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Dear Friends,

We have been isolating for months. With great joy we got our Moderna vaccinations. I thought we would be heading back to Tanzania now, but Covid is causing more hiccups.

Reports from Tanzania indicate an upsurge of virus -- probably the South African variant. Moderna confirms the current vaccine has a six-fold drop in protection for this variant. They have developed a one shot "booster" for the South African variant and it is now in human trials. Those in Tanzania, who know the situation, are advising us to slow down our return. The Tanzanian government is slow to release information and are against vaccinating its people.

Another hiccup. Our *Radio JOY* relay station, which we have been designing for months, is seeing great progress. We finally found a technical solution (using a microwave link) to get our signal to the relay station that will allow *Radio JOY* to be heard by thousands more people. We just learned that some of the equipment won't be available for 6 to 8 weeks due to Covid. This equipment must go in the shipping container we plan to send before we leave for Africa.

God leads with both the red and green traffic lights of life. We miss our work, friends, and home in Tanzania. We have been isolated, but not alone. You have been with us in prayer, finance, and love. And God's presence means we are never alone.

For the last 8 weeks I have been cleaning and organizing our computers. Over 25 years of documents -- thousands of them -- tell the story of *Joy in the Harvest*. Names poured forth. Your names. I prayed for those names. It became a spiritual adventure that showed me again an important truth. *Joy in the Harvest* is the result of thousands of people obeying Christ's Great Commission. Through His people, God has done a great thing in Africa. Financially, we ended 2020 in the black. We are so grateful! This mission work has been upheld by you through this most difficult time. He knows and He will bless you!

Love,

*Lowell + Claudia*

