



# 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



*I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever:  
with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.*  
Psalm 89:1

THE MERCIES OF GOD!  
what a theme for my song,  
O! I never could number them o'er;  
They're more than the stars  
in the heavenly dome,  
Or the sands of the wave-beaten shore.

For mercies so great,  
what return can I make?  
For mercies so constant and sure?  
I'll love Him, I'll serve Him  
with all that I have  
As long as my life shall endure.  
—Thomas O. Chisholm

Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all. (Psalm 34:19) For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. (II Corinthians 4:17) We could tell of trials and troubles, and there are many. However, we'd much rather sing of the multitude of God's mercies which endure for ever.

Soldiers of Christ Missionary School. Each weekday finds us busy preparing for SCMS classes and teaching. We now have just two students—Anna Jean and Ana. All the men have left us. We are thankful for the good attitude and motivation of the two women. What a blessing it is to see them applying the truths to daily life and growing in wisdom and knowledge of the word of God!



Sending Missionaries to Minj. On March 6, a small group met together for the ordination and commissioning of Mike Mark as he and his family started on their first missionary journey to Minj. They too have



faced trials but have proven God's grace to be their sufficiency, and the Lord has been faithfully meeting their needs. Besides teaching Sunday school and preaching both in a group meeting and publicly, he is teaching first through third graders in a Christian school. Bible classes are included for the school children; and it was exciting to hear of the children's earnest plea, "Teach us more Bible. Teach us more Bible." Of the 30-some who attend Sunday school and the Sunday meetings, only two are adults (both women) so the children are getting a large amount of Bible teaching. What a joy it would be to see these children come to trust Christ as their Saviour!

Wenera, who started the ministry in Minj, does not know of one believer in the whole area although there are many churches of various denominations. Wenera and Mike continue with market evangelism; and Wenera takes advantage of opportunities to pass out tracts when he travels by bus to go sell his herbal medicines. Sometimes he even preaches to the passengers on the bus.

**Steadfast in the Ministry.** We are so glad to have a part in Nehemiah's ministry in Kavieng. Since his arrival there in February, the thirty-eight souls who were saved deeply desired that he stay and teach them. He felt strongly that that was God's will, and other pastors have supported his decision although his home church has not. He has been steadfast and unmovable, abounding in the work there, and the Lord is greatly blessing.

Now he is making his way back to the mainland for meetings in several churches and eventually to meet with his home church where he would like to be ordained. However, he is not a little concerned about how he will be received here as he has not had any encouragement or support in any way from his pastor or church family.

When he left Kavieng a couple days ago, the people begged him, "Please come back and teach us." He readily replied, "I will come back." Please pray for Nehemiah to stand strong and follow God's will even in the face of opposition.

**Shipwreck.** Often there are heart-breaking incidents in the ministry, and there have been two in the past couple months. In our last newsletter, we told about Dallas's missionary service in Minj and that he was waiting for his wife and daughter to join him. His wife had just come to the place where she was ready and willing to go, when opposition brought Dallas hurriedly back to Owena. He has not gone back to Minj and has neither spoken to us nor darkened our doorway since his return.

David, who was serving the Lord through tract distribution and Bible studies in Goroka, was also mentioned in our last newsletter. However, about a month ago, his wife left him; and more recently it came to light that he, as treasurer of the Owena community school, has stolen money from the bank account and took roofing iron for himself which had been purchased for building a teacher's house.

## Notes of Praise

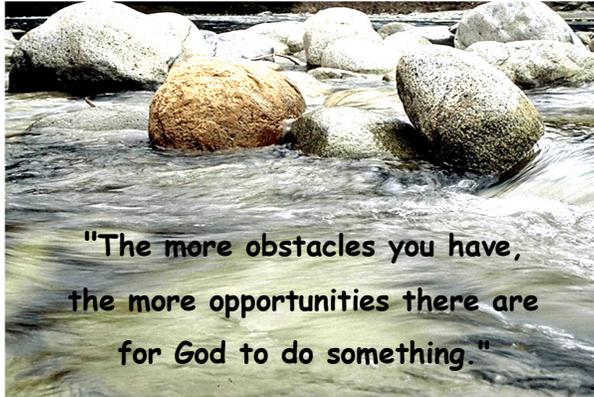
1) Praise the Lord for grace for trials, strength and health day by day, wisdom and guidance to do God's work, encouragement from God's word and from faithful servants of the Lord, His faithfulness to meet all our needs.

2) Praise the Lord for Mike and Wenera and their families, and for Nehemiah, who are fighting the good fight of faith in difficult places. Please continue to pray for them.

3) Our e-mail service has been working much better.

4) The Lord has been sending plenty of rain and the villagers' gardens are producing well. We're thankful for the fresh produce we are able to purchase from our neighbors.

5) We also praise God for all of you who help us through prayer, giving, and encouragement.



## Needs for Prayer

1) There is still much work to be done in the whitened harvest fields. Laborers are needed, and the Father is waiting for dedicated men and women to pray, give, and go. Will you say, "Here am I, Lord, send me"?

2) Pray that Dallas and David will confess their sin and renew their fellowship with the Lord.

3) Please pray about the possibility of moving the missionary training school to a town location. The four churches in the three Owena villages show little, if any, interest in being laborers or in sending laborers. A town location would give us contact with more churches and make easier access for students from other places to attend the training program. We are looking into the possibility of purchasing land with housing.

4) We also have a great need for some faithful men whom we can teach to take over the ministry of training missionaries.

*Because He is worthy,*

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