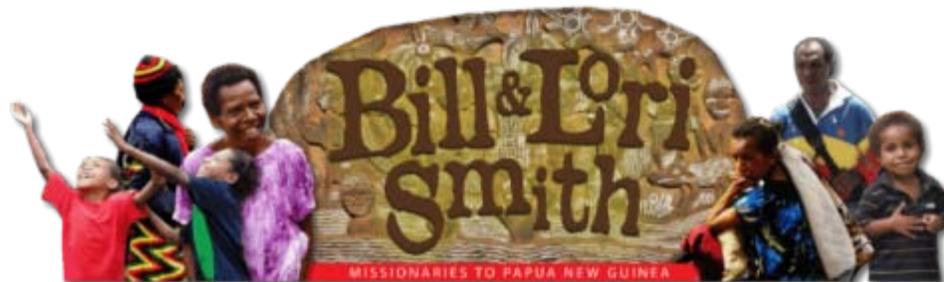


Mountains and Mustard Seeds



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Another one of those really hard weeks. Illness, disappointments, injuries and hurts and deadlines looming all in the midst of the struggle. **SO glad our GOD is bigger than our problems and struggles!** MOUNTAINS! (well we DO live in the HIGHLAND REGION of PNG!)

This morning, still stinging from the exhaustion and hurt of the week, GOD gave me such an incredible blessing in His Word. If we just have but faith as a seed of Mustard (the smallest seed) bathed in fasting and prayer...we can truly MOVE mountains.

Bill had a big mountain this week. The stress and strain of the past weeks of ministry hit hard on his body and the immune system lost in the battle with our daily exposure to infection. A massive upper respiratory tract infection and then serious pneumonia hit him like a truck and left his body like road kill on the side of the highway. Horrible visual but reality to what he felt like. PRAISE GOD for medicine as we got him on the antibiotics needed and he slowly recovered. Not a great week...the week before the most crucial start of the whole new program and curriculum of this year begins...but as always, it did not take **GOD by surprise and HE will enable BILL** to be ready for GBBC starting TOMORROW. Big mountains ahead here as we have the largest student body ever planning to join us, with the fewest missionary personnel ever to help cover the huge load of teaching, administration and oversight of this campus...praising GOD for our amazing PNG staff and teachers that are standing in the gap with us! Faithful PRAYER is needed as we take this step of faith.

Our team took another big hit this week. Two weeks ago one of our couples let us all know they are retiring after they leave PNG for furlough in April 2015. Not a huge surprise but decreasing our man load. BUT this week we were hit with the news that our younger coworkers, fellow teachers here at GBBC, will be leaving in just two weeks to start a new job back in America. That is the second family in one year leaving our ministry here to return to work in the USA. We know America is also a needy

field...but the needs here are so very vast. IT has been hard to recover to be honest, as GOD is allowing us to be further depleted from missionary staff and help here on the field. God is expanding our vision, our program and our outreach and decreasing our personnel. As I thought about it this morning...the visual picture of that tiny little mustard seed and how that small amount of faith with prayer and fasting can MOVE mountains I was not only encouraged but challenged....GOD CAN STILL DO THIS...but it will take our faith and persistent pleading for HIS help! That mountain is going down!

One of our **dear graduates getting ready to start her further training in education next week**, is facing a huge mountain in her life. Friday morning Bill burst into my exam room, white as a ghost and looking about ready to faint....**Emelyn just chopped her big toe off!!** (later I found out they had given her shoe with the toe inside to him to carry...hence his totally grossed out state!). It was an accident with a lawn mower that was totally her fault, as she will have to deal with her foolish choice added with her life long physical impairment, that has turned her world literally upside down now. It was the worst injury I have ever needed to repair...added with the horrific emotional struggle of this being a young girl I love and have worked with in our church planting ministry for the past year...it was a three hour ordeal to be sure getting her sweet foot back into one piece. Her bare foot slid under the lawn mower so the cut completely severed the entire big toe and part of her foot as well. An angled cut, it looked impossible to cover all the exposed bones as there was limited soft tissue that had not been severed with the bones. With tears rolling down my face and prayers pleading for GOD to guide my hands I began the task of starting to remove dead bones, damaged tissue and trying to bring together enough flesh to cover the foot into a nice rounded stump. TO be honest...I still have NO IDEA HOW God did that...but we saw the foot just come together in the most miraculous way. My clinic staff was just as amazed as me...it was truly beautiful when we were done. The toe was too mangled to save but the foot should, in time, be able to support her again we trust. PRAY for our sweet girl. Saturday she saw her foot for the first time (the beauty of anesthetics...she slept through the entire ordeal of repair!). Shock gone and grief for her now deformed foot set in. We have been encompassing her with love and support but only GOD can help her through the acceptance and even gratitude for this injury as HE has promised ALL THINGS work together for GOOD for those who are called according to HIS purpose...even the hard things are part of the progress of our walk with Him. A huge mountain that she will scale for some time as physical and emotional and spiritual healing is taking place little by little. PRAY for no infection (the wound was VERY contaminated as you can imagine!), for pain relief, and for encouragement! As I spent time caring for this precious girl 84 people waited....watched...and then responded as each one was cared for with love and compassion into the early night hours. The second to last man that day just gave me a big hug and said that he never imagined I would take time and strength after such a long day to care for him...**I was able to share the GOSPEL with him because in CHRIST ALONE I stood that day to the end.**

