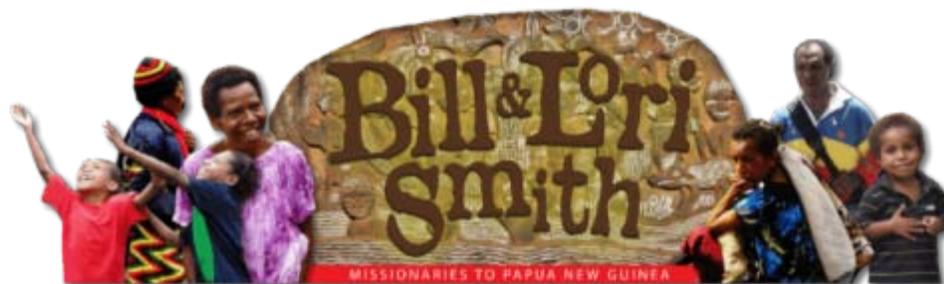


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“Sowing seeds.....and waiting”

“And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap,
if we faint not”

Two weeks ago we planted our new garden. Sweet peas, tomatoes, pumpkins, corn, cilantro, basil and sage, even praying some celery will grow (that is impossible to find here!). Every day now little green heads pop up from their earthly beds showing the amazing promise of the harvest to be true. Still waiting for that celery, though!!

This week was full of seed planting opportunities. Hope filled sharing of the amazing Truth of God's Word...pleading for NEW LIFE to spring forth as the amazing reality of the Gospel message penetrates hearts, we planted. Now we wait.

Many hard things this week at clinic. Probably the hardest was the frustration of a young mom that made a fatal mistake for her tiny preemie baby son. Shelly, mom to baby peanut (a preemie that we cared for two years ago...who now is HUGE!!) found herself once again in a bad situation. I saw her last week at the prenatal clinic. She was once again 34 weeks pregnant. WE are not sure if she was trying to hide her sin or what, but her delays were her deadly mistake. Her biological mom, my friend Rebeka, died several years ago. Florence, my sweet sister from our Lower Bena Baptist Church, her sister, took her teen kids under her wing. When Shelly got in trouble the first time it was Florence that stood by her side helping her step by step through Peanut (now Eugene...I think I like Peanut better...ha) and the hurt of his teen dad not wanting HER...just the baby. The man's family always has control of the children produced... they took her baby from her. She left and went to live in the village where her mom was before so we did not see her as often. Last November Florence saw her and confronted her about “looking different”...if she was pregnant. She denied it. Again at Christmas... still denied it. At my clinic it was UNDENIABLE! I wanted to ask Florence if SHE KNEW about the pregnancy, but when I saw her briefly another matter was on our hearts and I totally forgot! Monday it all came very CLEAR...after I finished clinic, just walked In the door and tried to get dinner started...Shelly was at my door....WITH HER TINY BABY...

WHO WAS NOT BREATHING!!! She left clinic the previous week and had him THAT NIGHT. She KNEW from experience how delicate preemies were...yet she did not bring him to us. He started showing signs of struggle on FRIDAY...but still she did not come. His little belly button was massively infected as they cut the cord with a dirty piece of bamboo...ugh. He was jaundiced...and obviously in GREAT distress. Adrenalin rush... CPR and off immediately to the special care nursery. THEY were SWAMPED...30 or more preemies there and TWO nurses. They asked me to stay and work on our baby... so I did. They are SO LIMITED in what they have to use here....but we did what we could. No ventilators...it was my hand and an ambu bag with oxygen trying to keep his little life. God did bring his heart beat back before we had gotten to the hospital, but that was the ONLY Strong thing about this little man. We fought hard, but his little brain was finally affected...still not spontaneous breathing, and his whole little body was becoming blue...but that sweet strong heart beat on! I have now become very close with many of the Doctors since our Esta brought us all together. The two pediatric lady doctors both came to help me....but the reality we all new was there...he was not able to be saved. Dr. Mon made the final call...let him go. I waited in tears for 30 minutes until his little heart finally stopped beating...and I called his time of death 6:59 pm. Shelly was weeping...did not know whether to console her or scream at her...WHY DID YOU WAIT??!! I chose to hold her and cry with her. Planting seeds that she does NOT HAVE TO LIVE THIS WAY. She knows the TRUTH...she just needs to accept it and live it. OH GOD please... bring a harvest in her heart. She has been so used by boys...and discarded in her time of need. There is a bridegroom that will love her ...truly love her ... unconditionally...for eternity. She just needs to accept HIM.

Another young girl this week at our "Mama Clinic". I could tell that her heart was very troubled just by looking at her face as she entered the exam room with her very determined looking mom. She was 18 and pregnant and that was NOT ACCEPTABLE to them (especially her mom). They had tried a variety of ways to "get rid of this problem", but as I showed them on the ultrasound, a very sweet baby boy at now 19 weeks gestation was precious and very alive inside. I could tell that seeing the innocent life did not phase them. I asked about their church experience, and they said they were active Seventh Day Adventists. At least they did "respect" the Bible as God's Word. Their church here in PNG teaches strongly that the way to heaven and fellowship with GOD is to follow the Laws of Moses and to worship on Saturdays. So we started in HIS WORD with DO NOT KILL...applicable in this situation. Again, they were not phased. WE turned to Psalms revealing that children are a heritage from GOD and that this baby was being marvelously woven and spun...marvelous are the WORKS of GOD's Hand. I planted and planted and planted more. Still they were seeking "options". I gave them one...have the baby and just let us take him...naked!! WE will love him...grow him with God's Love...find him a GOOD HOME where he will be loved and cherished. Just give him life! PRAYING so hard that seeds planted will save the life of that precious unborn boy. PRAYING that those women and their family will fear GOD and that HIS WORD will penetrate very hardened hearts! The sin is not that baby...the sin is the immorality! THAT needs to be removed by the blood of CHRIST....not this precious life.

