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Dear Friends,

Christians are not immune to problems. In fact, history shows that often Christians have extra problems because of their faith in Christ.

But the Bible has promises for Christians who are suffering.

- We are promised the presence of Christ in the midst of trouble. We need never face life's challenges alone.
- We are promised God's provisions for all our needs during our suffering.
- Our problems have meaning and purpose. Good will result from suffering with the proper perspective.

C.S. Lewis said, "God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pain." Pain takes different forms - physical, emotional, and spiritual. Lewis said, "Mental pain is less dramatic than physical pain, but it is more common and also harder to bear. The attempt to conceal mental pain increases the burden: it is easier to say 'My tooth is aching' than to say 'My heart is broken.'"

Part of a missionary's work and ministry is to help ease the pain of others. A good dose of our own pain makes us more sensitive to the suffering of others. We cannot bear others burdens until we bear some of our own.

What is God trying to shout to us in our pain?

- Come close to me - I am waiting for you. I want to help you.
- I know pain - remember the cross. My pain tells of my love for you.
- Pain is not forever. One day every tear will be wiped away for all eternity.

Paul wrote, "*For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever!*"

Love,

*Lowell + Claudia*

# Joy in the Harvest®



## Radio JOY Hosts Radio Conference

**"Radio remains the most intimate and accessible medium of mass communication."**

**Neil Armstrong**  
1930 -2012

First person to set foot on the moon.

**Fifteen Christian radio stations from Tanzania, Burundi, and Congo attended a radio conference held by Galcom International and hosted by Joy in the Harvest in Kigoma.**

Eight trainers from four countries, fifty two radio professionals and forty local pastors and bishops gathered at *Joy in the Harvest* for three days of worship and training.

**This conference was the first of its kind for Christian radio stations in East Africa.**

*Galcom International* of Canada and USA, and JOY have worked together for many years.

*Galcom* makes solar powered, fixed frequency radios and has built broadcast stations in many parts of the world. *Galcom* was a major sponsor of JOY's relay station, enabling our signal to be heard in a vast new area. The conference delegates expressed their appreciation and felt the conference was a huge success. Thank you, *Galcom!* ☩

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### WORKERS FOR THE HARVEST

**The radio conference was blessed to have experts come from across the world to teach.**

From left to right — Dr. Anthony White (USA), Ngozi Nwachukwa (Nigeria), Tom Blackstone (USA), Tim Whitehead (Canada), Daniel Wahira (Kenya), Dr. Charles Pollak (USA), Bob Grimes (USA), and Francis Njoroge (Kenya). Topics covered a wide



**Trainers came from four nations to help Christian radio in Tanzania, Burundi, and Congo.**

range of issues including tower climbing, soul care for church leaders, "on air" radio presenting, technical aspects of radio broadcasting, and station management.

Claudia and I were privileged to share dinner with the training team each evening in our home. We enjoyed hearing the variety of experiences and the wisdom that this team brought with them to share with the delegates and with us. ☩



# Furlough Speaking Starts in August

**It has been way too long since we have seen all our churches and friends!**

Speaking furloughs typically happen every four or five years. Our last furlough in 2019 was cut short by Covid. The furlough of 2015 was cancelled when we received our broadcast license and we were required by the government to get on the air that year.

**We are very excited to go on our furlough and see you!**

We are humbled that the supporters of this ministry have been so faithful and enabled the work of *Joy in the Harvest* to continue in spite of our limited



**Claudia working on our furlough schedule with her *Rand McNally* road map.**

visits. Since our last newsletter, we have received many invitations. We want to make a special effort to see individuals this furlough. The rough outline of our road trip seems to be holding up at this point. Here is how things are shaping up right now. Claudia is inking in dates for the following months.

**August:** A few churches in Illinois.

**September through November:** Michigan, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania.

**December through May:** We are gathering invitations but not confirming dates yet. We will be in Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Texas, Oklahoma, Indiana, Ohio, Iowa, North and South Carolina, Illinois and perhaps a few others.

Claudia wants me to remind you that the number of Sunday mornings are limited. Please also think of our attending Bible studies & in-home groups, women's & men's meetings, mission committee meetings, and having special missions events. ✝



## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

# Knees Please ...

**How is Claudia's knee replacement healing?**

— asked by many in USA

**How is Lowell's knee doing?**

— asked by missionaries in Kigoma

Claudia is twenty months past her first knee replacement and eight months past her second replacement. Both are doing fine. She is grateful.



**Lowell, with a wonderful technician in South Africa, getting an MRI of his knee.**

Lowell took a fall in November and hurt his left knee. For four months in Tanzania he hoped it would heal, but it didn't. In March, on a trip to South Africa, a surgeon ordered an MRI which revealed a torn meniscus. He operated on it the next day. Our return to Tanzania was not delayed, but Lowell has been on crutches and healing is going slower than he would like. So many missionaries and our staff have prayed for him. ✝

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