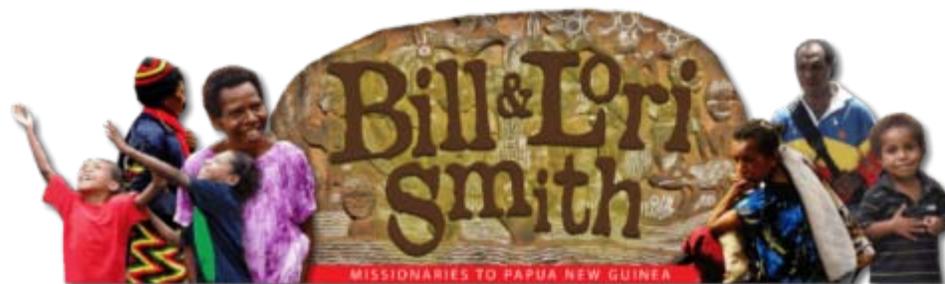


Who is Fighting Your Battles?

February 2 2014 www.billandlorismithpng.com<https://www.facebook.com/GBBCPNG>**WHO is fighting YOUR battles??**

This past week 5:00 am has been a very exciting moment of the day. I have been reading the thrilling events that happened to the Children of Israel as GOD rescued them from Egypt. Today I was totally enraptured with the amazing finale of the Egyptian rule over God's people. (no matter how many times we read it the amazement just

remains!) In the midst of the Red Sea the armies of Pharaoh started to get a glimpse of just WHO they were in battle against as the very wheels of their war machines of the day, chariots, just "fell" off. "Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the Lord fighteth for them against the Egyptians". A great observation as finally their eyes were opened to the power of the TRUE and LIVING GOD...but it was a bit late for them. Soon the huge walls of water collapsed and covered the entire army of Pharaoh "and there remained NOT ONE of them".

How easy it is to forget, in the heat of ministry battles that GOD is truly fighting for us. We are but tools in the Hand of the Great and all Powerful GOD. HE is working a plan and we are just a small part of it. THE TOOLS.

Struggling this week with the sadness of watching different people we know turning away from GOD, I was reminded that the Pharaoh at first hardened his heart, but later when even his sorcerers admitted that the plagues were truly the hand of the GOD of Israel...GOD hardened his heart. God allowed all of this in HIS plan for HIS purpose to be manifested for HIS glory. God was unfolding a specific, well organized and purposeful plan...ending with the amazing picture of the Passover Lamb...not for Egypt, though one of God's purposes was for them to see WHO He was in the end...but mostly for HIS children. GOD wanted THEM to see the great power HE had. Even the route GOD chose for them, though longer, was designed to protect them. They did not get led through the way of the land of Philistines, although that was shorter. They went through the way of the wilderness as they were not ready to face the battles yet that were ahead. They needed 40 years preparation first...some manna and quail...and some

weeding out of the troops before they were ready for battle to claim the land GOD had for them.

GOD was fully in control...fighting for them, leading them and providing all they needed along the way.

We are being guided along a path chosen and planned for by God and HE is providing in the most amazing ways!!

God is fighting and providing for us: **we struck WATER!!** The well digging went , well, "well" this week..  . The first hole location seems to have been a wise choice. A good quantity of water was found and now we are awaiting testing to verify quality and quantity of the source. Looking good...keep praying!

God is fighting and providing for us: **we started**

GBBC!! It was a rough start. Students coming late (on time for PNG), teachers coming late, some students living in remote areas not "showing up" for their planned flights so they are still not here (not very popular with MAF folks now!)... some students changing their minds about coming...others showing up without being accepted. Yes pretty normal start for here. If it was easy it would not be ministry because ministry deals with people and people make things complicated. We are excited to see our girls dorm and our boys dorm mostly full. We have a good number of new married families as well. We are off to a great start overall. Thank you for praying...keep it up!! We are in battle for the souls of these dear young people that need to be molded and trained...but the battle is the LORDS. We should have between 60-65 students.



God is fighting and providing for us: we got **medical supplies from the Government warehouse** AND some urgently needed cold and cough supplies from some of our precious regular supporters just in the nick of time. It was such a huge blessing. The warehouse that we purchase our supplies from was burned to the ground so there are no available medicine for purchase from them for a while. One drug in particular which is used to treat diarrhea in kids (a huge need right now) was totally done...and the very next day, after great prayer, the government supplies arrived "late" but really ON TIME for our need. What a great testimony for the four men that delivered the meds. I told them I KNEW that drug was in the supply given...and there it was!! We serve a faithful GOD! When I sent a thank you to the man we work with here in the Goroka System I shared with him how GOD had supplied our need just in time..it was again a joy to share WHO is fighting for us and providing for us! **An amazing and eternal Living GOD!**

