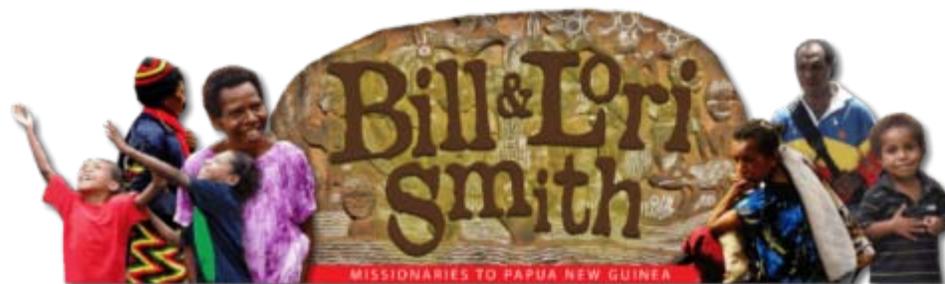


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## “SHOCK and AWE”

“Unto HIM Who is able to do exceedingly abundantly ABOVE ALL that we ASK or THINK, according to the POWER that worketh in us...unto HIM BE GLORY” (Eph 3:20-21)



**What a week...wow.** Hard to find words folks as your prayers were translated into the reality of GOD working in our midst in ways that only could make us shocked...then awed by HIS power!

We now are living in a time when the USA is being hit by changes in government policies, people are fearful with job insecurity, elderly people are wondering how their medical care and benefits will change under the new legislations....there is unemployment, increased taxes and elevating cost of living, and just plain uncertainty that rule the day. Hard times. It is not a time where you would think “fund raising” for “mission projects” would be very profitable. BUT we serve a GOD Whose hand is NOT SHORT.

\* **CAMP EXPLOSION:** We shared last week that we have such a burden for camp this year. Our kids are dropping spiritually like flies after RAID is sprayed. Although \$25 for a week of camp seems ridiculously LOW, for our kids here it is a huge sacrifice that many struggle to come up with. Obviously, that does not come close to even feeding a teenager for a week with three meals a day much less electricity, security and other costs that week. We needed to see GOD provide \$4000 to subsidize our camp. That was a huge amount and we have earnestly prayed over that need. THIS WEEK our GOD opened His portals and completed that need. **SHOCK and AWE!!** We have never seen GOD provide the finances needed this fast...we are wondering if GOD knows our estimated cost is too low as camp will be huge??? We will see. But we are really getting extremely excited....we feel GOD will do a work in our midst like never before. **PRAY for PLENTY of Kids to come, for God's POWER to be unleashed** and for His PROVISION for all our needs to make camp 2014 (Jan 13-18) incredible.



It's not too late to help....if you would like to enable some kids in need of financial help to come to camp you can sponsor a kid (who will work on church projects to "earn" their camp fees) in need of help raising their \$25 camp fees. To Help a camper \$25 to [www.abwe.org](http://www.abwe.org) mark it for PNG Camp 0774013-011

**\*CLINIC EXPLOSION:** well maybe explosion is the wrong word...expulsion??

 We asked for prayer for our sweet Agnes. She and her husband are GBBC students. They were expecting their 6th baby...and expecting him and expecting him. Her waters broke but NO PAIN at all came for over two days. After the 48 hour period came and went, we realized it was time to "evict" Jr from his happy abode to prevent infection and other complications. After a long clinic day we set up to induce her labor (with the last mom referred to our local hospital in need of a vacuum extraction of her baby who was READY for delivery but mom could not/would not push who waited NINE hours without any intervention .. her baby literally ready for delivery just needed a "lift out"..ugh. By God's mercy the baby was very distressed but lived. With that kind of care, they were very adamant NOT to go to the hospital for help!). Very carefully monitored, as many complications could happen with this procedure, her labor progressed perfectly with nice calm and even contractions ending in the most perfect delivery of a sweet baby boy just three hours later! Your prayers made all the difference. Usually a very intensely painful kind of delivery, she said it was the easiest she had ever had...**THAT is GOD! SHOCK and AWE (and many cuddles).** WE were able to shower our dear student with baby clothes, blankets, diapers, rubber pants...all they needed. Tearful joy and appreciation for sure!! Glad that one is over! WHEW.



**\*GBBC EXPLOSION:** with much need of water improvement for our growing campus, GOD had touched the heart of some from one of our churches to help with this project. The church contacted us and said that they needed to wait for that gift to be given....there were MORE that also wanted to give and they did not want to write TWO checks! Not a problem for us! PRAISE GOD. He keeps providing bit by bit for this huge need to expand our borders of GBBC. **SHOCK and AWE at GOD's faithful provision** as we see Him make our vision become reality.

