



Meet Lowell and Claudia

Lowell and Claudia Wertz have been missionaries to Africa since 1980, having served in both Congo and Tanzania.

Lowell holds a B.A. in Sociology and a M.Div. in World Mission from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Since 1980, he has been serving as an elder in the United Methodist Church. He is an amateur radio operator, pilot and fisherman.

Claudia has a B.A. in Elementary and Special Education from Trinity College and taught intellectually-disabled children for seven years in the public schools before becoming a missionary.

Together they worked for the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM) for 12 years and then started *Joy in the Harvest* in 1992.

The Wertzses have been married since 1972 and have two married children, Kimberly and Luke (both born in Africa), and five grandchildren.

The Best Way to Help Financially

Joy in the Harvest is supported by direct giving of churches and individuals. It is a 501c3 IRS-approved mission and a member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA).

Our wide range of programs and staffing are all supported by our General Fund. Giving to the General Fund enables us to use your gift toward the greatest need and keep all aspects of the work balanced. We understand some prefer to support specific needs, and we honor those gifts. All gifts are tax deductible.

The Challenge of Today's Africa

Tanzania is twice the size of California with over 25% of the land designated as wildlife reserves, holding all of Africa's "big five" animals. Located in Tanzania are Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's tallest mountain at 19,341 feet, and the historic tropical island of Zanzibar, "the gateway to Africa."

Tanzania has a population of 64 million with 125 tribes and 120 different languages, but only two official languages: English and Swahili. 49% of the population lives on less than \$1.90 per day. 65% live in rural areas, and 60% lack electricity and clean water. About 35% of Tanzanians are Muslims. Life expectancy is 66 years. 50% of Tanzanians are age 17 or younger.

Kigoma is located on the western side of Tanzania on the shore of Lake Tanganyika, the second deepest lake in the world. Kigoma town's population is about 160,000. The Kigoma region, with a population of about 1.5 million, is the second poorest area in Tanzania. Known for its witchcraft, it is located close to three major war zones of the last decade. It is a place of great need both physically and spiritually.



Joy in the Harvest



so they may know

Jesus



JOY *in the* HARVEST

Our Mission:
**Strengthen the
Church in Africa**



People need the Lord.

Joy in the Harvest is dedicated to helping people find salvation in Christ and experience His love in their lives. We believe in ministering to the whole person.

Our statement of purpose is: "To provide expertise and resources needed by the church in Africa for making Christian disciples."

Christ's love compels us to rise up and meet the challenges of poverty, disease and spiritual lostness. Africa's children need a future with hope and joy. Every African needs to know the Lord.



Evangelism and Church Planting

Africa's greatest need is for lives transformed by the Gospel of Jesus. This is the number one priority for *Joy in the Harvest*. Many are finding new life in Christ through preaching, a variety of evangelism methods, and children's and women's ministries. As a result, churches are being formed, and existing churches are growing. We are helping people come to Jesus and helping Christians grow and walk in the Christian life. Christ's mandate to all His followers is to "make disciples..."



Compassion Ministries

Christian love requires that we work to meet the needs of suffering people: the sick, the poor, the hungry and the dying. We are responding by providing medical care, giving used clothing to destitutes, feeding hundreds of street children, helping with funds for emergency needs for those in crisis and taking care of the elderly and disabled. Jesus had compassion. He healed the sick and fed the hungry. We are to follow His example.



Apprenticeship and Vocational Training

We are teaching Africans "on the job" in Africa. Apprenticeship training enables people to feed their families while learning new skills. As Africans are trained in every aspect of God's work, the church is strengthened. Areas of training we provide include theological education, computer technologies, radio broadcasting, construction and business management. Hard work with accomplishments brings self-respect and dignity. Africans want to work and learn.



Technical Ministries

Technology can be used as tools for discipleship. Technology can greatly expand the effectiveness of a limited number of Christian workers. Computer science is changing Africa forever. Our FM radio station, *Radio JOY*, is reaching hundreds of thousands in a large geographical area with the Gospel and the highest-quality programs. Over one-third of our listening audience is Muslim. As the only local radio station in the area, we have a large, interested and involved audience. We are excited about the new opportunities the Lord is opening with technology.

We welcome your involvement, support and prayers.



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