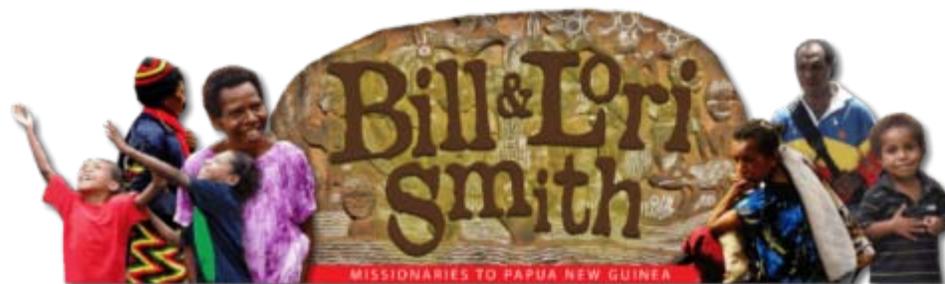


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God's ways are truly not our ways...much better. How often we see GOD open doors even through challenges and disappointments.

Our hearts hurt so much last week as we had to confront Richard and Lilian with their sin. WE had a good meeting with them giving open and honest reminders of our love for them, and more importantly, God's love for them. Yes, their conduct truly hurt us, and especially hurt their children, but more importantly, it hurt GOD. They said that they did want help to get their lives and their home back in order. Whether that was just so that they "impressed" us or want to use us still to help them, we are not sure. GOD alone knows the intents of their hearts. WE felt GOD gave us an open door still to keep reaching out to them for the sake of the innocent babies. Joyce is still safely cuddled in our arms and under the protection of our home. Able seems to be OK with his parents, and they seem to be at home more watching him more reliably this week. We visited them through the "back door" ...unannounced... today. They were all together, the other woman was NOT there, and they had not been drinking or chewing beetle nut. IT was great to see that they do seem to be working at getting back to doing what they should. Much prayer is still needed, but, as often with ministry, the work is still "on going" and mercy prevails.



Through the sadness of last week, GOD did use that time as a huge blessing. Trying to find Able's wayward parents, Bill ran across a "back road" that eventually leads all the way to our church at Lusilo. Actually going up that road (a man near death was needing transportation to the hospital...too late for him, sadly, but just in time for the answer for our prayers) gave Bill the idea that we should TRY THAT WAY this weekend. The road truly IS OPEN on that side of our mountain. IT is all clay and would be impossible to wind around the mountain if it was slippery...BUT this Sunday it was dry! **What a blessing that back road was.**

HOW great to worship again with our dear new believers at the top of the mountain area of Lusilo. What an amazing answer to prayer!

Winding up through the [back roads on our way to church our hearts were just broken with the hundreds of people...continuous little village areas](#)...on the other side of the mountain we did not even know existed! The need here is SO GREAT. The more we look...the more we see. The more we see the more we CRY....LORD send more laborers!

Here we are on the back door, literally, of two of the most important weeks of our year.

Next week(Jan 7-10th) begins our [Spiritual enrichment conference](#) for our team. As we have shared, we have been reduced now to Gideon's army with recent families needing to leave the team and our field. The result : much work for few people. We are all overworked, overstressed and in great need of spiritual encouragement. When you think of the accomplishment of Gideon's army, little is MUCH with God's power...be we NEED HIS POWER to continue on here. Our sending church [Pastor, Matt Fletcher, will be coming along with his sweet wife Ruthie](#), to minister to our team. WE so look forward to that spiritual feeding.



The following week is [our youth camp](#). Impacting the next generation is crucial in reaching the great land of PNG. We are now fully engaged in the battle for the souls of our PNG teens and we urgently need more recruits. Please make these requests true ammunition through earnest prayer:

***PLENTY of KIDS!!(praying for 400)**

-With the rain or recent weeks all roads are treacherous, so pray for open roads and good transportation.

-pray for God's provision of camp fees. \$30 for a week of camp seems very insignificant to many of us, but for many of our kids here, it is a hardship.

***PREPARED HEARTS!!**

-Pray that they kids come ready to hear, listen and follow God's teaching.

-Pray for our sending Pastor, Matt Fletcher and his wife as they come to minister both to our missionary team and our PNG kids at camp. Pastor Matt will be the guest speaker all week. He and Ruthie will be involved in all aspects of camp...it will be a fun but challenging time for them. PRAY as they travel here this next week. They actually leave the USA just 48 hours after our Andrew arrives. (Andrew is preaching in our home church and Pastor Matt is preaching here at our church next week so they literally change places!)

