



Lewis and Judy's Labours of Joy

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Yet I will rejoice in the LORD,
I will joy in the God of my salvation.
Habakkuk 3:18

Translating Scripture, Preparing Bible Lessons,
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Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart:
for consider how great *things* he hath done for you. 1 Samuel 12:24

Solution needed for e-mail service. Up until now, we've been able to keep in touch monthly with those of you who support us and quarterly with many more of you. Two months ago, our outgoing e-mail service stopped working. When Lewis was in town the end of June, he purchased a new modem which we thought was going to be the solution to the problem. However, he has a frustrating time sending out even one or two small e-mails every few days, and the new modem eats up the money as well. **Please pray that we will be able to find an effective and affordable solution** to this need while we are in town now.

Prayer needed for a pure church. At the beginning of June, Matthew and his wife Erisapet came one evening to repent of their sin toward us and ask our forgiveness. We gladly forgave them, although we had long ago forgiven them in our hearts. We were thankful for their coming, and have looked for fruits of repentance. Sadly, however, Matthew's on-going behavior does not measure up to the words that proceeded from his mouth.

Also we've been informed from several men that, although Pastor Nuanda of Liberty Baptist had confessed that he was to blame for the past problems of that church, his thinking has not changed and he is not following God's word in overseeing the church. This also has caused us heartache and has encouraged us to be more diligent in **prayer for the Lord to purify His church and raise up more faithful men to do His work.**

Faithful men need encouragement and prayer. We are thankful that **Amos, Mike, and Dallas and their families** continue to stand strong. We cannot emphasize enough the importance of upholding them often in prayer. Please pray also for **Rex and Nehemiah**, two other men who are seeing the need and have a desire to do what is right. Pray that these men will remain faithful and will wholly follow the Lord all the days of their lives.

We ask your continued prayers for **Graham** too. He seems to have a genuine desire to serve the Lord, but does not get much help and encouragement from his family or church leaders. We were grateful that he came and shared his heart once again, affording us the opportunity to give him counsel and be a blessing to him.



Wisdom needed for health care. Recently I (Judy) started experiencing some symptoms that needed immediate attention from medical professionals. Thanks to God's guidance, we had already planned a time of shopping and rest in Goroka, and I was also able to be seen right away by a doctor after we arrived in town. To make a long story short, I have been diagnosed with atrial fibrillation and been given medications to help. We have been advised to stay in town for two or three months so my condition can be monitored. If things do not improve, I will likely need to see a cardiologist. We **covet your prayers** for God's will to be done in this situation.

Prayer answered regarding ladies' meetings.

On July 2nd, church groups began arriving for the ladies' meetings which started on the 5th and ended on the 8th. There must have been at least ten visiting church groups, about 200 people, represented in the meetings. It was hard to get an exact count as some who paid camp fees stayed in the big tent where they were fed and provided for by the church. Others stayed with relatives or friends throughout the village. Although we were not able to attend any of the meetings, we were delighted that a



preaching the gospel where there are no churches. As souls are saved, men will be needed to establish churches. How we need to **pray for the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into His harvest!**

Praise the Lord for answers to prayer in that one box mailed from the states arrived the middle of July. Among other items, it contained a couple large bottles of printer ink. We have also now received some black ink from Australia so it is again possible for us to use the new printer. We are still expecting a box of school books and another small box containing black ink from a supporting church. Both of these were mailed from the US several months ago.

Judy with sister Felly, pastor's wife



and main speaker for the ladies

number of the pastors, Bible school students, pastors' wives, and other women came to meet us and visit with us. We felt very humbled as they wept at our feet and honored us as servants of the Lord who have beautiful feet

We rejoiced to hear of good results of those meetings.

1) Nine individuals made profession of salvation. **Pray for discipleship and spiritual growth for these.**

2) There are a number of churches in the Highlands that have no pastors, and doors of opportunity were opened for faithful Owena men to minister in some of these areas. **Pray for full-time pastors for these churches.**

3) A couple of Owena men are considering joining an evangelistic team. Pastor Joel, the pastor of one of the visiting churches, has begun making evangelistic treks along with a young evangelist named Philip. They have started going from village to village in some of the more remote areas of the country and

Another **answer to prayer** is that the container was finally released from the wharf in Lae and is now in the Highlands. There are several small boxes of ours in that container which we are waiting to receive. The holdup now is the processing of the invoices. Still another container is on its way to PNG from the US, and it also contains some boxes of items which were sent for us.

May the Lord bless you all for your prayers! Please keep praying.

I have seen the vision and for self I cannot live; Life is less than worthless till my all I give. – Oswald J. Smith

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