Another man came with his nose splint open and pouring blood. His

intoxication was very obvious...he was hit in a drunken brawl early that morning and the bleeding had been endless. A friend brought/carried him to our clinic. The smell of alcohol so strong I almost vomited as I sutured and repaired the damaged nose. (he was so out of it I barely had to use lidocaine...the one blessing). WE let him sleep off his stupor all day. At the end we shared CHRIST with this now semi alert man. The cause of his woes...the Bible makes it clear...was the strong drink so much a normal part of life here. Praying seeds will grow and a life will be changed. For now his face sure is... swollen and black and blue!

They come one by one...huge needs, or needs just huge to them at times....seeking loving help. Seeds planted with compassion and care. Your part through support of our clinic and prayer for our effectiveness IS making a difference in lives. As Bill went to the airport this Saturday to leave for Australia, he was over weight in his baggage allowance as he was bringing our GBBC coffee with him. The boss of the Air Niugini team was standing behind the man helping Bill. "Let all his luggage through without cost...they are the ones that run the clinic in Seigu. They save thousands of lives there"...cool. At the hospital as we were leaving with our tiny little dead body wrapped up in a blanket, the nurses and Doctors were saying.."that clinic has helped so many people how sad we could not help this one". **PEOPLE are looking...PEOPLE are seeing....may PEOPLE SEE CHRIST in all we do!! May they see GOD at work!**

Seed planting is now in full swing at GBBC as well. Campus is almost full... the first time we had SO MANY come ON TIME with MONEY IN HAND as we prayed them in! WE are still waiting on a few stragglers (travel here is complicated and some , despite knowing that, still wait to come to the last minute...oops). My class is in full swing. SO far the students have been alert and eager despite the late hour of my night class. There are two modular classes started, then others will begin...Bill has it all orchestrated well. Students seem excited and we pray GOD will do a work in each and every heart as they are here. PRAY with us!! Campus is FULL of life...fun and happiness...pray it stays that way! Full dorms mean lot of interaction...for good or bad. LETS pray it good

Our sweet little Moses's family were here once again all day yesterday. They along with Esta's daddy spent the day with us. SEED PLANTING. We are seeing differences in their lives. Johnson, Moses's big brother, and Serah have made decisions to trust in Christ and the change in their lives is amazing. FRUIT!! Steve is still fluctuating and Terence, Esta's dad we are just not sure about. As they come and live in our home seeing how we live and interact, watching how we love them and minister to their needs, we pray seeds planted will bring eternal harvest.

"God is not mocked, for whatever a man soweth that shall he also reap . For he that soweth to his flesh shall reap corruption but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting".

Life is so short...it is so easy to spend our efforts and life on things that are of little eternal consequence or for our own temporary pleasures. May we all seek to work

FIRST for the Kingdom of GOD and then all these things WILL BE ADDED to us.

Please use some of your valuable time to partner with us this week:

- 1) **PRAY for the needs of the clinic.** Our roof is in great need of replacement. Our ambulance is in great need of maintenance. PRAY. As we pray, GOD will open the way for these needs to be met!
- 2) PRAY for the **needs of some of our students to pay for their school bill.** As we pray GOD will provide the scholarship money that enables them to work off their school fees and learn the value of a good work ethic along the way!
- 3) PRAY for **Bill as he is now safely in Australia.** Because of a mistake made by Qantas, God used them to provide a very fancy Hotel accommodations , free meal AND a free ride to and from the airport in a LIMO during his layover in Brisbane !!
HA! I told him THAT is the way GOD treats HIS servants...as Princes of the Kingdom!!
Pray for God to use him in the many venues opened for him to speak...and for the meetings to be a time of encouragement and refreshment for him and all our ABWE Asian field team leaders! PRAY for the Dr Appointment on Feb 17th and for GOD to make a way for his hand to be repaired.
- 4) PRAY for our kids back home. WE ask for special pray for **Rachel and her pregnancy with Zoey** at this time as she is now 10 weeks from her due date. PRAY for a healthy pregnancy and an on time...FULL TERM delivery! Pray God keeps them both safe.
- 5) PRAY for our **family as we are now all separated again.** Pray for protection. PRAISE for Lori FINALLY feeling good again. Though coughing still (I am my daddy's little girl and we both like to hand on to our hacking for a while after being sick!) I feel strong FINALLY!! What a nasty virus!! UGH. Glad to be gone of that! Able to eat..gaining back weight lost...thankful!

As we hold hands in prayer...plant seeds together....we will see a harvest of answers IF we FAINT NOT!

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

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

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