



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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1 Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, *bless* his holy name.
2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Psalms 103:1-2

Soldiers of Christ Missionary School (SCMS) began May 18, 2020, and ended April 16, 2021. As the students and teacher completed the final lesson of the closing day, we all gave glory to God for His help through all the ups and downs of the school year. What a joy it has been to minister to these students! There were many trials and testings, which are also part of God's training school. We have seen victories. We have seen the students fall but rise up again. There have been times of confession of sin. There have been answers to prayer. And there has been much spiritual growth. How good God is!

On May 11, we and the seven students and their children got together for a closing program for SCMS. We enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship together. Each of the three men gave their testimonies, and Mata and Bonita as well. Lewis gave a challenge to the students based on I Corinthians 15:58. The students were given their certificates. We also gave them gifts, and each student gave us a small monetary gift. From Dallas we received a chicken too, the firstfruits of the brood of chickens he has raised for selling.

The children were excited to each receive a balloon and a tiny crocheted bag filled with candies. At the end, we enjoyed the food that the women had prepared—sausages, rice, potatoes, and greens.



Amos and Mata have five children. Their daughter, Bonita Judy (center back), also took the missionary training. Now she has agreed to learn to be a teacher, starting by teaching first grade to her two younger brothers, Mike's first two children, and two of Pastor Nuanda's children.

Mike and Ta'ita have three children. Mike has grown by leaps and bounds in his ability to understand God's word and his faithfulness to apply God's word to his life. Lewis saw in Mike the potential for helping with the teaching of SCMS. Before Lewis approached him about considering that need, the Lord had already been working in Mike's heart regarding that ministry. He now has peace that this is God's will.



**Missions is not just for missionaries;
God's call is for all.**

— Ann Dunagan, The Mission-Minded Family

Dallas and Elise have one young daughter. As they wait on the Lord to show them His will for their future, Dallas may help Bonita with teaching.



Below is Dallas with Charity Chicken, his firstfruits offering.

Notes of Praise Needs for Prayer

1) Praise the Lord for opening the door for Lewis to go to town and buy supplies recently. When all looked impossible for him to get the required COVID test before he could board the airplane, the Lord answered the prayers of His saints and made a way for a test kit to be brought into the village and administered by a nurse from the health center.

2) Each of the seven students who graduated from SCMS will still need our prayers for the days and years to come—

- Amos and Mata, Dallas and Elise, as they seek God's will for their future ministry.
- Bonita Judy as she learns to become a teacher, with on-the-job training.
- Mike as he prepares to help teach the next group of mission students.
- Mike and Dallas who both have recurring health issues.

Because He is worthy,

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3) Please pray for a safe and speedy trip for these items being sent to us via postal service. For nearly a year, there was no mail coming into the country from the US, but some mail is now coming through.

For black ink for our new printer, being sent by one of our supporting churches. Praise the Lord for this provision.

For more ink, along with other items we have need of, that our daughters have sent.

For school books and other teaching material that have been ordered for the Christian school.

Praise the Lord for a special gift enabling us to help the families with this expense.

4) In December, some needed items were sent to us by ship, and the container with our boxes (among other missionaries' needs) arrived in March at the port. However it is still sitting at the wharf. Please pray that this container will be released soon and sent to its destination here in the Highlands.

5) Liberty Independent Baptist Church is making preparations for a large gathering of ladies for special meetings to be held here the first week of July. Ladies are expected to come from all over the Eastern Highlands, along with pastors and other church workers who will travel with them. Two pastors and two ladies have been invited as guest speakers. How we desire to see the Lord do a great work in the hearts and lives of all those who attend.

6) Also in July, LIBC is planning a tract distribution outreach to many villages of the surrounding language groups. Pray that this effort will also bring forth much fruit.

7) Pray for these souls who need to be saved—Dallas and Mike's father, Mark; Tonka; a young mother named Seron whose husband left her for another wife; many others

8) We desire to always put you in remembrance to pray for laborers, for truly the harvest is great and the laborers are few. The time is short, and the Lord's return is at hand. Many will be forever lost if we are not faithful. Will you be a laborer?

Thank you for all of your prayers!

**The reason many fail to joyfully
proclaim Jesus Christ is because deep
down they fail to joyfully adore**

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