



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,
Writing Tracts and Booklets, Training National Missionaries



He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him. Psalm 126:6

Itinerant Evangelism. In the past three months, Nehemiah has gone on three evangelistic treks with pastors and other young men. He has spoken in churches in the cities, in the towns, and in the villages. He has preached in marketplaces, in remote areas, in the villages of Owena. He has addressed large groups, small groups, and individuals. At times he faces opposition from his own people. Nehemiah is just a young man, in his early twenties, but he has a heart that is broken for lost souls. The urgency of going forth with the gospel will not let him stay at home. In the last three months, he has seen 50 or more souls saved. Praise God! Please pray for this young evangelist.

Village Evangelism. In early December, Lewis received a call from Wenera, an Owena man who now lives in the province of Jiwaka in a village called Minj, his wife being from that area of Papua New Guinea. Wenera called to say that he would like to attend Soldiers of Christ Missionary School (SCMS). However, he needs someone to come and carry on the Bible study ministry he has started in Minj. Would Lewis be able to recommend someone for that work?



Wenera

Lewis asked Dallas and Amos, two of last year's SCMS graduates, to pray about the possibility of helping Wenera. The Lord laid a compelling burden on Dallas's heart to answer that call; and on January 12, Dallas arrived in Minj to begin the ministry to which God has called him. Wenera and his wife thought it best for Dallas not to bring his family until he had prepared a home and gardens for them. The people of Minj are facing a food shortage as they

wait for new gardens to grow. Wenera's family and Dallas are currently surviving on one meal per day.

It did not work out for Wenera to attend SCMS at this time so Wenera and Dallas are praying, weeping, and serving together, scattering precious seed in Minj. The first Sunday he was there, Dallas preached to 4 women and 25 children who attended the Bible study.



Dallas preaching

The children were very excited to hear God's word. To date, there have been no men at the Bible study since Dallas has been there.

Wenera and Dallas are also involved in market evangelism and so far have distributed over 500 tracts. Wenera reports that thousands of people live in Minj, but there is not one gospel-preaching church. Most of the people have never heard the true story of the Saviour. Will you pray for Wenera and Dallas and the people of Minj?

City Evangelism. David is another Owena man who has moved out of his own village. He and his family now live in the city of Goroka. Although there are a number of Bible-preaching churches in Goroka, there are still thousands of unsaved individuals who need to hear the Good News. We have been supplying David with tracts and Genesis/Exodus scriptures for evangelism and home Bible studies. Pray for the word of God to bring forth much fruit throughout Goroka.



David and wife Silvia

Training for Evangelism. Although we had planned to begin SCMS classes on January 17, God had other plans. Class had to be postponed until the Owena airstrip was reopened so we could return home from Goroka. Our airstrip had been closed due to lack of maintenance. Once the work was done and we flew back home, we thought we would start classes on the 24th. However, Judy was taken with a bad cold and fever which delayed the beginning of classes until the 31st.

We praise the Lord for the four students who came the first week—Anna Jean, Pastor Nuanda and his wife Ana, and Rex. How we pray for each of these individuals, that they will apply to their lives the doctrines and principles of God’s word that will help them to be faithful seed planters in the years to come!

Mike, one of last year’s graduates, has begun his ministry as a teacher in SCMS. He is teaching just two classes this first year, but that relieves Lewis of a good amount of the burden of teaching. Lewis is teaching three classes, and Judy is teaching only one this year.



Mike teaching SCMS

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Prayers Answered.

1. Arrival in January of
 - a. a packet of black ink sent last April by one of our supporting churches
 - b. one out of four boxes of grade one school books mailed last March
 - c. three more boxes of needed supplies sent by ship last March
2. The second year of SCMS classes begun January 31, as well as the beginning of Mike’s ministry as a teacher
3. Dallas’s missionary service begun in a very needy area called Minj

4. January marked a milestone for us—50 years since we first set foot on PNG soil. Praise God for His mercy and the privilege of serving Him even in old age.

5. The Lord’s faithfulness to raise up more labourers for the ripened harvest

6. Souls saved as men carry the Good News to other parts of PNG

7. Judy’s health much improved and stable after five months on medication

8. Health, strength, and wisdom to teach, translate, and continue laboring for the Lord here in PNG

9. Healing for the Owenians who had COVID and no new cases in the past three months

10. Rain to water the earth so the people could dig and plant new gardens

11. Melanesian Pidgin translation of the New Testament completed and ready for printing

Prayers Needed

1. The rest of the Christian school materials to reach PNG soon
2. The teachers and students of SCMS
3. Nehemiah, Wenera and Dallas, David, and Mike in their various areas of ministry
4. Dallas’s wife to be ready to join her husband in the ministry
5. Amos as he continues to seek the Lord’s guidance for future ministry
6. Efficient e-mail service
7. Many more labourers for the harvest (the labourers are still too few)
8. The salvation of many more souls
9. Continued health, strength, and wisdom for the Lord’s work
10. The printing of the Pidgin New Testament and more tracts

Many thanks to all of you who give, pray, and take time to be an encouragement to us!
Please keep praying.

Is God to blame for not "calling" people to missions?

Because He is worthy,
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