

"If we depend on Christ for everything, we can endure anything"



February 16, 2014 <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-4V8I8UoPCU> GBBC Expansion information video

We are to endure hardness as a good soldier, endure afflictions, and count them happy that endure. Endurance. NOT giving up when the going gets tough.



This has been a really hard week. We have endured heartache and sorrow and faced strong spiritual attacks as the Evil One wanted to win a victory in the passing of our dear friend and sister, **Lilian**. We have endured , standing strong to fight against those that strongly wanted to use sorcery to call back the spirit of Lilian to find the "one" that caused her illness and thus her death. In their attempt to find a way to get money, they wanted a person to blame and threaten...someone from Richards family. That GOD allowed her illness for HIS glory and her good evaded them. Looking over the three year history of Lilian's cancer, I am just amazed at how the doctors in two hospitals totally "missed" the obvious signs of cancer until it was TOO late...she was already pregnant with our Able. Choosing life for her son, she did not seek treatment until two weeks after his birth when we paid for her to go to Lae and we had a private hospital do her surgery finding the advanced cancer and removing part of the then massive growth to be sent off to Australia for analysis. WHY? Now it is so clear. Lilian needed to see Jesus. During the last three years she spent with us, living with us for weeks at a time when her physical condition required additional care, gave us the opportunity to share CHRIST with her. Last July when I had the joy of praying with her as she received Jesus as her personal Savior, I knew she was FINALLY ready for eternity. When her heart was broken by the unfaithfulness of her husband and she suffered the rejection of her family when she needed them all most, she had our family here to support and help her. She is now with her eternal Bridegroom Who has an everlasting love for her...she is finally at peace free of pain, rejection and hurt. THAT is the cause of her illness...so she could SEE Jesus! Her life, though short on this earth, is now eternal and joyful beyond words. I know that if given a choice now...she would choose the pain and decay of that horrible cancer for the

amazing life she now enjoys!

Bill and Pastor Luha (our clinic evangelist and teacher here at GBBC...also Richard's uncle) stood against the strong and hard hearted family in the strength of the LORD Jesus Christ...the Victor over Satan and his evil forces this week. They backed down and agreed to bury her body without more attempts to find the "one responsible" for her death and just accept money from Richard because of the hurt he brought her when he broke his marriage commitment with her. They got their money and we saw GOD dispel the witch from our midst, protecting her babies from further evil exposure.

Watching her sweet boy, **Israel**, in emotional agony as his **mommy's body was buried next to the body of his infant baby sister was nothing less than heart rendering**. His father was too busy chewing bettlenut and laughing with his friends to notice his son's need. Most of the others there were giving a good show of mourning and wailing, but for Israel it was real and heart felt. My tears intermingled with his as our hearts ached for the precious woman who truly was a good mommy for her babies. She sacrificed herself for them, and stayed until the very end with them, coming to my arms only to die. I pray some day GOD will give me the words to tell Able and Joyce about their precious mommy who chose pain and less days on this earth to protect them and give them both life. I know Israel will NEVER forget her!

Now we endure the agonizing wait for GOD to reveal his plan for these special babies we have totally fallen in love with. GOD has placed them in my heart in such a strong way, but we have no idea how they could ever be ours...so we wait for GOD to work and reveal His plan and purpose for them. They are miracle babies with Divine purposes I know. Please pray with us. We will never give up trying to help these precious children of our dear sister. Oh that these little ones would be able to be reared in the loving admonition of the Lord and come to a salvation decision so they can spend eternity with their mommy.



We have endured the long healing process with our dear **Emelyn** and this week all of the sutures on her foot were removed leaving a strong, healthy and nearly healed stump where her big toe use to be. WE have been amazed at the great progress of her healing as many have prayed. Now to pray her through the long process of slowly putting weight on that foot until she can support and balance herself and walk again.

Never giving up...our motto for the ministry up at Lusilo. We have had crews of GBBC students, and people from both the Kokinaga and Lusillo churches working on the "road" to get up to the church. Hard work done, the heavy rains have continue to wash away at their efforts againn. Just getting up to kokinaga , half way, was a muddy, slippery mess this week. Reminded that GOD is the One Who is orchestrating the



weather and HE loves those dear ones more than even we do was a comfort today, though we are frustrated and concerned.

We need wisdom, a LOT of stone, and a national Pastor that can LIVE up there. God has promised that as we knock...He will open...so we knock vigilantly on HIS door with these huge needs. **Pray we need to get gravel up there to make a difference.** We have a truck but we need access to free gravel and with limited funds we can fix the road or pray that we can get the Member of Parliament to do so. PRAY



Endurance has been the need of **Pata and his family.** They were sent to the Capital of Port Moresby this week, where there is a CT scan. They want to see the size of the brain tumor that seems to be causing his most recent, problematic symptoms. This whole endeavor has been an ORDEAL. They sent him to the airport in Lae, but the Dr forgot the paper to approve their flight, so they were not boarded. Back to the hospital, then back for the afternoon flight. Once at the hospital in Port Moresby FINALLY, they had to wait over 20 hours, sitting on the floor in the outpatient area until admitted to the GENERAL ward. He is not there admitted to the cancer ward so he is being exposed to many really sick people (a problem for any immunosuppressed person to be sure!). They got to the hospital and the CT scan they came for is delayed as the machine is BROKEN. Nobody took the time to check if the CT was actually working before sending him there. It may be weeks before it is fixed...all the while poor Pata is stuck in the middle of a very full, general medical ward. Please pray as Bill will try to contact the Drs in Lae and see if there is any way we can get Pata back to Lae or even sent to Australia for the needed testing. We are fearful that as the Dr already said he is not expecting a cure, that they will not be very aggressive in his treatment at this point. We are just praying for them to be honest with the family and if the best option is for Pata just to be allowed to enjoy his time with his family in peace rather than being stuck in a stinky, hot, dirty hospital, they will just SAY that to them.

