



## *Lewis and Judy's Labours of Joy* February 2023

*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



*<sup>47</sup> And that repentance and remission of sins  
should be preached in his name among all nations,  
beginning at Jerusalem.  
<sup>48</sup> And ye are witnesses of these things.*  
Luke 24:47,48

### **Sweeter than Honey and the Honeycomb**

There's a precious Old Book—how sweet it is to my taste, and how it thrills my soul to read it day after day. However, there are millions of souls lying still in heathen darkness who have never heard one word of that dear old Book, the Bible.

The people of Papua New Guinea have had translations on and off for many years; but for a good long while, there have been no pure copies of the Scriptures available to them. After many years of translating, proofreading, revising, waiting, seeking the right road for printing, Lord willing, we will soon be able to place copies of an English/Melanesian Pidgin New Testament into the hands of thousands of PNG people. Please keep remembering this PNG Scripture Printing Project in prayer. And for any of you who would like to have a part in giving to help place Bibles into the hands of spiritually hungry men and women, please see reverse side of this newsletter for further details.

### **Serving the Hungry**

It was a joy and a privilege to meet one Sunday evening in December and one in January with a number of school students who were home from town for the holidays. The theme of my teaching was "How to Win over Sin;" and

these young men, who have recently gotten their hearts right with the Lord, were grateful for light from God's word on this topic.

Please pray for these youth as they have returned to public schools in town for the beginning of a new school year. It is not easy to maintain a godly testimony in these schools. We are thankful that most of these young men are able to live with Nehemiah who is currently doing the preaching for a church that is without a pastor, and that Nehemiah takes time to minister to them in their evenings together. Like thousands of others, these youth are also waiting to receive a Bible of their own.



We are very grateful for your January support gift of \$50.

## Praise and Pray

1. Although we had planned to begin a third session of SCMS the end of January, the door became closed as, one by one, prospective students dropped out of the picture with one excuse or another. We may be able to start a session in June if the Lord wills.

2. School for four MK's was scheduled to begin the end of January also, until Judy, her teacher-in-training (Anna Jean) and two of the four students became quite ill with the flu (?) perhaps. School is now scheduled to begin on February 13. Please pray for continued recovery of health for Judy as she was left quite weak.

3. Thank you for praying for our general health needs, and please continue to pray as we both find age taking its toll.

4. We praise the Lord that Mike, Nehemiah, Dallas, and other young men from here or town continue to join hands

for evangelistic outreach around the country. Souls are being saved, and we glorify God for that. However, the task is not complete until these souls have been baptized and taught to observe all things whatsoever the Lord Jesus has commanded. These people need Bibles and churches to help them to grow and become strong in the faith. Many labourers are still needed to reap the harvest.

5. We praise the Lord for giving us sufficient rain to produce good gardens for the people; but now we ask the Lord for sunshine to dry up and warm up the world that God has given us.

6. Pray for wisdom and good understanding for Lewis as he continues work on the Old Testament translation.

*We are so grateful to the Lord for each and every one of you who gives, prays, and encourages us in so many ways!*

### **PNG Scripture Printing Project (PNGSPP)**

Although the Lord never changes, He does bring changes into our lives. In this box, we had added details for those who would like to give toward the PNG Scripture Printing Project for the printing of the English/Pidgin New Testaments. All printing expenses are paid for by friends of the printing ministry, Bible and Literature Missionary Foundation. However, the shipping expenses normally fall into the hands of those who place the order.

As this newsletter was on its way to our daughter for printing and mailing, an e-mail from BLMF was on its way to us with this news: **“GOOD NEWS: We have a sponsor to pay the entire shipping costs and the cost of the new container! Bro. Bobby Lemmon”** Therefore, not only are all the printing expense paid, but the entire cost of shipping is paid as well.

For those of you who have a desire to help with printing projects, we believe there will be opportunity in the future for the printing of more New Testaments; and there is always a great need for tracts and other literature which the young men request for taking on their evangelistic outreaches. We'll keep you posted as to how you may help in the future.

*Because He is worthy,*

*Lewis and Judy Young*

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*Labors of Joy*  
March 2023 update of the Youngs' ministry  
Papua New Guinea

Dear Pastor Philbeck and folks at Love Valley Baptist Church,

2My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 3Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. 4But let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." James 1:2-4

Count it all joy! Do I "count it all joy" when I face temptations or do I just endure them? Why should I count it all joy? Verse 3 tells us that when our faith is tried, patience is the result. And why do I need patience? So that I "may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."

Trials come every day, but so do blessings.

Although we are in the midst of rainy season and the Lord has given us an abundance of rain and cold, blustery weather, the rain has watered His earth; the ground is easier to dig (no modern gardening equipment here—just shovels); people's gardens are growing well; they and we have plenty of fresh produce to eat; we have a good supply of water; the Lord delights us with periods of sunshine and warmth; and our heavenly Father continues to meet all our needs.

We enjoy the blessings of family and friends, most of them far across the ocean, some of them in the town of Goroka and other areas of PNG, a few of them here in Owena village. Many here in the village have turned their backs on us because they refuse to hear and follow the truths of God's Word. We are grateful for the fellowship of a few. Lewis is thankful for those men who are willing to help him with physical work that he is unable to do. I appreciate the privilege of teaching four MK's who started first grade about four weeks ago, and of working with Anna Jean who is striving to learn how to teach the children. And we still have opportunities to give out Scripture verses at the door and talk with people who want phones charged, bring us fruits and vegetables to buy, or have specific needs. Our most fervent prayer is for many of these to be saved. Most of them see that there are serious problems in the churches, and they want nothing to do with Christianity. May the love of Christ be seen in us and may the light of the Gospel shine into their hearts.

We covet your continued, earnest prayers....

For our health,

For the salvation of many souls,

For the youth who are now back in public schools in town,

For faithful, dedicated men and women who are willing to stand for righteousness and truth and serve the Lord with all their hearts,

For the safe and soon arrival of the English/Pidgin New Testaments,

For the work of translating the Old Testament,

For laborers for the harvest fields of the world.

Words cannot tell how much your prayers and giving mean to us as we strive to reach lost souls here in Owena and PNG. Thank you for your February support gift of \$50.

*Joyfully serving until He comes,*

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