

FALLS



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I am not sure if there is anything as scary as the sensation of falling. People pay big bucks to go on thrill rides and jump out of airplanes or jump off high cliffs or platforms with nothing but a little string or parachute to support their fall. They seek to defy their human fear of falling.

This has been a week of experiencing the amazing and unexplainable comfort of knowing GOD's HAND of paternal protection has remained right underneath us each day as we fell into some very distressful experiences. KNOWING we are walking this tightrope of ministry with HIM as our security net underneath is peace beyond measure.



Our **sweet little Pata** is falling dear friends. The malaria has taken its horrific toll on his body. We are not sure if he is paralyzed or if the one left side is weak (our trade language uses the same word for both), but he is not recovering. The Dr will give a review on Tuesday and he and his daddy will travel up on Wednesday for graduation here at GBBC on Thursday. We are not sure, but his parents seem to feel that they are not going to continue more treatments. They said this was a review after his final treatments. SO we will see. Maybe they meant for the time being...or maybe they are sending him home to die. WE are not sure. BUT the peace that GOD has given this family is unbelievable. Jumda shared last night that now that Pata has put his faith and trust in Jesus, he is OK with whatever GOD wants for him. Mom and dad are also OK if GOD wants Pata to precede them to heaven. PLEASE pray. We will know more when we see them this week...but prayer sure eases the fall of his sweet life slipping away before our eyes. The safety net of eternal hope is secure, though!

My falling (well, more like stupid jumping) has been a continual downward spiral these past nearly 8 weeks now. The pain in my foot was NOT subsiding. It was actually getting worse. The Dr's were concerned, not as



much as Bill, about how much pain I was in considering I am a pretty “tough cookie” and pain does not usually affect me, too much. Well in the x-ray there was a substantial fracture not evident in the first x-ray...hence my pain. “You have been walking around on a really BROKEN (as opposed to just simple “nothing you can do about it anyway” fracture)...so it HURTS”. I guess it should have been casted but now we are able to just use an ortho shoe (WHICH I had the perfect size at our clinic!!). I am suppose to be trying to limit weight bearing. That is really really hard with our life here. Much prayer needed. The pain is actually WORSE with the shoe...but maybe without the shoe the fracture was not stabilized and now it is being forced back into position for healing??? I just know it really hurts now. UGH and UGH. Not great timing...not a great idea to jump four feet when you are an almost 50 year old grandma....but my safety net is secure and I KNOW God will get us through this painful trial.



Falling away....so many choose that path without fear when the actual consequences are so very grave. WE are seeing a lot of very discouraged pastors right now. As in all places, economic challenges are huge here. So many forget to follow God's Biblical principles for caring for their Pastor and church in their pursuit of personal comfort and survival. WE are in Satan's very front yard here. Satanic influence in people's lives, our culture and every aspect of living here is very very apparent. A woman filled by demonic forces is not an uncommon sight here and truly the EVIL powerful enemy shows his mighty force enslaving many of our dear people in his chain of fear daily. WE need our Pastors to stand strong in the face of the ENEMY and NOT retreat. Please pray for us this next week. It is our opportunity to be a blessing and encouragement as we seek to recharge our dear national coworkers! Bill is leading the week of the conference and Lori is in charge of the ladies aspects of the conference....SO much needs to be done , but we don't want to miss the opportunities of being a ready ear and a praying heart, sharing tears and joys with our dear “children” from GBBC as they come back “HOME” this week. PRAY we don't get so focused on what we are doing that we forget what our main objective is...to help! Knowing these dear ones...and the **22 graduates** that will be joining them after graduation here at GBBC on Thursday....have a security net that is safe and ever ready to catch them and bounce them back if they start to fall into discouragement.

Falling in love is one of my biggest challenges.