Endurance through is best defined by the dear people that I am blessed to care for in our clinic. These dear ones wait for me as I treat them one at a time.

Friday was a day of diversity!

1. One man ,struggling for THREE weeks being too sick to walk to the clinic, came with **full blown malaria.** His yellow eyes, huge liver and spleen, massive headache and fevers resulting from three strains of the dreaded parasite. He will feel much better after a few days of treatment!
2. Another lady, **having massive bleeding after the birth of her baby FOUR weeks ago, was so weak.** A simple injection to expel the retained placenta made all the difference for her...and the joy of ibuprofen to stop the pain..a happy lady left that day!
3. A man with a **snake bite** ,which thankfully was not venomous, was probably more scared than injured. Some TLC and ice made him feel MUCH better.

4. Another little **boy with a huge 2nd degree burn wound** was NOT happy with the wound care, but the lolly pop afterwards was a big hit with him.

5. A **woman seven months pregnant with very serious pneumonia** coughing so hard she felt like she was in labor the muscle strain from her huge tummy made her hurt so much. Nebulizer treatments, cough medicine and wonderful Tylenol to her rescue!

6. A **young woman had been struggling with constant diarrhea for four months**. Sadly the cause of her problem was the **deadly HIV virus**. Her time on this earth is very limited as her infection has her already so emaciated and weak. What a joy to be able to share with her the HOPE offered in Jesus.

7. The **last patient of the day, an 18 mo. old girl whom I actually had the joy of delivering**, came with a raw lima bean **STUCK** deeply in her **little nose**. With three boys, I have become expert at this procedure.. . She was not too happy with her Auntie, but her mom was sure relieved with that bean OUT of her baby's nose!

So many opportunities...many many more that day, Valentines day, came in need of help, medicine and LOVE. Each patient received hugs, treatment and the most important of all...a presentation and opportunity to respond personally to the GOSPEL message. **What greater love, after all, is there than that of the sacrifice of Jesus to pay for our sins??!**

No giving up...our motto. No reserves, no retreats...no regrets. Fighting on here in the war for souls....enduring as good soldiers in the trenches of spiritual battle. Love in it's truest form endures all things. **Love requires sacrifice and pain. Love hurts. Look what LOVE made JESUS endure for us, after all.**

This **valentines week, was one of great weeks of allowing LOVE to have it's work in our lives.** Showing love, feeling love and it's resulting grief and hurt, and enduring to the end as we celebrated the true form of LOVE we have received and are privileged to share...God's love.

We know that many stand with us in battle...feeling love and loss with us as we have joined our hearts in prayer for the many needs here.

Please continue to pray:

1) **Bill had a productive trip to the Capital this week.** Plans are being made for a fund raising dinner for the GBBC expansion next month. That is getting really exciting as there is much interest in our brothers and sisters there partnering with our college ministry. **He did not, however, have much progress with Aaron's US passport.** They basically have NO IDEA why his passport has not been issued as he has met all the qualifications. They are still trying ...so please KEEP praying. We have started to renew and update the visas in his PNG passport as we may need to resort to traveling with that if the US ones does not get processed before our trip back to the US at the end of March. UGH!

2) We need much prayer for provision and direction for **Able and Joyce**. They are still in our care and protection but we really have no real "say" in the future of these kids unless that is relinquished to us by their father. PRAY for GOD to open the door for us to be able to continue to see them cared for in a Christian home.

3) Pray for **God's continued provision for the clinic and GBBC ministry**...Our local Governor, Julie Soso, was on Bill's flight from the Capital. She had heard of our clinic, and Bible College and asked Bill to come and see her some time so she could talk about how she could be a help to our ministry. Cool "God orchestrated meeting". God is opening really exciting doors for us here, but the needs are ENDLESS! Pray that she may be willing and able to provide the right KIND of help.



4) Please pray earnestly for sweet Pata and his family. PRAY for wisdom and provision for their needs.

As we love and give and share...we hurt. BUT love is worth it. We can give without loving but we can not love without giving. Thanks for giving with us our resources, time in prayer and hearts for the people of PNG. True love endures all things after all. God is making a difference in lives through our love..so we must endure.

God's will, nothing more nothing else.

No reserves, no retreats no regrets,
Bill, Lori the boys and baby Joyce.

[follow on Twitter](#) | [friend on Facebook](#) | [forward to a friend](#)

Copyright © 2014 ABWE, All rights reserved.

[unsubscribe from this list](#) | [update subscription preferences](#)