

THE OWENA OPPORTUNITY

²⁶...and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith: ²⁷To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen. Romans 16:26,27

Seventy years ago, on November 17, my mother gave birth to a baby girl whom she and Dad named Judith Lorraine Arnold. How I praise God for the seventy-years in which he has watched over me, guided me, used me, and met my needs! I also thank Him for forty-five years of marriage (coming up in December) for Lewis and me, with its joys and its trials as well as the privilege of serving Christ together.

Three Score and Ten

When the years of our lives reach three score and ten,
It's another good time to count blessings again –
One for each year, though innumerable more
Can surely be found in my memory's store.

The source of each blessing is the great Three-in-One,
The Almighty Creator – Father, Spirit, and Son.

God the Father in heaven **my sin did erase**
Because of **His mercy, His love, and His grace.**

God the Son, Christ **my Saviour, His life-blood** He gave,
Died in shame upon Calv'ry, then arose from the grave
To **redeem** this poor sinner, **justify** and **make whole** -
There is **no condemnation, peace** and **joy** fill my soul.

God the Spirit, my **Comforter, teaches** and **guides** me,
He **dwells** in my heart, and He often **reminds** me
That I am **God's child**, and I need **never fear**,
For He **never will leave** me, His witness is clear.

Then **God's Holy Scriptures** are my **daily meat**,
They're a **light** to my path and a **lamp** to my feet,
Impart **wisdom** and **truth**, daily bringing **delight**,
They give **strength, understanding, and songs** in the night.

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Evangelism

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There's the honor of **serving** my wonderful Lord,
And the hope of receiving eternal **reward**,
There's the privilege of **prayer** and God's **promise to hear**,
And hundreds more **promises** show God is near.

And then there are people; oh, how could I tell
Of the hundreds and thousands whom I love so well.
Folks who are willing to **give, pray, and write us**,
Pastors and counselors with wisdom to guide us;

Godly parents, grandparents, great-grandparents too,
All now in heaven where I'll join them soon,
One **brother**, four **sisters, aunts, uncles, and cousins**,
School mates, acquaintances, friends by the dozens;

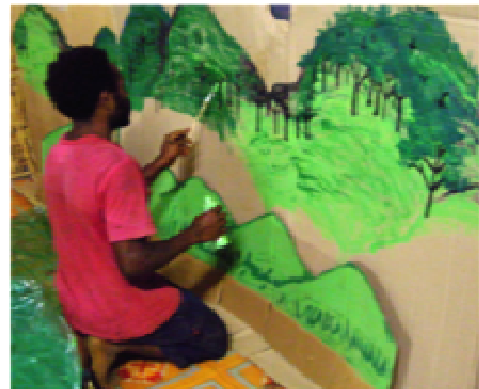
Dear **husband** and best friend, two **daughters** so precious,
Truly our Lord doth abundantly bless us;
Twelve special **school students**, their *to'o** am I
(And the seventy mark I think I've gone by).

Thank you, oh, thank you, dear Father above,
For all of your wonderful tokens of love.

*to'o = grandmother

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“Standing on the Promises of God” was the theme of the musical drama which the students of Glory Christian School presented for their families during the school closing on November 14. The story and songs centered around the hope of eternal life which God promised before the world began (Titus 1:1-3). This promise was repeated again and again throughout the Old Testament and saw fulfillment when God sent His only begotten Son into the world to give His life a ransom for many. A number of unsaved family members were present for the program, and it is our prayer that they will think about the words of the songs and script and come to know personally that promised Saviour.



Phinehas painting background scenery
for the drama



Pastor Matthew volunteered to sew costumes (Bible robes) for the drama.

Students began and ended the drama with the hymn "Standing on the Promises" (translated into Melanesian Pidgin).



Hooray! School's out!

These twelve students have now completed fifth grade, and will begin grade six in January. The most exciting part of teaching is seeing the students grow in the Lord. My greatest burden is for Steve, the one student who is still unsaved. He is a good boy and a good student; but Christ came not to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance. Please pray with us for Steve's salvation.

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The Christian family has been the theme of Mike's teaching in the Saturday morning prayer meetings of Glory Independent Baptist Church. Recently after one of Mike's lessons, Pastor Matthew got up and told about a couple teaching opportunities that he shared with his youngest son, Trophimus, six years old - one lesson taught by father to son, the other by son to father.

One day they were going together to feed the pigs. Matthew was carrying a pot of sweet potatoes and tapioca root, and Trophy said, "Daddy, I want some of that tapioca." Matthew thought of the story of the prodigal son and told the story to his son. Then he said, "Son, do you want to be like the prodigal son and eat the pigs' food?" Trophy thought a bit, and then replied, "No, Daddy."

Another time, Matthew borrowed someone else's phone to call a person he wanted to talk to. He knew the number of the borrowed phone would show up on the other person's phone so when the person answered, Matthew did not identify himself as Matthew but gave the name of the owner of the phone. After he hung up, Trophy said, "Daddy, you did wrong. You lied to that man." "Yes, you're right," Matthew admitted.

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We give praise to God

1. For daily strength and guidance and His provisions for all our needs.
2. For the salvation of a young mother and a teenage girl.
3. For specific answers to prayer regarding the closing program for GCS and for the Lord's help throughout the school year.
4. For the choosing of four men to serve as deacons for GIBC.
5. For evidence of growth in the lives of believers.
6. For all those who faithfully pray, give, and send notes of encouragement.



Pastor Matthew
and son Trophy

We ask you to pray

1. For the New Year meetings coming up December 31-January 4. Lewis and Pastor Matthew will be doing the preaching this year.
2. For the youth of GIBC. In September, the youth pastor was asked to step down because of sin. We are thankful that he has repented, and we pray that he will prove himself faithful and be able to be used of God in the future.
3. For the renewal of our passports (we may have to go to the capital city, Port Moresby, to take care of those).
4. For church members and Bible school students who have turned away from the Lord and gone back into the world.
5. For the Lord's perfect timing for our leaving the work here completely in the hands of the nationals.
6. For the salvation of Obed's wife, Sera; youth Mora; Mark (father of school student Dallas); Saivu and Namera (parents of school student Thania); many others.
7. For Pastor Matthew in overseeing GIBC; and for the four deacons - Amos, Mike, Tomas, and Gibson.

Your servants for Christ in Papua New Guinea,

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