I do it too easily. NOT with a man ,as GOD has given me the love of my life I am privileged to work with...but with these little babies GOD has brought into our lives through our baby ministry. The agony of letting go these precious little ones back into their families has no human words



capable of expressing that deep pain, as those in foster care ministry can attest. But there are huge benefits as well. This has been a really hard week. As Thanksgiving approaches I ache for my kids. WE use to have the most amazing team Thanksgiving parties. It is really hard and made missing my kids more intense for some reason. BUT...God sent a short term couple who are always up for a party so they will join us. AND our security net is in place. PRAY for us this week as our heart miss our

family. I know many of you think of that need we have living a half a world away...it just seems to intensify at times and then go down. BUT on Saturday when I was REALLY hurting and falling into discouragement myself, GOD brought not one but TWO little hugs that had a great BIG impact on my heart. He brought Grace's family here for the whole morning and she always remembers me and is eager to return my affections. PLUS, Able and family came for a visit! Lilian is looking better as the medications control the sores her cancer is forming. Able has been a huge ache in my heart and filling my arms with him was a huge blessing from GOD. He is adjusting well and happy here and in his village home. I am "mom" or "Mommy" and his mother is "mama"...he is loved by us both and enjoys it! Love hurts, but love also heals!! I was emotionally falling fast...and my security net caught me! He sent my two of my baby loves in ONE day. Awesome. Now to find some of our national FAMILY to celebrate with us too...we have many! SO THANKFUL.



Falling OFF the mountain road going up to church...though Andrew insists that is impossible, there are bodies of cars to prove him wrong...is a huge concern for me each week. When it is dry it is terrifying for me...but wet is totally freaky. BUT at the top of the mountain are amazing people we LOVE. People that NEED God's love. Pray with us that GOD will provide a way to get those roads in better shape...and until then pray that GOD will be our amazing net of security each week we attempt that mountain...that we will have victory and safety...and IF we fall HE will catch our car! 

I think the part of being willing to FALL is just the trust that we can depend on our Faithful GOD that watches and keeps us as we follow His will and plan for our lives. Thanks for joining us each week as you pray for the needs...and for US. WE are all human and fear is a part of the life trail we all walk. Knowing you all are there uplifting us and the many needs here is such a comfort!

[Please continue to pray with us:](#)

1) **CAMP is coming!** Make sure you "like" our Camp Facebook page! That will keep you updated on all that is CAMP. [Facebook GBBC Youth Camp 2014](#)

*Pray for the kids having difficulty getting their camp fees. If you would like to sponsor a camp kid (they work on church projects to "earn" their money) it would cost \$30 per kid. Let us know and we can arrange that help for them. www.abwe.org give to PNG Camp account 0774013-011

*Pray for our Pastor coming, Matt Fletcher and his wife Ruthie, that GOD will use them and bless their ministry with us.

*PRAY for MANY KIDS and prepared hearts!

2) **Clinic needs...**we really need a way to check **blood iron levels...ANYONE have any connections???!?** I have so many moms coming for prenatal care and now way to monitor that vital part of their care.

3) **Pastors Conference and Graduation this week** is a huge need. Pray we have enough food...pray for good weather with dry days and rainy nights to keep our water levels OK...pray for us to be a blessing.

4) **PRAY for Lori's foot to heal.**

5) **Pray for our sweet Lilian and Pata struggling in their fight with cancer.**

PRAISE WITH US:

1) Our Grand-daughter **Eliana** was really miserable this week and had to go to the ER...what a LONG day that was being so far away and so concerned.. but so thankful she is OK now and she has such amazing parents that take GOOD care of her. PRAY now for the kids as they have to pay the medical expenses of all that!

2) **Eddie** may have a really great job...still in processing....as you all prayed last week. EXCITED to see GOD provide for our kids. Please keep praying as Eddie and Ruthie plan their special day...May 17 we are excited with great anticipation of an amazing time that day seeing our kids join their lives to serve GOD as a couple! PRAY for God to continue to open doors and reveal HIS plan for them.

3) **Able** is adjusting well to his village home and biological family. WE miss him but he is where HE needs to be!

God's will...nothing more, nothing less.

Bill, Lori and the boys and Baby Joyce.

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