



Lewis and Judy's Labours of Joy May 2020



*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

*Be careful for nothing;
but in every thing by prayer and supplication
with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known unto God.*
Philippians 4:6

With all that is going on in the world today, and in our remote corner of the world too, there is certainly much to pray about. And since there is much to pray about, there is much for which to give thanks. As we make our requests known unto God, with thanksgiving, we appreciate your praying and giving thanks along with us.

We give glory to God for helping us complete the final check of the New Testament translation. We are now in the process of reading through each book to check it for readability, clarity, and any errors we may have overlooked. Please pray that we will be able to complete the proofreading quickly and get this work printed and distributed.



We praise the Lord for opportunity to give counsel (separately) to Erick and his son Esau. After a fight between the two of them (one of many over the years), Erick determined that he would no longer speak to his son or love and accept him as his son. We are thankful that Erick allowed the Scriptures to change his thinking and that he has made things right with Esau. Esau loves his Dad and professes to be saved, avowing that he is sure of his salvation. However, he has become addicted to marijuana and is allowing that to control his life. We ask you to pray for his deliverance from the marijuana and for a strengthening of the relationship between him and his Dad.

How grateful we are to God that, to date, there have only been eight cases of the corona virus here in PNG, and all of them have recovered! God has given wisdom to the leaders of this country as they strive to prevent more occurrences, and they themselves have acknowledged that it is God's doing. They have been trying not to be too hasty in lifting restrictions, but have been doing so gradually. The state of emergency will continue at least until June. We praise God for health and safety.

We are thankful that Lewis had gone to town just a couple weeks before travel restrictions began to be enforced so that we had a number of weeks' food supplies on hand for this time of isolation here in Owena. Although some still travel restrictions are still in force, they are not as tight. Some domestic travel is allowed; and even though Lewis was not able to get to town again when supplies ran low, the Lord provided in another way. As MAF needed to start rechecking the "bush" airstrips for safety, they offered to take an order and purchase supplies which were brought in on the recent flight that was scheduled for checking out our airstrip. Praise the Lord that our food supplies have been replenished, including more fuel for our generator. We will not know for a couple weeks whether our airstrip is approved for safety or not. The survey needs to be evaluated and sent to the head office for study and consideration. We'd appreciate your prayers in this matter as this is our only means of getting back and forth to town.

Would that God would make hell so real to us that we cannot rest; heaven so real that we must have men there, Christ so real that our supreme motive and aim shall be to make the Man of Sorrows the Man of Joy by the conversion to him of many. - J. Hudson Taylor.

A tiny group of believers who have the gospel keep mumbling it over and over to themselves. Meanwhile, millions who have never heard it once fall into the flames of eternal hell without ever hearing the salvation story. - K.P. Yohannan

One weekend in March and one in April, Pastor Amos accompanied four young people to Kairaba, the nearest village of the neighboring people group, Awa. Their main purpose in going was to encourage Rovi, a man they had led to Christ. It was a blessing to hear a good report of their trip and that the Lord is opening doors for a continuing ministry there. The Lord helped them to start building good relationships with the Kairaba people, even the leaders and members of a church that has other beliefs. It appears that they have not had much training, and they said they do not receive any help or encouragement from their organization. They asked that our young people come back now and then and preach and sing and be a help to them. Most of all, they want some literature (we have a little we can share) and Bibles (no good Scriptures currently available) to help them learn and be able to preach. There is a hunger for the truth, and we praise the Lord for the ministry he is giving these young people. Please pray for the door to remain open and for wisdom in ministering to those people.

It has been a blessing and encouragement, too, to visit with Pastor Nuanda now and then and hear how the Lord is blessing Liberty Baptist Church. They continue to see people saved and baptized both in their own church and in a couple outreach ministries across the river.

We rejoice to continue to see evidence of a zealous heart for missions in the lives of Dallas, Mike, and Pastor Amos and their families. Missionary training classes are scheduled to begin on Monday, May 18, with these three men plus Dallas's wife, Elise. (The other two wives have several children and many gardens to tend to, whereas Dallas and Elise currently have only one child.) We have been working away at organizing everything and printing enough material to get started. We are excited about training these future missionaries and ask you to remember them in prayer as they study and us as we teach.



Dallas and Elise



Pastor Amos

Mike

We are still in need of a good printer and thought we had some contacts to help us get one shipped up from Australia—that was until the pandemic changed everything. We are now seeking for another contact and would appreciate your prayers that we will be able to get a more efficient printer and one that makes better copies.

We also praise the Lord that equipment for setting up solar power in our home has been ordered. This will give us 24-hour power and more opportunity to use our computers and printers, plus being more convenient in other ways. In the long run, it will save us thousands of dollars that are spent in having diesel fuel flown in here to feed a small generator that is overly thirsty, giving us only three to five hours of power per day if we ration it carefully. If the equipment arrives quickly from Australia, a technician may be able to install it for us before he goes on furlough in October. Otherwise the installation will not take place until much later. Please pray with us about this matter.

There is much more for which to praise the Lord and many more needs for prayer, but we do not want to forget the most urgent request of all, given from the heart of our Saviour a couple thousand years ago—³⁷Then saith he unto his disciples, *The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;* ³⁸*Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.* Matthew 9:37-38

Because He is worthy,
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