



# Lewis and Judy's Labors of Joy



May, 2016

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

We give God the **glory** for all His blessings and answers to prayer as we continue to serve Him. We **praise** Him for His strength and rest too. The fast pace of life in this country has been our greatest challenge. We give Him **thanks** too for all of you who have continued to minister to us and the Owena people through your prayers and financial support.

One of **February's** highlights was a day out in Greenville, SC, at the Randy Smith home, having **lunch and fellowship with fellow missionaries** from Papua New Guinea.



**March** found us busy **moving**, shopping for household items, and helping Christy and Connie clean and pack so they could move too.

A week after moving in, the two elder Youngs made a trip to Short Pump, VA, and were blessed to be with Pastor Nate Clark and God's people for a missions conference at **Maranatha Baptist Church**. As well as taking part in the meetings, we were challenged by the preaching of Bro. Earl Jessup of Baptist Church Planting Ministries. Before we left, we also had the joy of visiting a dear elderly gentleman, **Mr. Ray Snyder**, who was a faithful prayer warrior and supporter of our ministry in PNG.



Many of February's days, however, were given to house hunting. At last, on the very last day of February, we paid a deposit and first month's rent on a **house** on Ligon Street in the city of Shelby.

**Praise** God for His provision!

It was not our desire to live within the city limits, but we truly believe the Lord has put us here to reach lost souls in this neighbourhood. Please be much in **prayer** for wisdom and guidance in building a relationship with our neighbours and sharing the Gospel with them.



Before returning to Shelby, we enjoyed a relaxing two days in Newport News, visiting Lewis's sister, **Martha**, and her friend Jan.

The same day that we left for Virginia, the two younger Youngs moved into the house on Ligon Street.

In **April**, we reported to two more of our supporting churches, **Victory Baptist Church** in Roan Mountain, TN, and **Valley Baptist Church** in Coatesville, PA. We thank the Lord for safety in our travels and for good fellowship at both churches.

### Our Focus

Serving the people  
of Papua New Guinea  
through  
Translating Scripture  
Preparing Bible Lessons  
Writing Tracts and Booklets

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Between the two churches, we enjoyed a special visit in West Virginia with Judy's siser **Beth**.

We are indebted to a fellow church member, Andrew Minion, for helping us get our **ministry presentation** put together. If you would like to view the presentation, please go to <https://youtu.be/FDRe3u6H-ao>. If you would like to have a copy of the presentation on DVD, please contact us and we will be happy to send you one.

By the end of April, 40 copies of the booklet "Lav, Mesi, Marimari" ("Love, Mercy, Grace") had been printed, collated, stapled, folded, boxed up, and mailed off to Owena. We are thankful for the Lord's help in completing that project and are now working on a booklet called "Bai Mi Maritim Husat?" (Whom Shall I Marry?). Please **pray** that these booklets will be used of the Lord to bring encouragement and spiritual growth in the lives of the believers at Glory Independent Baptist Church.



In February and in March, more **Sunday school lessons** were sent out to Owena, and these have already arrived safely in the village. Along with moving and travelling, we also spent as much time as we could on **Bible translation**. We are grateful for the help of fellow church member, Don Clarke, as he studies and gives us help from the Greek text.

During the past three months, we have also been in communication (either by Skype or letters passed on by e-mail via MAF in Goroka) with David and Amos, the pastors of **GIBC in Owena**. We have learned that, since we left PNG in November, Matthew has been pressuring them to put him back into the pastorate and has been causing division within the church. Matthew has refused to humble himself and wait on the Lord's timing. This has been a time of testing for David and Amos, and we rejoice that they have been standing strong and striving to do what is right. It is difficult to give counsel long distance, and we covet your **prayers** for these two men that they will continue to do right. Please **pray** also for Matthew to turn from his anger and bitterness and to allow God to change his heart.

In summary,

**Praise God for answered prayer concerning**

1. Housing
2. Sunday school lessons now in the hands of the Owena people
3. Safety in travelling
4. "Lav, Mesi, Marimari" on its way to PNG
5. God's help with Bible translation
6. God's direction to "unofficially" represent Baptist Bible Translators Institute in Bowie, TX

**Please be praying for**

1. Faithfulness in witnessing to our neighbours
2. Salvation of souls here in our neighbourhood and in Owena
3. Safe arrival of "Lav, Mesi, Marimari" in PNG and in Owena
4. The Lord's continued help with Bible translation and preparation of other lessons and booklets for Owena
5. Pastors David and Amos to be strong in the Lord; Matthew to repent of his anger and bitterness; Glory Independent Baptist Church to be strengthened and united in the work of the Lord

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**Joyfully serving our Lord.**

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