Another **huge mountain hit us as a few weeks ago our medical supplier's entire warehouse burned** to the ground in an what is believed to be an arson attack. We were running LOW on some medicine and they were not too hopeful about

getting supplies again any time soon. As we prayed , GOD moved that mountain of need as our supplies we ordered forever ago through the hospital supply CAME. What a testimony to the men that brought the medicine as to HOW BIG our GOD truly is! The drug I needed most was in that order!!! We not only got needed medicine but it was FREE to boot! 🤔 (And my Joyce needed that medicine the next day!)

The valleys are so fertile and the mountain tops so amazing with their glorious view and perspective...but the long hard climb can get overwhelming. SO THANKFUL that as we pray and fast and believe....GOD will just move each mountain of obstacles OUT of our way!!

“PRAYER IS THE MEANS GOD HAS ORDAINED TO GLORIFY HIMSELF BY SHARING HIS LOVE WITH HIS CHILDREN, MEETING THEIR NEEDS AND ACCOMPLISHING HIS PURPOSES THROUGH THEIR LIVES AND THE LIVES OF OTHERS”

As Oswald Chambers so aptly said, “We have not the remotest conception of what is done by our prayers, nor have we the right to try and examine and understand it all; all we know is that Jesus Christ laid all stress on *prayer*”.

[Please join us with mustard seed faith and mountain blasting prayer and fasting this week:](#)

- 1) WE should have **69 students** joining us tomorrow...PRAY. Satan will try hard to block their way, defeat them and distract them from coming to train for GOD's ministry. PRAY for safety...for school fees....for settling down!
- 2) PRAY for the **GBBC teachers** as now the load is greater...but GOD remains GREATEST
- 3) **Andrew is settled back in Spokane** and will soon enjoy getting greasy and grimy as he has waited a LONG TIME to get his hand dirty in airplane engines! PLEASE continue to pray for GOD to provide the **\$5463** needed to pay off the amazing tools and other supplies he will need to keep his plane running and ministering for CHRIST. **Rachel and Rodney** are seeking direction for a pastoral ministry after Rod's graduation from Seminary this May. PLEASE pray for God to open the right doors for them and give them His clear direction. **Ruthie and Eddie** are busy counting down days until their wedding day...pray for them as they make plans. **Becky and John's baby** was being shy in the last ultrasound but we may find out this week if it is a boy or girl...pray for a good ultrasound day! We are eager for him or her to cooperate, but so thankful that Becky and baby are doing

well. Please continue to pray for a good and healthy pregnancy with a full term birth.



4) Pray for **AMO** as his sweet friends will be leaving now in just two weeks. He has really struggled with their leaving, but we hope their friendship can be sweet despite the oceans separating them still. Pray for our coworkers and they leave and resettle into this new job opportunity in the USA. PRAY for our national staff and students as well, as good byes are always hard here.

5) Pray for our precious **Able**. We are not sure where he is or what is going on in his family right now. This has caused more agonizing pain in my heart than words can express. Joyce remains with us and is so precious...pray for GOD to make a way for these precious miracle babies! [PRAY for Richard and Lilian and Israel and Cecilia ,too. Their family has such great needs right now.](#)

6) Pray again for the **land across the road from us**. The Local Land BOARD met after years, and our property request SHOULD have been discussed. WE will see what they decided. We are just praying for God's will to be made clear. God may have just waited for us to take this step of faith and expand our programs before He blessed us with the added property that would make our expansion easier!

7) Please hold our sweet **Emelyn** in prayer as she hurts , heals and accepts this challenge in her life now.

8) Remember the needs of our MK School...[Numonhoi Christian Academy](#). A 4-5th teacher, a music teacher and Upper level Math teacher are desperately needed for next year. Pray GOD puts this great ministry on the hearts of some teachers out there willing to give a year to help our Missionary families with the education of their kids!

9) Continue to pray for above and beyond skill, wisdom and ability as our clinic ministry expands my comfort zone daily. Sharing love , compassion and the GOSPEL with quality care remains the focus of our prayers...join us! God is the One that heals...we are just the willing tools ready for HIS USE. Thanks for partnering with supplies, support and prayer. It is making more difference than I think we even realize. TO GOD be the GLORY.

We are so thankful that with GOD ...little is MUCH. PRAYING our little team accomplishes much until our coworkers on the way get here to help carry the load. As always...prayer is the MOST we can do...as we believe GOD for great things! HE WILL MOVE THE MOUNTAINS!

No restrains, no retreats, no regrets!

Bill, Lori the boys and baby Joyce.

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