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Dear Friends,

Mission work is a funny thing. There are different kinds of missionaries. Some are tied to a schedule. The doctor needs to be at the hospital, the teacher at school, the administrator at the office, and so on.

When I was new to this, a senior missionary said to me there are specialists and generalists. Specialists are locked into a schedule while generalists are not. Then he asked me, "What kind of life do you want?"

My first 26 years, among other jobs, I was a missionary bush pilot. Much of my flying was for medical emergencies. I never knew, from one day to the next, what my schedule would be. I would wake up in the morning with people waiting on my porch for the flight I didn't know about. The African's radio network met an hour earlier than the missionary's radio network and they knew I was going to be flying before I did. What had been my plans for the day had just gotten cancelled.

I guess I am a generalist. Although much of my work is technical, I love freedom to use my gifts to do many different types of work and projects. The price of that freedom is a life filled with "controlled chaos". I have been free to meet the challenge of helping thousands of war refugees pouring into town. Other missionaries were locked into their schedules and did not have that freedom. I have been free to develop new projects while managing existing ones. I have the perfect setting for using my gifts and developing new skills. My life has been a constant learning curve to meet many challenges. I love it!

The chaos is almost daily. Over half of my work comes out of nowhere. Government edicts for example – update your by-laws, the mountain of paper work, annual reports and audits. I don't love that! When the unexpected comes rolling in, it can cause frustrating overloads. Constant juggling and prioritizing have become a lifestyle.

For many years I thought I could do more if I just worked harder. The day came when I realized I had hit my limit. I could not work harder. I needed help. God provided that help with my talented and dedicated African staff. It is really amazing all that is happening.

I have learned the truth of 2 Corinthians 12:9 when Jesus said, "**My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.**" Every strength is His grace. Every weakness demonstrates His power. Mission work is a funny thing. It is a holy thing.

Love,

*Lowell + Claudia*

# English Language Blocks on Radio JOY 90.5 FM

Times are Central Daylight Saving Time—Chicago Time after March 12th

<https://zeno.fm/radio/radio-joy-90-5/>

## Monday through Friday

3:00AM- 3:28AM Christianity  
Works - Berni  
Dymet  
3:28AM - 3:30AM Story of the Bible  
3:30AM- 4:00 AM InTouch - Charles  
Stanley  
  
1:30PM- 2:30PM Lowell's Music  
2:30PM- 2:45PM Serving Today  
2:45PM- 2:47PM Story of the Bible  
3:00PM- 3:30PM VOA News  
3:30PM- 4:00 PM The Way of  
Righteousness  
4 PM - 4:30PM Unshackled -  
Radio Drama  
4:30PM- 4:31PM Just a Minute  
4:31PM- 4:41PM A Different  
Perspective  
4:45PM- 5:00PM Old Time Radio

## Sunday

1:00AM – 1:15AM Sound Words  
1:15AM – 1:30AM Building  
Relationships  
1:30AM – 2:00AM Sermon – English  
2:00AM – 2:30AM In Touch Ministry –  
English  
2:30AM – 3:00 AM Unshackled  
  
1:30PM-2:30PM Lowell's Music  
2:30PM - 3:28PM Slow Music  
3:28PM - 3:30PM Story of the Bible  
3:30PM-3:31PM Just a Minute  
3:31PM-3:41PM A different  
Perspective  
3:41PM-3:42PM Love Language  
3:43PM -4:00 PM Old Time Radio

## Saturday

1:00AM- 2:00AM Caribbean Music  
Part 1  
2:00AM- 3:00AM Caribbean Music  
Part 2  
  
1:35PM – 2:35PM Lowell's Music  
2:35PM – 3:05PM VOA English  
News  
3:05PM-3:10PM Story of the Bible  
3:10PM-3:11PM Great Marriage  
Experience  
3:11PM-3:12PM Just a Minute  
3:12PM-3:22PM A Different  
Perspective  
3:22PM - 3:27PM Angus Buchan -  
Focus on the  
Family  
3:30AM -4:00PM Old Time Radio  
4:00 PM -4:01PM Love Language

# Joy in the Harvest®



Radio JOY streaming worldwide!

