



Lewis and Judy's Labors of Joy

August 2016

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



August is nearly over, and our newsletter is late due to our recent travels. Our hearts are full of praise to the Lord as we look back over His blessings during these last four months.

In our last newsletter, we mentioned a visit with an elderly gentleman in Virginia, **Mr. Ray Snyder**. Bro. Snyder was promoted to His heavenly home shortly after we visited him so we are thankful for the time we had to spend with him. One day soon we'll have sweet fellowship with him again.

In that same newsletter, we also mentioned **Dr. Earl Jessup** of Baptist Church Planting Ministries preaching at the missions conference at Maranatha Baptist Church. Recently Bro. Jessup also went to be with the Saviour whom he loved and served. Please pray for comfort and encouragement for his wife, **Mrs. Beth Jessup**, and their family.

Here are highlights of the last four months. On the first of May, we made a trip to Glade Springs, VA, and reported to **Joy Baptist Church**, Pastor Jay Overbay. We had a good time of fellowship with God's people there.

May 11th was our daughter **Christy's** 44th birthday and also graduation day from Cleveland Community College (1). We praise the Lord for helping her through the two years of study and that she earned a degree in Computer Technology - Data Management summa cum laude. We were very proud of her.

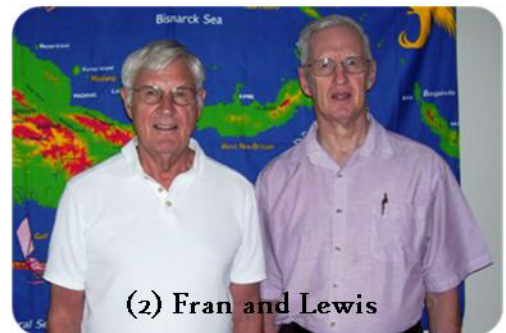
The first two days of June, Lewis had the opportunity to attend a **World View team meeting** in Nashville, IN, a great time to hear teaching on various topics related to missionary work and translation and to have fellowship with other missionaries.

On July 7, **Lewis's brother Fran** and his wife Margaret (2) came from Greensboro to spend some time with us. We enjoyed lunch out at Denny's and spending time together getting caught up on family news.

Later in July, we mailed out four hundred copies of a **tract** (3) called "Papua Niu Gini Plak na Gutnius bilong Jisas Kraist" ("Papua New Guinea Flag and the Good News of Jesus Christ") to Glory Independent Baptist Church in Owena to be used for outreach



(1) Christy receiving diploma



(2) Fran and Lewis



(3) Flag tract

Our Focus

Serving the people
of Papua New Guinea
through
Translating Scripture
Preparing Bible Lessons
Writing Tracts and Booklets

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ministries. The Papua New Guinea flag is an excellent tool for preaching the Gospel. Its colors are those of the wordless book; the picture in the black triangle is the Southern Cross constellation, representing the cross of Jesus Christ, with the stars representing the Light shining in darkness; and in the red triangle is the bird of paradise representing heaven. Another 2,000 of these tracts have since been printed for us to ship overseas.

From July 21 through August 18, we were **on the road**. First we traveled from Shelby through Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois, on our way to meetings in Wisconsin, stopping in Illinois to share our ministry with a couple churches there. The Lord allowed us to report to three supporting churches in Wisconsin, and also gave us opportunity to tell about the work in Owena and our current ministry with three other churches. We were able to attend the Meeting In The Air (4) at Wyldewood Baptist Church in Oshkosh, WI, and we also popped over to Minnetonka, MN, to visit our friend, Beatrice Eze and her two sons. What a blessing to fellowship with folks we had met before and to make new acquaintances as well! (5)

After we left Wisconsin, the Lord opened up opportunity to speak at another church in Illinois. From there, we headed south to Murfreesboro, TN, for a meeting at Franklin Road Baptist Church, after which we hit the road toward home. We were happy to arrive safely back in Shelby and we **praise** God for safety during 4,000 miles of travel. We enjoyed the beauty of God's handiwork all along the way. As we drove through Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota, there were corn fields and soybean fields as far as the eye could see. (6)

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Praise be to God

1. That a few of our belongings that we had shipped from Papua New Guinea arrived safely in the US and are now in our possession.
2. For the beginning of opportunities to start getting acquainted with neighbors and to plant some seeds.
3. That the booklets on "Love, Mercy, Grace" arrived safely in PNG and Owena.
4. For contact with pastors David and Amos in Papua New Guinea through skype/cell phone and through letters, and that they seem to be doing well. We are very grateful to the MAF pilots there who pass on letters via e-mail.
5. For God's provision of a new job for our daughter Christy.
6. For the Lord's faithfulness to meet all our needs.

Please pray

1. For our health; Judy has had some special health issues since our recent trip.
2. For the packet of tracts to arrive safely in PNG and Owena.
3. For Glory Independent Baptist Church in Owena to be pure and to continue to grow, and wisdom for those in leadership to minister to God's people.
4. For Lewis as he makes plans for a trip to PNG the end of this year.
5. For continued wisdom in our current ministry of translation and writing booklets and lessons for the Owena people, and for God's continued provision for these ministries.
6. For wisdom in reaching souls in our neighbourhood.

Joyfully serving our Lord.

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(4) Lewis took part in panel discussion at MITA



(5) Judy with new friends, Pat and Darlene



(6) Cornfield



(6) Soybean field

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