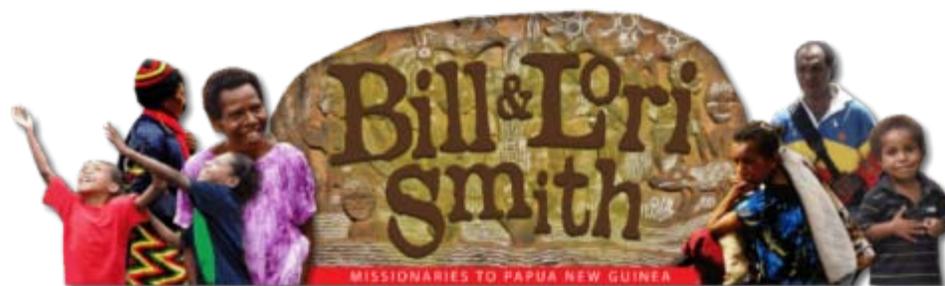


Fighting in His Shadow



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NEW ! Youth camp Video (16 min version)<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SMr4P8R9-fc>

(links to GBBC & Clinic accounts are at end of letter)

Fighting in HIS SHADOW

I was so challenged in God's Word this morning as I read once again the amazing historical account of GOD's power and intervention in the lives of His Children, the Israelites, as they fled their Egyptian Captivity. Despite their constant turning away and rebellion against GOD, He continued to lavish His love and provide His protection as HE intervened for them. The strongest power of the world at that time of history, the Egyptian army with their horses and chariots, power and military prowess were NO MATCH for the GOD that stood and fought for HIS children. They were wiped out as easily as my boys swipe over their little plastic soldiers all lined up for battle. ONE SWOOP AND GONE. GOD told His servant Moses, "DO not be afraid. Stand still and see the salvation of the LORD which HE will accomplish for you today...THE LORD will fight for you and you shall hold your peace.....So the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians." (Exodus 14).

We are **facing battles left and right**. IT gets so overwhelming at times. The enemy is so very strong and opposition is at every turn. Nothing happens easily here but what an amazing reminder that GOD is not only in our "corner" , but we are in HIS SHADOW!

GOD was fighting for us as Bill had to travel to the Capital of Port Moresby this week. Our government agent who has faithfully served us for decades just informed us "out of the blue" that she would no longer be able to handle our paperwork needs. This happening just as our new missionaries, The Hawes, are trying to get their work permits, visas and approval to come NEXT MONTH! Despite Lori being sick and GBBC starting up for the year, this had to become a priority. Along with this problem we also became

aware that when the government offices took written records and computerized them, they LOST ABWE as a legal non for profit organizations. We were technically illegal aliens!! We had our copies of verification, but it was NOT a good situation especially with new people coming.

Getting plane tickets and accomodations this time of the year is challenging , but GOD went before Bill and prepared the way. The hotel he stayed at was one of a chain we had used in the USA and had "points" with them that were still valid. Not only did they upgrade his room but the price was cut in less than half! (Rooms in the capital run from \$300 and up a night!). He got into the Captial in time to speak at one of our churches and they gave him a love gift that covered his evening meal. The next day things went from crazy to worse when he realized all our material at the previous agent's office was scattered and mixed with other agencies...what a nightmare. Sorting through and making sure all the needed documents were added to his BOX of stuff, Bill finally made it to the office of the possible new agency. The prices they quoted made the little hair he had not pulled out already turn grey for sure. WOW...very high. BUT again GOD was fighting for us. When they looked at our paperwork and work structure and SAW all that our mission agency is DOING HERE they were just touched. They had never had a mission group hire them. The bosses began to talk...and GOD make their hearts soft...and the prices they began to give us for their services were actually LOWER than those from our previous agent! MIRACLE??...yep!

One of the men in this new office has friends in the Lands department...he offered to try to help us with the need for us to expand our ground...open doors???

They also offered to help with the registration issue we were facing, and before Bill left the Captial they had us listed appropriately and legal again....whew! RIGHT people RIGHT places, RIGHT prices...RIGHT GOD!