**\*OUTREACH EXPLOSION:** What a joy this week to see GOD's blessing on our ministries. Lori's Bible study in the village this week had four new faces there. PRAISE GOD. The little grass house we are meeting at is nice and warm and snug to be sure with all the ladies now. OUR church ministry at LUSCILLO is also growing with new people coming each week. GOD allowed the rain to be held back these last few days so we got UP THE MOUNTAIN this week. (last week rain washed the road out Saturday night so we could only get half way up, to Kokinaga ,and the Luscillo folks walked down). The road was pretty awful, but our son ANDREW, is a bad road beast! HE was not only born for PNG but he was BREED for PNG. (Mom just closes her eyes, prays and holds on for dear life!) It is always worth the trip



,though. Today I got to pray with one of the sweet ladies up there, [Nancy](#), as she put her faith and trust in CHRIST!

**SHOCK and AWE** each time we make it up there and back safely!



**\*JOY EXPLOSION:** There are no words that can express our heart thankfulness in having our son Andrew here with us doing his aviation practical. Each time we see the man GOD has made of him, we just explode inside with joy. **When he preached last week at clinic, we had to fight back tears...**so did many of his PNG Aunties and Uncles as we see this amazing man of GOD being a faithful and prepared partner now in ministry. As he has time with the pilots, his “uncles” but now also his friends, we pray GOD will use them and this time to direct our son for his future ministry in mission aviation. This Friday is our boy’s 21st birthday...and his being here will just be a gift beyond our imagination. BIG mumu planned for sure! SHOCK and AWE to see our children become adults that love and honor GOD with their lives. There truly is NO greater JOY for us as parents. We stand amazed!

What a week....many prayers answered...many prayers still needed.

#### **PRAY:**

1) Pray for our Pastor, Matt Fletcher and Ruthie as they prepare to join us and minister at camp and with our missionaries this January. PRAY for GOD to provide for MANY kids to join us and for HIS POWER to be unleashed in their hearts. (Jan 13-18). PRAY for the kids needing help paying for their week of camp. Any help for them by those willing to sponsor them (\$25 per camper) would be a blessing. The kids work on church projects to “earn” their camp fees so it is a gift for the churches as well as the campers.

2) PRAY for [Pastors conference and GBBC graduation](#) just over a week away. Pray for us as we plan the programs, plan for the food and needs of the pastors that come, and for the encouragement of our national coworkers during this week of spiritual challenge and blessing for them as well. PRAY for our students graduating, that GOD will use them and lead them to the place of HIS choice for ministry.

3) PRAY for **Aaron’s need of his USA passport**. THE decision is still pending if they will grant that under the old “interpretation” of the law that enabled citizenship of adopted children of US citizens living overseas. The “new interpretation” is just in very recent months and all his paperwork and transactions were done before that time...BUT...it is their call. PRAY GOD will change and rule in the hearts of those that make the decision...that it is favorable to giving him his full citizenship and passport NOW.



4) Please pray for **our kids back home**. Pray for Rachel and Rodney as they finish up Rodney’s Seminary training and now seek a church ministry starting this next summer. PRAY for God’s provision for them. Pray also for Ruthie and Eddie as they plan their wedding and seek GOD’s direction for their future as well. Eddie’s Civil

Service test is done now, and he needs to have steady and reliable employment while he waits the next step GOD has for him, hopefully in police work somewhere in Rochester, NY. IT is a very exciting time for the kids, but also uncertain so prayer is truly appreciated.

Pray for our kids here in PNG. Andrew continues to work now with NTM aviation here in Goroka. We never know if he is on the ground or in the sky on any given day but we know WHO hold him in HIS hands! Amo is doing very well this year in school. He has improved in his learning issues and is improving in his reading. He still struggles but we see remarkable progress as the teachers here work with him. Aaron has become more verbal, though we are not always clear in the words he is using. He still really struggles with the retention of color names and letter names and numbers...but the concepts are clear to him. PRAY that the words and names for these things will connect in his sweet little brain. WE continue to work with him daily and are thrilled to see his heart for prayer and his improved interaction and socializing with kids his own age!

5) Pray for Pata. HE has contracted **cerebral (brain) malaria** and is very weak. PRAY that the treatment given will attack the malaria parasites quickly. PRAY for his weakened immune system as it undergoes this huge assault.

6) Pray for **Lilian**. We have not heard a single thing this week that they have had our sweet Able home with them...praying no news is good news. What a relief to know that we can pray and trust that GOD is watching over her and our sweet boy! Joyce continues to be a huge blessing to us. When the pangs of hurt come from missing Able we just squeeze her a little tighter...she doesn't mind a bit! 

There is never a dull moment when serving GOD. Seeing how GOD specializes in the impossible and delights in the unbelievable things that just bring us to our knees in tears of GOD is just plain exciting. We need Him, rely upon Him and SEE HIM work in ways that are just indescribable. Thanks for joining us in prayer, support and partnership on this incredible journey of faith...because without faith it is impossible to please Him.

No reserves, no restraints, and NO regrets!

Bill, Lori, the boys and Joycie

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