God is fighting and providing for us: we got our **Able back!!!** Oh my heart is singing now that I know he is safe and not being polluted by the alcohol/dancing/drugs and adultery that now is the lifestyle of his daddy. They would just bring him along to be exposed to all that dirty lifestyle because mama could not care for him anymore. **Lilian is**



very near death now. Her pain is overwhelming her and her body is now just a mere shell of the former lovely girl she once was. We have spent time with her this week, and though we offered for her to stay here with the babies in our home where we could keep her medicated and comfortable, she wants to be at home in the village. Her mom is watching over her now...I pray she will stay with her until the end. We will keep visiting and bringing the babies up there to be with her every day or two now until she departs for eternity. Our hearts are breaking, our tears are flowing, but our trust in a GOD that has all of this as a part of His plan remains strong. What is next for these precious babies??? We are fasting and praying and seeking God's answers. Please pray with us. They are miracle babies and they will forever be in our hearts. The older children have made decisions for CHRIST (I led Israel to Christ and Cecilia came to Christ this past July) so we continue to pray the Holy Spirit within them will protect, guide and teach them if their daddy does not turn from his sin and come back to GOD. Our huge concern is for these precious little ones who are innocent and being molded now. GOD IS ABLE! (That is why Able is NAMED Able!).

GOD is at work in so many ways. Join us in the trenches of the **battle as we bend our knees and see GOD answer the prayer.**



1) **Emelyn had a hard week**, but she has gained strength, stamina and emotional stability. She is in good spirits and seems to be accepting her new body image well now. It has been a battle this week to control infection and pain. PLEASE pray! The wound was very serious and grossly contaminated. GOD is fighting the infection in her body as we pray!

2) **Aaron is still "pending"** as far as the US government is concerned! They have not refused his USA Passport but neither have they approved it. With our trip back to the USA only 2 months away, this is now a huge and urgent need! PLEASE PRAY. GOD can rule and over rule in the hearts of the men interpreting the same laws that enabled Amo to gain his citizenship while we were residents here in PNG...it is just the way they are reading that same law these days??!! UGH politics!



3) We are eagerly anticipating the **visit of one of the young ladies from our sending church.** She will be studying in New Zealand this semester and decided to "stop by" for a visit on her way! LOVE having young people as it makes us feel a little like our older kids are still here!! (we may lose HER passport when here so she has to stay longer...ha!)

4) Please continue to pray for the urgent need of teachers at Amotowe's school, **Numonohi**. It is a New Tribes Mission school that we have partnered with for many years. They need 2 teachers in the elementary school (3rd and 4th grade), music teacher and upper level math teacher for this next year. If they don't get an elementary teacher our son may not be able to attend school next year, so that need is VERY personal to us! Recent downsizing of our team also makes the need for Bible teachers for GBBC a huge need as well. Now that most of our programs are in ENGLISH that makes a one year commitment much more feasible! PRAY! Maybe the answer is YOU!

5) Pray for **Able** this week. He turns TWO on Saturday. We need to have GOD's direction for him and Joyce in a very clear way. PLEASE join us as we fast and pray about these precious little ones! Pray for GOD to mercifully take **Lilian peacefully** even this week if He chooses, as her pain is just making her last few days/weeks agony. She said today she is ready to die. I fear she has lost her will and desire to live. May God bring her home tenderly. Pray for the miracle of repentance in Richard's life.

6) Pray for GOD's provision of medical supplies. With our source of purchase here burned to the ground, pain medicine (Ibuprofen and Acetaminophen both liquid and tablets) cold and cough medicine (tablet and liquid for children) are urgent needs. Any help would be so very appreciated. You could send donations to :

Seigu Clinic
PO BOX 456
Goroka, EHP 441
Papua New Guinea.

the customs declaration can be **filled out as "donated medical supplies for free distribution"**

7) **Lori's foot is hurting a LOT**, non-stop, every day. God has provided with a willing orthopedic (specializing in feet and ankles!!) doctor who will look at her the very first day she arrives in NY! PRAY for endurance until that time. (Pray for healing so we can cancel the appointment is even better!)

8) We are so thankful that GOD has continued to answer our prayer, and **He allowed our new GRANDSON to cooperate during the recent ultrasound!** We are so excited to kiss him ALL OVER. **Becky is doing well as is our baby boy.** They are now half way through the pregnancy. Please continue to pray for Becky as she is very tired still. Working nights at the hospital I am sure gets very difficult with the added physical strain of our sweet little guy growing so fast!!

With GOD for us...WHO can be against us? A strong enemy that is WHO...but our GOD is greater! Thankfully HE is fighting for us and providing for us and guiding us. His will...nothing more...nothing less...NOTHING ELSE!

No reserves, no retreats, NO regrets.

Bill, Lori , all three boys  and Joycie

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