Getting home was another issue. Flights cancelled, and over booked flights and broken aircraft...it was a zoo. Finally on a plane, **the weather socked in and the plane circled GOROKA and had to return to the Captial. Another night away from home...but at least THIS ONE was on Air Niugini!!**

Finally home ready to face the battles of starting SCHOOL as GBBC begins on Feb 2 . THANKFUL God goes before him there, too!!

We have students arriving this weekend and the spirit of the campus is perking up! After the mass of humanity of Camp it felt like we were living in a Ghost town ...but no more. We hope to have over 60 students on campus with a full girls dorm (a few on stand by just in case we have space), 11l married couples and almost full boys dorm. THAT is what we are praying for....full campus with hearts OPEN and ready to be molded!

Family wise this has been a very hard week. Lori has been very weak and sick... all week. Bill being gone and having all the responsibilities set her body back a bit. Still unable to eat much has not helped a lot either. I guess the weight loss is evident as everyone at church brought food for her to eat! HA! But again, the LORD goes before us even in times of illness. PRAYING that now at day 10 this virus will weaken and Lori will gain strength!! SO far today has been better, for which we have very intense praise!!!!

Our entire community has been hit with massive illness. Clinic has been filled with so many very sick people....the ability to reach out and assist our dear neighbors when they have need is our greatest opportunity to show them the LOVE of GOD. GOD has truly gone before Lori, with her weakened immunity, protecting and strengthening and enabling. TO HIM BE GLORY for all that is done! We just stand amazed at HIS enablement. When we are at our weakest , HIS STRENGTH is manifest so greatly!

We sure covet your payers for this crucial week.

- 1) PRAY for our students traveling. PRAY they all come on TIME with SCHOOL FEES in hand and ready to GIVE themselves fully to GOD and their studies!! **(if you can help a student with funds for work scholarship see the link below- any amount helps a student to work to pay his school bill)**
- 2) PRAY for those of us teaching to have prepared materials, and hearts ready to prepare our students for their ministries GOD has called them to!
- 3) PRAY for the many details of getting **6 new teachers up and ready and GOING in the classroom** this week!! (Lori's first GBBC class is on Tuesday night... pray students stay awake!!)
- 4) PRAY for our family as **Bill has just one week before leaving for Australia.** After his Field Leadership Meetings, he will be meeting with an orthopedic surgeon (hand specialist) in regard to his wrongly healed fracture. PRAY that they will be able to fix the problem! WE are not sure HOW LONG Bill will be gone...at least three weeks. LORI needs strength to handle things while dad and all the other male missionaries and their wives (except the new couple that just arrived!) are gone. PRAYING nothing catastrophic happens while the cats are all away...the mice may play...ha! Seriously, it is so comforting knowing that GOD will be fighting the battles even with all the men gone!! WE are in total peace knowing we hide in HIS WINGS.
- 5) Please pray earnestly for the **HUGE NEED at Numonhoi Christian Academy for teachers!!!** Pray for a teacher...send a teacher...BE A TEACHER THAT COMES!! **(see the link below for more information how you can help)**
- 6) Pray for our **precious campers we had the joy of hosting last week** as they begin leaving and getting settled and started in their many and varied boarding schools. PRAY the decisions they made and the challenges they were given to hold true In their hearts!!
- 7) Pray for the clinic ministry. **We need to replace the clinic roof (some of it is over 40 years old)- \$2000 and we need to so major maintenance on the ambulance - \$5000.** (see link below if you can help)

Thankful to be in the SHADOW of HIS WINGS!!

***Said the robin to the sparrow,
"I would surely like to know
Why those anxious human beings
Fret about and worry so."***

***Said the sparrow to the robin,
"I imagine it must be
That they have not Heavenly Father
Such as cares for you and me"***

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

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

GBBC Expansion link

<http://www.abwe.org/give/online/name/GBBC%20Expansion%20Project%20-%200774413>

GBBC scholarship account (help a GBBC student work to pay school fees)

<http://www.abwe.org/give/online/name/GBBC%20Scholarship-0774403-003>

Numonohi Christian Academy:- <http://usa.ntm.org/teach-positions-available>

Clinic ministry (help with needed clinic roof and ambulance repairs)

<http://www.abwe.org/give/online/name/Bill%20&%20Lori%20Smith-0112863-020>

Smith general account

<http://www.abwe.org/give/online/name/Bill%20&%20Lori%20Smith%20-%200112863-001>

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