for a hot meal were increasing, extra help was needed to assist the couple that was taking care of the daily Beth Myriam function. We asked Rokeya if she would like to help cooking and serving. She would be receiving her meals anyway and we would pay her as well. She was very happy! She accepted and started immediately helping for four hours a day, thus she became integrated into the body of the Beth Myriam.

She became a good and trustworthy friend - with the little English she speaks - and is a volunteer to all functions of the Beth Myriam: anniversary celebrations and schooling help. Since 2001 when we started the afternoon Bangla and English school classes, Rokeya has been helping in distributing the milk and cookies together with Shamol and Onima - the caretaker couple. She also attended the English class five times a week because she wanted to improve her family's life, as she told us. For this reason, one day Rokeya asked us if we could help her unemployed husband Bilal. As his qualifications were extremely limited, it was not easy. But where there's a will, there's a way, so when Rokeya was asked if Bilal would like to have a rickshaw to drive. A rickshaw is a bicycle carriage and is the traditional transportation means in Asia.



Rokeya and Onima

Bilal took this opportunity and started immediately working with the new rickshaw. He proved himself to be a very conscientious man, working hard to support his family and being a saver. As he started earning, he was able to collaborate with his uncle who had some rickshaws of his own and soon Bilal started his own rickshaw business. Soon after he wanted to improve his education level, so he took classes in reading and writing and was educated on the Qur'an, the holy Scripture of Islam. Today Bilal owns 15 rickshaws.

Bilal never forgot from where everything started: the Beth Myriam. So now that he is a businessman, he has taken upon himself the daily morning deliveries of all the fresh vegetables, fruits, beef, chicken or fish that are needed for the Beth Myriam's lunch time. With one of his rickshaws, he goes to the market daily and buys whatever fresh supplies are needed. Every three days he presents the receipts to us and receives money for the provisions for the three next days.

He told us this is the least he could do for all the support and help the Beth Myriam has shown him and his wife.



Mamun, Shamol and his daughter Joya, Rokeya and Onima

Since Shamol and Onima, the TLIG caretakers in the Beth Myriam, take some holidays for Christmas and Easter, Rokeya and her husband take over and take care of everything in the Beth Myriam. Two and a half years ago extra help was added to the staff of the Beth Myriam: Mamun, a young boy of sixteen years at the time. He had also been eating with the other guests for sometime. Mamun is helping Rokeya and Bilal whenever they are taking care of the Beth Myriam but also during the rest of the time when Shamol and Onima are there.

We are all filled with gratitude for God's divine plans and provisions for all needy people,

Catarina

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Announcement for TLIG-Youth

**"give Me unbounded love, I am looking down from Heaven at you all
to see if a single one is seeking Me without self-interest.
What joy and what happiness I receive every time I hear My Name extolled!
but many have turned aside, many are tainted with sin.**

**Let My Heart rejoice in poverty;
let My Heart rejoice in a love without self-interests.**

Give Me, daughter, as I have given you.

Do not appear to Me empty-handed."

[April 20th, 1992](#)



YES, let us give thanks and love to our Lord in our poverty.

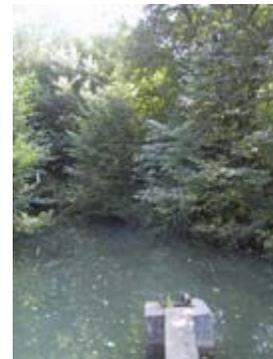
"poverty infatuates Me"

**TLIG Youth Camp from July 26th to August 2nd
near Cologne, Germany**



This will be a great time!
Time for finding friends of different nations,
time for praise and adoration,
time for boundless joy in the Lord
who is descending from the Courts!
Just come and open your hearts!

All young people (age 16 -30) who are interested in the messages are heartily invited to come to this retreat near Cologne, Germany. Bring your friends with you. No matter if they know TLIG or not. We are very happy to welcome you for the 2nd International TLIG - Youth Camp and we are looking forward to a great time of coming together as a family in Unity and Love. During these days we will have **a rich ecumenical TLIG retreat program** which is in preparation! (Holy Mass, Orthodox services, Adoration, Healing service, Praise and Music, free time for: outdoor activities, chatting, swimming, campfire etc.)



costs: for accommodation and food 60 Euros per person for the whole week!

arrival day: July 26th

departure day: August 2nd

nearest airport: Cologne

The hosts Barbara and Olaf Karasch (family with 5 children, 2 teen-aged and 3 grown up) will be welcoming you to their little, old-fashioned farm surrounded in wonderful countryside; the same place where we met for the World Youth Day last year!

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