



# Lewis and Judy's Labours of Joy

November 2023

"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



Thou art worthy,  
O Lord, to  
receive glory and  
honour and power:  
for thou hast  
created all things,  
and for thy  
pleasure they are  
and were  
created.

Revelation 4:11

Translating  
Scripture,  
Preparing  
Bible  
Lessons,  
Writing  
Tracts and  
Booklets,  
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## The Boys

These are some of the young men who have been shunned by those who claim to know and love our Lord Jesus Christ.

These are some of the young men who spend many hours gambling, smoking, doing drugs, and drinking (whenever they have access to strong drink).

These are some of the young men for whom we have poured out our hearts to God, pleading with Him to give us opportunity to minister to them. They call themselves "the boys."

On a day in August, Esau came knocking on our door. We had not seen him for over a year. When he came to see us on that day three months ago, he said that he and the other boys have been doing a lot of talking together about their need to know God, but there is nobody who cares about them. "I know my teacher cares for me," asserted Esau. "She has often written me notes to tell me that she prays for me, and I know that she prays. (Esau was a former school student of mine.) We need to go and talk to the missionary. Maybe he will help us."

Lewis let Esau know that we had been praying for "the boys" and for an opportunity to interact with them. Lewis would be delighted to teach them. Sunday evening is free. If they would like to come at 7:00, we would be glad to meet with them. Esau promised to discuss it with the boys and let us know.

Sunday evening came, and 7:00 came and went. A few minutes past the hour, we heard voices outside. Soon there was a knock on the door. There entered Amos with ten or fifteen young men following behind. A few minutes later, a few others came, and then others, and others, until there were 27 young men packed into our small meeting room along with Amos, Lewis, and me.

The young men listened attentively as Lewis taught the first of a series of chronological lessons from God's Word. Then they asked a few question before Lewis taught another lesson. Then the questions began to pour out of their hearts. It was obvious that these young men have been influenced by many different schools of thought and are very confused. Many questions had to do with salvation.



## The Bibles

We praise the Lord for the privilege of translating His precious word into Melanesian Pidgin for the people of Papua New Guinea. Mid-September, I received word from Bryan Matthews that the container of Melanesian Pidgin New Testaments had arrived in Goroka. We are so grateful for Bryan who volunteered to handle all the logistics within PNG to make sure the container of these New Testaments was cleared through customs and safely transported to its final destination.

We are very thankful, too, for the Bible and Literature Missionary Foundation in Shelbyville, TN, who printed the New Testaments and arranged for their shipping to PNG. Before we had a chance to offer you the opportunity to give toward this project, all the funds had also been provided for printing and shipping. However, there is still opportunity for any of you to give if you would like. In order to send New Testaments to missionaries and churches in other parts of PNG, funds are needed for plane or road transportation or for some form of mailing. Any gifts toward this project will be channeled through Emmanuel Baptist Church in Kings Mountain, NC and should be made payable to them and ear-marked "Bibles for PNG." The church address can be found on the front page of this newsletter.

## Praise God

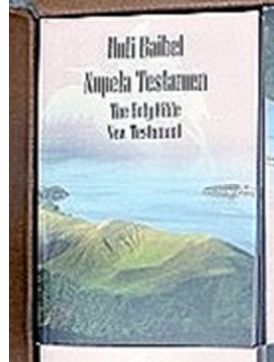
- 1) For daily strength and health, wisdom and guidance to do His will and work, encouragement from His Word, grace for trials, joy in serving Him.
- 2) For the New Testaments now available for the PNG people, and for help and guidance for Lewis as he continues work on the Pidgin translation of the Old Testament.
- 3) For opportunities to share the good news and also to encourage fellow-believers who are struggling under a load of care.
- 4) 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 for the Lord's harvest to be raised up from among the Owena people and among believers throughout the world.
- 2) For the salvation of many Owena souls as well as souls in neighboring people groups all around us.
- 3) For direction regarding the future of Soldiers of Christ Missionary School and for faithful, dedicated men to help carry on that ministry.
- 4) For our special health needs.
- 5) For the three children in Young Soldiers Christian Academy
- 6) That the lives of many of "the boys" will be changed as they sit under the teaching of God's Word. Only about a third of those who came the first night have continued to show interest in attending the weekly Bible study sessions. Please pray that more of them will consider the condition of their souls and their need of Christ and will have a hunger for God's Word.



The first New Testament was presented to Bryan in appreciation for his help.



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

*Because He is worthy,*

*Lewis and Judy Young*

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