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“YOU CAN GIVE WITHOUT LOVING BUT YOU CAN NOT LOVE WITHOUT GIVING”

Youtube link for a 1 minute overview of camp: <http://youtu.be/lv5xFZITz4g>

Thank you so much for being a part of God doing something GREAT at GBBC this year!

It was a really **unique camp** week this year. For the first time we hit OVER our 400 camper goal. That in and of itself was a cool answer to

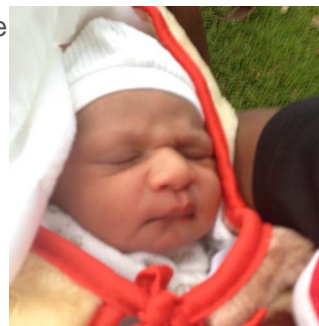


prayer. But, as we prayed and asked GOD to bring the kids HE wanted us to minister to and LOVE ON...HE brought a different group than I anticipated. 60% of the kids were first time campers. Many were unsaved friends invited by our normal kids...but a big group were kids from other church

denominations. When the kids came it was really quite scary. Hardened faces, ear buds in place locking out the world around them...walls and barriers galore. Every morning, one of the benefits of getting up to start the “camp tea” well before dawn gives lots of quiet (well despite snoring boys sleeping in the chapel next to the kitchen...:-)) prayer time. I just prayed love over these kids. Every time they came for every meal and snack time I could see the LOVE make a difference. THE Word of GOD began to penetrate their hearts and over the week 54 kids came to know CHRIST as their Lord and Savior. 36 other kids made other spiritual decisions, too. Hearts were changing. Smiles now really lit faces and hugs were given back. I can not even count the number of big teenage boys that came and gave me great big bear hugs saying “thanks” for the great and abundant food. Their tummies and hearts were happy. I ended up the week with a night of horrible battle with a stomach virus. No matter how weak and miserable I felt NOTHING would keep me from going up to say good bye to MY KIDS from Camp. The “see you next year mom” was worth all the body pain, burns and cuts, ruined finger nails

and even the stomach flu someone lovingly shared with me! THE power of LOVE.

It was not on my “wish to do list” after a week of camp and the drain of my stomach woes to deliver my friend’s baby, but there she was huge pregnant and in labor on Saturday. I have prayed for Popsy for the past four years. She used to be one of the most faithful women at Lower Bena Baptist Church before she left her husband and married a man who already had two other wives...an unsaved man at that. She turned her back on GOD and our church family, but I have never stopped praying for her. She was in need last night. Having a baby is a very scary event here with our hospital situation as it is. Women die and babies die more often than I even want to note. I was tired and feeling YUCK but love gives even when it hurts. Her baby was huge...10 pounds!...and her pain was minimal....so we spent the whole night helping that little giant come. I finally had to evict him with medicine at the end...but he came perfect and pink and healthy. I had a long night to share not only love and care but WORDS of encouragement with my friend and her husband. I am praying that love makes a difference. (maybe it will after she forgets all the torture I gave her in the process of her labor and delivery...ha!) THE power of LOVE.



I have no words that can express the gratitude I have for my amazing husband. Watching him “in action” with the gift of his administration skills as he quietly behind the scenes kept all the many aspects of a huge camp of over 450 participants running smoothly. WE were only four missionaries in the daily functional activities of camp. Bill and I and our partners the Roots (they had the task of managing all the registration and camp fees...huge job, and our faithful coworker ,Steve, kept the maintenance issues...including toilets all running...HUGE nasty job with our need for an urgent septic upgrade AND that many people eating ALL THAT FOOD I was making all day every day!!). Everything else was run by our dear national friends enabled by Bill keeping them supplied, and encouraged and assisted quietly from the side lines! After that long week his wife was a total basket case, being so sick, and he quietly took over the kids and our home while I lay near death (well that was what I was praying for!!). THEN we had a mom in labor so once again he took over at home so I could do my “baby thing” I love so much. The POWER of LOVE! OH...and Pastor Titus made it all the way through camp as you prayed for him. HE was SO SICK last weekend with Malaria. I gave him a millions , it seemed to him I am sure, shots and tons of meds and GOD blessed. He was 95% all week...amazing!! (And he forgave all my POWERFUL LOVING medical “no pain, no gain” treatments!!)

As we face a new week with challenges and stresses, needs and urgencies...though ,we are tired, hurting and physically week...we have the power of LOVE, God’s Love, to keep us giving.

SO many of you sacrificially gave to us financially for this past week to be reality....each life that was touched by our love was touched by your love, too....that, dear friends is

POWERFUL. Eternally powerful.

Please pray on with us this week. Many victories to celebrate:

- 1) GOD gave us the perfect week of weather...and huge rain to re fill ALL the water tanks on campus the last night!!! JUST like we asked!!
- 2) God brought us over 400 campers...just like we asked!!
- 3) WE had plenty of food to keep the kids both full and happy! Just like we asked.
- 4) WE were free from injuries and major illnesses (besides me...ha) just as we asked.
- 5) GOD used HIS WORD and 90 kids made decisions at camp...56 to accept Christ as their Lord and Savior (one was Moses's big brother!!!!)

Many challenges to face:

- 1) **Bill is needing to make an urgent trip to the Capital** this week to deal with some visa and mission business issues. PRAY for our family while daddy is away. He is a kind of important part of things around here for sure! HA! PRAY HARD for the business issues to go well so he can get home quickly!!
- 2) Our Hospital doctors and nurses were both on strike. The hospital is basically non-functional. Many people are counting on our clinic being open Monday morning. I am weak and tired and hurting all over...PRAY for healing, strength and the love of CHRIST to shine through as we give the Gospel with our medicine this week. As we pray HIS mercies will be new tomorrow morning.
- 3) GBBC is starting just around the corner now...pray for Lori as she teaches and for Bill as he enables 7 new national teachers TO TEACH. It is so exciting to see our National teachers now being the basis of our school. I think I am the only missionary teacher this whole term! COOL. PRAY for students to COME , ON TIME , with SCHOOL FEES, and for our campus to be FULL of men and women that have a heart for GOD and ministry!! PRAY for the teachers to be ready both spiritually and physically for our classes, and for a great start for 2015.
- 4) PLEASE continue to pray for teachers for **Numonohi Christian Academy**. Family needs have taken several teachers and the High School principal and assistant principal back to the USA. There are SO many needs there. What an amazing place and an integral ministry to so many families. PRAY...Help send...COME HELP! The need is urgent...the ministry is amazing...please have a part in helping!!

Love...the very essence of GOD. That is why it is SO POWERFUL. Thanks for enabling us to be Love Ambassadors of Christ here in PNG. As they see our GOOD WORKS, they will GLORIFY our FATHER in HEAVEN! May we SHINE ON with HIS LOVE and give Love as abundantly as it has been GIVEN unto US!

No restraints, no retreats...NO REGRETS!!

Loving on...

Bill, Lori, the boys and Moses (Esta always in our hearts)

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