## Radio JOY to the World!

I am proud to be a Christian,  
I believe not only as a  
Christian, but as a scientist as  
well. A wireless device can  
deliver a message through the  
wilderness. In prayer, the  
human spirit can send  
invisible waves to eternity,  
waves that achieve their goal  
in front of God

**Guglielmo Marconi** 1874-1937  
Inventor of Radio

**I was in the States when I  
received a message from Africa,  
“if you want to listen to Radio  
JOY in America, do this...”**

Our incredible staff had taken the  
station streaming on the internet! I  
couldn't believe it! I grabbed my

computer and there was Radio  
JOY. And, it was playing a  
“Lowell’s Music” program I had  
dedicated to Claudia. Really  
mushy narratives about her and  
many love songs. She suspected  
the staff planned the first  
streaming we’d hear that way.  
But no, it was just the normal  
radio schedule.

**Want to give it a try? Here is  
how!**

Here’s the link:

<https://zeno.fm/radio/radio-joy-90-5/>

Our internet isn’t great and it  
must be on for the streaming.  
The station itself is on 24/7.

**English language program  
schedule is on the back of the  
white sheet.** Most programs are  
in Swahili. Welcome to Radio  
JOY! ☩

### CHECKLIST

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### WORKERS FOR THE HARVEST

**I received a message from  
Mindy in the home office that  
someone wanted information  
about refugees.**

Lee had been doing internet  
searches about refugees and that  
led him to *Joy in the Harvest*. I  
was happy to share on the phone  
what I knew and soon there was  
talk about making a trip out to  
Kigoma. A few months later,



**Missy & Pastor Lee West, Karen  
Osborne, and Susan Stripling.**

Lee, his wife Missy, Karen and  
Susan came to Kigoma. We are  
privileged to have them here to  
show them the work and have  
them help. We are planning a  
visit to the refugee camp. Lee  
and his wife Missy have been  
missionaries in Russia and have  
had other mission experience.  
Karen, at 75 years young, is  
making her very first trip  
outside the USA. Susan has  
made many mission trips but  
this is her first trip to Africa. ☩



God's Goodness Never Ends

# The Latest

## Briefs

- Claudia's new knee continues to heal. The other knee is now the main problem.
- We ended 2022 in the **BLACK!** Praise God and **THANK YOU!!!**
- The new Land Cruiser is here and on the job. What a blessing!
- We celebrated Christmas in Kigoma with our daughter Kimberly and her family. Happiness!
- If you are getting this newsletter as a paper copy, and can receive it as an email version, please email us at:  
**wertz@joyintheharvest.com**

## New Improved *Safina* Launches



The *Safina* is in the water! First launched over 20 years ago, as a father and son fishing boat, the *Safina* has been used for so much ministry along the shore of Lake Tanganyika. Totally rebuilt, we fiber glassed the bottom to make it more durable. We are excited to again have access to the many villages along the lake that have no road access to the outside world.

## Babies!

Mr. & Mrs. Muyombi had their third child on Christmas Eve. It's a boy — named Emmanuel!



Luke and Kara Wertz had their third child on Feb 3. Lowell & Claudia's fifth grandchild! His name is Caleb Howard Wertz!



## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

# How Do You Use the Boat?

### How do you use your boat?

— asked by an official of the USA Embassy

A. The late great boat we call *Safina* was originally built as a personal boat so I could go fishing with my son Luke when he was a teenager. *Safina* is the name given in the Swahili Bible for Noah's ark. We built the first *Safina* boat in our yard.



Fish? Oh Yah!

While father & son time may have been the first idea, the teenager missionary kids were soon using the boat to celebrate birthdays and have swim parties. We used it to take guests to Jane Goodall's chimpanzee preserve. Dozens of villages along Lake Tanganyika can only be accessed by water. We used it to do medical work and evangelism along the lake. God sometimes has bigger plans than what we first think! ☩

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