***PROVISION OF FOOD AND WATER!!**

-not sure if you are cooking for 100...or maybe 200...or how about 300 or 400 or more???? A little bit of a challenge. Well, that is what faces me next week. Until we have a handle on HOW many are here to feed it is like literally feeding the five thousand as far as faith goes. PRAY. PRAY for good prices and supply of food, and for wisdom,

and skill. The teens come looking forward to yummy, filling food. Many peelers and knives will be flying at a fast pace, and huge, heavy, pots of boiling food to rival any Guinness Book of World Record amounts will be handled daily...so we need prayer for protection as well.

-We need to pray specifically for sunny hot days and rainy nights.

Exiting times ahead.....the start of the "NEW" GBBC programs and expansion is well under way. Just a month until the first day of classes..wow. We have to almost pinch ourselves as we realize THIS is REALLY happening! Decades of dreams unfolding before our eyes. We have more applications for single girls than we have space to house. The single men and married families space is almost full as well. HOW exciting. WE have seen GOD bring us from death's door to explosion of GROWTH! We are truly at the back door of amazing blessings with our training of our fellow PNG partners in ministry here.

Back roads are in-roads to lives. We need much prayer.

1) Pray for **Lilian and Richard**. Pray for GOD to make a way of protection for Israel, Cecelia and Able as well as baby Joyce. WE love them SO MUCH.



2) Pray for **Pata**. He once again was savagely attacked by the enemy of Malaria. The Doctor sent him back up here to the cooler Highlands to recover. They are no longer seeking cure of his cancer, but just a bit more time for him. They had hoped to get the tumor mass a little smaller before stopping the treatments, but the malaria has made him too weak to continue. Our poor little friend just needs some physical strength. PRAY. Pray also for the financial needs of the family as they have expenses with Pata's illness.

3) PRAY for **Matt and Ruthie Fletcher as they come to PNG this week, and our precious son, Andrew as he returns to the USA**. PRAY for safety in travel and for uneventful and restful trips for them. Already GOD has provided through last minute changes on the part of the airlines for our Andrew to get a FREE hotel room in Australia! What a blessing.

4) PRAY FOR CAMP!!

5) Pray for **our health and strength**. A week of meetings Bill is in charge of running, then a week of camp we are both fully involved in, then starting GBBC with a FULL campus of mostly NEW students...a wild time ahead. Thankfully, as we wait upon the Lord to renew our strength we will mount up as with wings as Eagles...we will NEED them to sore as we will be too tired to FLY!

6) Pray for **Rachel and Rodney**. They have had two interviews with churches they are praying about for possible future ministries. Pray for God's direction for them as

they seek the right place in ministry starting this coming summer.

7) [Rebecca and John](#) are being blessed thus far with a good and healthy pregnancy...pray for our sweet baby being woven and spun. Pray for a healthy, good pregnancy and an on-time arrival in June!

8) PRAY for [Ruthie and Eddie](#) as they prepare for the wedding coming in just five months. Eddie has been enjoying his security job and Ruthie remains employed again as long as Government funding continues. PRAY for them as they continue to see GOD's direction and guidance for their lives.

9) [Andrew](#) is ready to get back into his training program. GOD has supplied the first two installments for his A&P training. We are needing \$1750 every month. We are asking GOD to miraculously provide these huge financial needs so that when Andrew completes his training he will not have large loan payments that would delay his return to the mission field. Andrew has a lot of hard work ahead as he begins the mechanical then flight training. We need to uphold him in prayer. GOD has given him a calling and we need to pray nothing distracts him from following! Andrew will be reporting back to the churches that supported his missions trip these next two weeks, so pray for GOD to use him as a blessing for those that blessed us with his ability to come and serve along side of us these past months. WHAT A BLESSING he has been to us and many lives here!



10) [Amo and Aaron](#) will be having special testing these next weeks to help with their learning issues. Please pray that GOD will show us how to help them better in their areas of weaknesses and strength. PRAY especially for Aaron that we may have some good intervention ideas to help with his speech delay.

11) PRAY for GOD to keep the Saturday and Sunday's dry so we can keep getting up the mountain to Lusilo. PRAY for the many there that are so very needy for spiritual help and growth. A dark place in need of HIS LIGHT! PRAISE the LORD for answered prayer in finding us a new way up!! NO retreats!

We are so thankful for GOD opening the highways and byways for our outreach here in PNG. Many back roads and back doors give us opportunities that are priceless. Challenges bring opportunities for Christ's light to shine brightly in the darkness of this world! We just need to keep on GOD's road map to find those little side road trips!

As we end the amazing year of 2013 and begin our 2014 we are eager to see what GOD has ahead of us on this journey of a lifetime called commitment. May we never swerve off HIS path!

No reserves, no retreats...NO REGRETS. HIS will...nothing more, nothing less...nothing EISE!

Bill, Lori the boys and baby Joyce.

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