



## 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



"Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God,  
forsake me not; until I have shewed  
thy strength unto *this* generation,  
and thy power to every one *that* is to come."  
Psalm 71:18

What a blessing to think that, even though we are old and grayheaded, God gives us the privilege of showing His power and might to this generation and even to that which is to come.

Of utmost importance for this task of giving forth the Gospel is the written word of God. We believe the printing of the Melanesian Pidgin New Testament is complete, but we are still waiting for word about their shipment. So many people are living in their own foolish way because they have no Scriptures and/or no Saviour to guide them in paths of righteousness.

Young Soldiers Christian Academy started up on February 13 and is going well. I consider it an honor to be able to teach first grade to four young children. Because my strength and stamina is not what it was in time past, I only teach four subjects four mornings a week—Bible, phonics, math, and oral English.

After 11 weeks of school, Rahab, who is 8, is still having a hard time. She can easily memorize Bible verses, simple English monologues and dialogues, and a lot of facts; but the phonics and many math facts seem to have no meaning for her. She really needs a special teacher to work with her at a slower pace. Her brother, Lawrence, who is 11, also has some learning difficulties. Both Gideon, almost 13, and Cornelius, almost 10, learn well and quickly. Please pray for these young "soldiers" that they will become faithful soldiers of Jesus Christ.

Anna Jean was being trained as a teacher's helper and that was making my load much easier. However, for many who never completed high school, the opportunity came along to finish their education by phone and earn credits to even go to college later. It seemed like a golden opportunity; and Anna Jean, among many others, jumped at the chance.

Problems surfaced right away when Anna Jean was started on an English course. In her first few lessons, she was given assignments to study notes on Hollywood movies and write a review and to study pop music and do an activity in that subject. Questions immediately came up in her mind, and she confided in us about the nature of her classes and assignments. Now she is at the point of making a decision about whether or not to continue with this secular education. If she quits, the money she gave to register will not be refunded. If she continues, we feel it will seriously affect her walk with the Lord.



Lawrence, Gideon Cornelius, Rahab



Anna Jean helping students

Lewis keeps busy throughout the day working on setting up and checking the Pidgin translation of the Old Testament, conversing with people who come to the door, and occasionally counseling with someone who has a special need.

There were no students this year for Soldiers of Christ Missionary School as some of them did not have money for the school fee and others decided to go to Bible school instead. It is possible that the training school may start up again in a couple months as people are now picking and selling their coffee and will have some income for the school fee..

The future of the school depends a lot on Lewis's health, too, as he is having a hard time getting his blood pressure regulated; and the amount of teaching required would be too tiring for him. Mike had promised earlier to handle some of the teaching load so we are hoping he will still do that. He also has started school by phone with the aim of completing his high school education.

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Praise God

- 1) For daily strength and health, wisdom and guidance to do His will and work, encouragement from His Word, grace for trials, joy in serving Him.
- 2) For help and guidance for Lewis in nearly completing the first checking of the Pidgin translation of the Old Testament. Please keep praying for the Lord's help in this important task.

- 3) For the children's enthusiasm to work hard and do their best in school and behave themselves well.
- 4) For the Lord's strength for me to be able to carry on the teaching without Anna Jean's help.
- 5) For opportunities to share the good news and also to encourage fellow-believers who are struggling under a load of care.
- 5) For all of you who share a part in reaching the Owena people and the world as you pray, give, and encourage your missionaries in many ways.



Please Pray

- 1) For more laborers to be raised up from among the Owena people and among believers throughout the world.
- 2) That the Melanesian Pidgin New Testaments will soon be on their way

to PNG and available for distribution to the people of this country.

- 3) For the salvation of many Owena souls as well as souls in neighboring people groups all around us.
- 4) For direction regarding the future of Soldiers of Christ Missionary School and for faithful, dedicated men to help carry on that ministry.
- 5) For our special health needs.
- 6) For the children in Young Soldiers Christian Academy
- 7) For Anna Jean to make the right decisions in regard to her education.

**God isn't looking for people of great faith,  
but for individuals ready to follow Him. – Hudson Taylor**

*Because He is worthy,*

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