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*Dedicated to my wife, Pauline.
What a joy to walk side-by-side through
the adventures of life with someone who
loves the Lord with all her heart.*

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COMMENTS ABOUT *THE STORY OF LUCY*

"It has been my privilege to distribute over 25,000 copies of The Story of Lucy across the United States and Caribbean – and I hope to do many more! "

"Lucy's story has brought hope and encouragement to so many people – and for many, it has been life changing!"

"Personally, it has helped me to see how powerful God is and to never put limits on what He can do."

"I think it is one of the best stories ever written."

Ellis McKenzie, Pastor
New Creation Missionary Baptist Church

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"My name is Pastor John Mitchell. After reading the Lucy book, I cried. This story is one of the best inspirational stories I have read in a long time. I am now reading it for the 10th time."

"Thank you for the Story of Lucy. What a book! Please let the author know how much this book influenced my outlook on life. Even before completing the book, I determined to purchase 100 copies to distribute as gifts to relatives and friends as well as the women's ministry of my church. If each recipient can glean a third of what I received, what a personal and spiritual impact to the body of Christ!" – Lee

"A poor lady who wanted a Singer sewing machine. I was truly encouraged by Lucy's story. It educated me on how to keep faith and that God's promises in our life will never go void. After reading her story, I just started crying. I believe God really wanted me to read this book so I can stay focused for my miracle to manifest." – Josiah

"The Lucy book brought such hope to me. I am a single female and when I read it, I was so glad to know that I am not alone."

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"Thank you for the Story of Lucy. I want to hug the author's neck. After reading it, I gave this book to my daughter. She had been going through such a hard time and my words seemed to be hitting a brick wall. I felt the Lord lead me to give her my copy of Lucy and prayed that she would read it. Within a week, I saw such a big change in her. She had hope again. She said once she started reading it, she could not put it down. She said the things she wanted to die over could not compare with what Lucy went through. She got back her hope and is doing so much better. She still struggles, but says she goes back and reads different parts of the Lucy story. It also made her want to read the Bible. I could not ask for more."

"I was recently given a copy of the Story of Lucy. I just want to say "Amen!" to Lucy's prayer and constancy during her waiting for God to answer. What a woman! I love the fact that she even said a SINGER sewing machine!" – Susan

"I am a female associate pastor in Pasadena, CA. I received your book at the Baptist Convention and upon returning home did a whole series of messages from your Lucy book. She is truly an inspiration!"

NIGERIAN JUNGLE AFRICA

Her husband was dead. What shocking news to any mother of four children, but to a widow in this Nigerian village, it could mean her death and the death of her children as well.

In a village where most people worshipped the sun, moon, river, trees and other idols, Lucy was a Christian. Just a few months before her husband's death, she had listened to a native pastor in her village preach about the one True Creator God of the Universe. He spoke about God's love for His children and the giving of His only Son to die that all who believed in Him might have eternal life.

Something stirred deep within Lucy and when she heard the pastor's message, she responded by asking Jesus to be her Savior – the Lord of her life.

Over the succeeding weeks of Bible study and prayer meetings at the small village church, her faith quickly grew. But now, she was facing the most severe challenge of her life.

According to tribal custom, Lucy's brother-in-law had the right (after his brother's death) to take the field from which Lucy's family had earned their living. He also had the right to let Lucy and her

family keep it. From an earthly perspective, he controlled the life and death fate of Lucy and her children.

If he let them keep the field, they would live.

If not, they would die.

Apparently the village found out her fate before Lucy did. Crowds of people streamed to her home chanting:

“You and your children are the living dead! You live today, but you will soon be gone!”

Her husband’s brother had decided to take the land for himself. Lucy and her children could keep the land until the crops were harvested in a few short months, but after that it was no longer their land. Once the harvest was consumed, they would starve.

The pastor, who but a few months before had led her to Christ, saw Lucy confront the crowd:

“You are wrong!” she shouted. “My God will meet all my needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. He is a good God, a loving God who will not allow us to die.”

The crowd laughed uproariously. When their taunts subsided, she continued:

“God will bring me a Singer sewing machine and the cloth to make clothes. I will survive as God’s seamstress.”

At this, some laughed so hard they could not stand up, but rolled on the ground.

It broke the pastor’s heart to see what was happening. He wanted to help Lucy and her children, but he hardly had enough for his own family’s survival. Yet Lucy’s faith was so great – and her comment about the sewing machine sparked an idea.

He rushed to her and shooed away her tormentors.

“Lucy,” he said, “what did you say about the sewing machine?”

Brushing away her tears and catching her breath she said:

“Before I was married, I lived in the city and learned the trade of a seamstress. I am asking God to bring me a Singer sewing machine and all the cloth to begin my business. My clothes will be well made and I can sell or trade them for what I and my children need.”

"I have asked my loving Heavenly Father and I know He will hear poor Lucy."

"I'll be right back," the pastor told her.

The pastor raced back to his home and found the book by an American pastor, John Bohlen, who had spoken many times in Nigeria and distributed many copies of his books. On the back of the book was Pastor Bohlen's address in Minneapolis, Minnesota in the United States of America...

Americans have money, he thought. Maybe if they could write a letter to Pastor Bohlen and explain Lucy's desperate situation...

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The Story of Lucy is a true story that happened in 1990. It is a profound story about the faith of a widow in the Nigerian jungle that cried out to God to save her and her children from certain starvation. It is a story of how God lovingly and miraculously reached across oceans and continents to see her need met.

In the process, He displayed His power to an entire jungle village, grew Lucy's faith and provided meaning and encouragement to all who were touched in the process. You will be touched as well as you read *The Story of Lucy*.

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