



# Joy in the Harvest®



ARE WE LOST AGAIN?

## On the Road Again!

**“If you come to a fork in the road, take it.”**

Yogi Berra  
1925-2015  
New York Yankees Catcher

After several months of work on the trailer in Illinois and having it almost ready, we hit the road to start our furlough speaking.

Our first stop was to visit our friends Ted and Audrey Newton. They had visited us in Kigoma

some years ago, and we have remained in close contact ever since. They own a small farm in Bath, PA and said we could park our trailer there and base out of their place. It is a great place to finish up the trailer work, too. Not wanting to take the trailer to Long Island, NY, (low bridges) we parked the trailer in Bath and drove the rest of the way to Long Island without it.

**Our first church visit was to Sayville UM Church. We stayed with Al & Janet Croce. They served fantastic NY bagels for breakfast. It was so good to see all our friends there. Thanks to all who encouraged us and showed us so much love.**

After New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, we head to Ohio. May the road we travel this furlough bring us together. ☩

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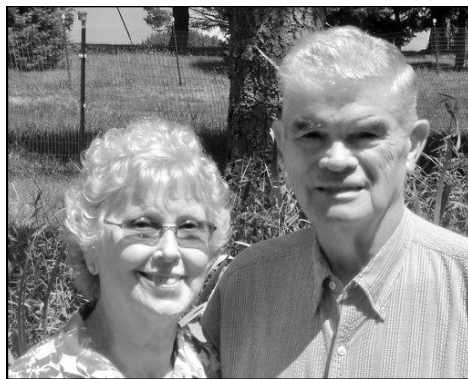
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### WORKERS FOR THE HARVEST

**Ted and Audrey Newton are the kind of friends every missionary longs to have. They are committed to Christ, prayer warriors, and so kind. Here, in their own words, they share some thoughts.**

“It has been a real pleasure to have Lowell & Claudia at the Newton Farm on our RV pad for much of August and September.



**Dr. and Mrs. Newton  
of Bath, PA**

We did two mission trips to Kigoma in 2004 and 2006 teaching “Life in the Spirit” seminars. One was in a refugee camp. We have been supporters of JOY since our first visit. We have been on several mission trips but never saw any mission with so many types of ministries. Through the years it has been a real blessing to stay in touch with Lowell & Claudia and their precious family.” ☩



# Be Brief, Brother, Be Brief!

## Claudia Speaks to UMW

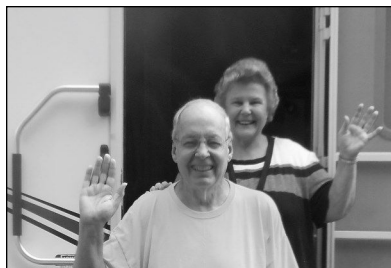


Claudia was honored to speak to the UMW group of Covenant UMC in Bath, PA on September 4. The topic of her talk was "Faithfulness". They had a great time together. Claudia is happy to speak to ladies groups. If your group would like to hear her, look at our schedule on the back of the white sheet and drop us an email.

## Would You Like Us to Visit You?

In our family we have division of labor. Claudia does all the furlough bookings. It is nearly an impossible job but she is the best at it. We are in the USA for visiting through May, 2020 and want to visit as many friends and churches as we possibly can. Please contact Claudia via email and we will do our very best. Contact Claudia AS SOON AS POSSIBLE at:

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## Radio JOY News

- I am making "Lowell's Music" programs in our trailer and "dropboxing" them to Kigoma. My programs air every night.
- We are in discussion with another ministry to help us install repeaters to extend our coverage area. Perhaps a mid-2020 time frame. Pray!
- Our condolences to Sandra Day of *Radio Africa Network* in South Africa. Her husband, Allen, passed away from cancer. She played a key role in helping us get on the air and for the Gospel to be broadcast all over Africa. Allen was a pastor and powerful speaker. Heartfelt love to you Sandy.



### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

## What About JOY When You Are On Furlough ?

**Q. What is happening to Joy in the Harvest in Africa with you gone on furlough?**

— this question is compiled from questions asked by different people

A. All the programs of Joy in the Harvest are continuing to operate at full strength, with the exception of Friday people. Although Friday people program is suspended when I am on furlough,



**Pastors from the area of the village of Mwakizega receive a gift of a free Galcom solar powered radio to listen to Radio JOY. We put a strong signal into this area.**

we never knowingly let anyone die for lack of funds. We stay in close contact with Africa via Skype. JOY has been involved in several open air evangelistic campaigns. The radio station is going very well, despite a few technical glitches. The feeding center, computer school, widows outreach, and destitute camp are all doing good. Mr. Mwenge is in charge in my absence and is doing an outstanding job. Prayers for our staff are much appreciated. ✠

*The people walking in darkness have seen a great light... they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest." Isaiah 9:2,3*

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Dear Friends,

The last time I, (Lowell) was with my mother, just before her death, she gave me a present. She gave me the CDs of her favorite singer -- an African-American Gospel singer, Lynda Randle. Mrs. Randle often appeared on the *Gaither Musical Homecoming* television programs. That is where she became familiar with this fabulous singer.

My mother's favorite Randle song was called "God On The Mountain". It was written by the Gaithers and Lynda Randle's performance is moving. Here are some of the lyrics:

**Life is easy, when you're up on the mountain  
And you've got peace of mind, like you've never known**

**But things change, when you're down in the valley  
Don't lose faith, for you're never alone**

**For the God on the mountain, is the God in the valley  
When things go wrong, He'll make them right**

**And the God of the good times  
Is still God in the bad times  
The God of the day is still God in the night**

God blessed me with a mother who never stopped blessing me. A few days later I departed for Africa again, and a few days after that she passed through the valley of the shadow of death. Her last words to me were, "I'll see you in heaven."

One lesson I learned from pulling our travel trailer is that it takes a lot more of everything to go up than it does to go down. More energy, more effort, and more "grunt" is needed.

With a spiritual valley, all of God's strength and love is right there with us because He is with us. Everything we need is available in abundance. When we are in a valley, God is ready to take us up to another place. Valleys can't be avoided, but they can show us God's greatness and His love.

Love,

*Lowell + Claudia*

## SPEAKING CALENDAR

Aug.	17 & 18	Sayville, NY
	24 & 25	Moorestown, NJ
Sept.	1	Elmer, NJ
	4	Bath, PA (UMW)
	7	Bath, PA (Youth)
	8	Bath, PA
	14	Felton, PA
	15	Felton, PA & New Park, PA
	21	Tom's River, NJ (UMW)
	22	Cape May Court House, NJ
	25	(family time)
	27	Woxall, PA
	29	Mauricetown & Haleyville, NJ ~ Lawnside, NJ
Oct.	6	Atlantic, PA
	13	Harmony/Zelienople, PA
	16 & 17	Corry, PA
	20	Sandy Lake, PA
	23 & 24	Galcom International Radio, Hamilton, Ontario
	27	Bradford, PA
Nov.	3	Elyria, OH
	10	Naperville, IL
	17	Rochester, IN
	21	Polo, IL (UMW)
	24	Erie, IL
Dec.	1	Milledgeville, IL AM and Coleta, IL PM
	4	Stockton, IL
	8	Woodstock, IL AM and Hampshire, IL PM
	10	Rochelle IL
	11	Stockton, IL
	13	Freeport, IL
	15	Hanover, IL

If you are not on our calendar and we are in your area, please email us so we can stop by.

JANUARY – MAY speaking calendar will be in the December newsletter.