



## Lewis and Judy's Labors of Joy



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

### Our Focus

Translating Scripture  
Preparing Bible Lessons  
Writing Tracts and Booklets  
Training national missionaries

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**A few words from the home front.** After spending a couple months at the prophets' chamber of a local church, it became necessary for us to move somewhere else. We searched and searched for something affordable and temporary, but nothing became available.

Our daughters graciously received us into their home again, and Christy cheerfully gave up her bed and slept on the couch so we could have the privacy of her room. There was no room for our belongings, however (since their home is now set up to meet their own needs and desires), so most of our personal effects remained in the van.

After a month with our daughters, an apartment opened up for us at a place called Oak Tree Lodge. It looks like at one time it was a motel, but it has been converted into an extended stay facility. Here we have a one-room, studio-type apartment suitable for the two of us.



**Praise God** for His provision!

Since our last newsletter, we've been able to assign more time to Bible translation and writing lessons for the people of Owena. **Praise God** for His enablement!

There is nothing in the world — except the Church's disobedience — to render the evangelization of the world in this generation an impossibility." — (Robert Speer)

**A few words from abroad.** Recent news from our PNG sponsor made it clear that we still must wait for the approval of our visas/work permits. Thus we continue to ask the Lord to move the heart of those in authority to put their stamp of approval on our application. One or two applications have been approved; and even though we have been informed that ours are being processed, they are yet to be completed. There is still abuse in the system which is slowing things down and making the work of our sponsor very difficult. He encourages us to keep on preparing, praying, and trusting the Lord. We are thankful for his persistence in the midst of all the headaches and trials. Thank you to all of you who have been praying with us, and please **don't give up praying**. God is still in control!

I have but one passion—it is He, it is He alone. The world is the field and the field is the world; and henceforth that country shall be my home where I can be most used in winning souls for Christ. - Count Zinzendorf



Mata

Through Lewis's weekly phone communication with Pastor Amos in Owena, things appear to be going well with Glory Independent Baptist Church. Amos's wife, Mata, is now holding weekly ladies' meetings, and reports that a

good number of ladies are attending and are diligent in memorizing the Bible verses that go with each lesson. **Please pray** for Mata as she teaches and for the ladies to listen, to understand, and to follow the example of godly women of old. Each of the GIBC pastors and other church members also need your continued prayers.

The church has faced some harrassment lately from another religious group in the village who are insistent that Saturday worship is the only true way. Recently that group held a series of camp meetings; and, using a loud speaker so that all the village could hear their teaching, they made sure that they announced that Sunday worshipers are Satan worshipers. Some of the group's followers have since been going to the homes of Sunday worshipers, trying to convince them that they are the children of the Devil. How sad it will be when one day they realize that they themselves are the children of the devil, not because they are Saturday worshipers, but because they have not repented of their sin and trusted in the shed blood of Jesus Christ for their salvation. **Please pray** for the truth of the gospel to penetrate the hearts of these people.

If members of Christian churches in the United States had raised their giving to the Old Testament's minimum standard of giving (10 percent of income) in 2000, an additional \$139,000,000,000 a year would become available. (Have we robbed God of 139 billion dollars?) Statistics for 2000, [https://world.wng.org/2005/10\\_who\\_gives\\_two\\_cents\\_for\\_missions](https://world.wng.org/2005/10_who_gives_two_cents_for_missions)

**Above all else, a few words from the Lord.**

"I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels." Isaiah 61:10

"I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30

"Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us." I Samuel 7:12

"But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works." Psalm 73:28

"<sup>26</sup>Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying, <sup>27</sup>Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?" Jeremiah 32:26,27

"<sup>2</sup>Thus saith the LORD the maker thereof, the LORD that formed it, to establish it; the LORD is his name; <sup>3</sup>Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." Jeremiah 33:2,3



**Praise God** for His word to encourage us and to help us keep our eyes on Him.

*Please continue to pray also*

1. For the Lord of the harvest to send forth labourers into His harvest.
2. For patience as we continue to wait for our paper work for PNG.
3. For continued wisdom in translation of Scripture and other materials.
4. For Glory Independent Baptist Church to stand firm and fight the good fight of faith, That they will have a heart for missions, That their leaders will be faithful and will serve in the fear of the Lord, That souls will be saved.

*Because He is worthy,*

*Lewis and Judy Young*

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