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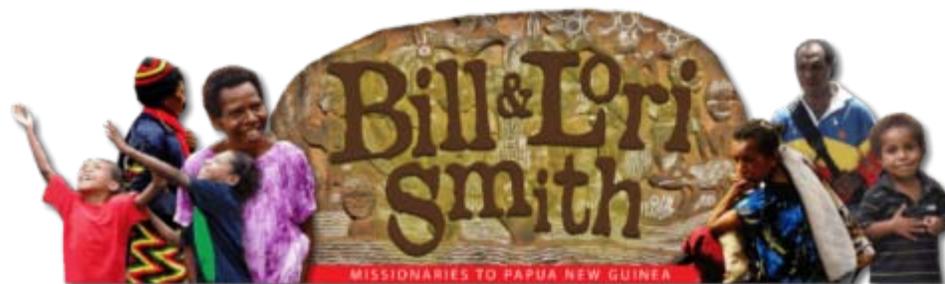
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IRONIES



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## IRONIES

Did you ever had a week of constant ironies. This was one of those weeks for us here.

We praise the Lord for all HE has done for our family these past weeks. Going from the boys not being able to come back to the USA with Mom to all of us planning to go was just a series of miracles one after the other for sure.

Aaron and Daddy had a very busy but good week at our Capital city of Port Moresby. God was so loving. He provided a little girl Aaron's age at the guest house so that he had a little play mate. Aaron was very cooperative with all the places and people daddy had to see. The Capital is hot and Aaron was sweaty but a sweet spirit prevailed.

**Aaron even had an opportunity to let God use him.** A little street boy Aaron's age was peering into the window of the little café the boys were getting lunch at. He was dirty and unkempt...alone with no parents or guardians to watch him in the midst of the busy and hectic city. Most people just walked right by him, but our Aaron has eyes for the hurting and compassion that goes beyond his tender age of just four. Aaron did not finish his lunch. Daddy packed it up thinking he could have a snack later, but Aaron had other ideas. Aaron gave his lunch to the hungry little street boy....and was rewarded with an amazing smile! **One little boy, abandoned by the death of his mommy given a loving family that provides for his every need reaching out to another little boy , alone for whatever reason with no family to watch for his safety or needs. Ironies of life.**

We were able to see almost everything accomplished. What seemed to be the simplest of details, though...the amended birth certificate proved to be the most complicated of all. Amidst the huge stack of the adoption papers there is just ONE document the PNG office wanted to verify the change of Aaron's parent's names from his biological to the adopted ones and that document was missing. Our lawyer did not carefully organize the paperwork like she should have...and of all the papers....THAT ONE is the ONE we need and she did not complete it. NOW we must find a lawyer to help us as we complete that

one form and have it appropriately verified, stamped and sealed by the national court. Amo's lawyer had that document completed, but we never needed it for his immigration to become a US citizen...the laws and requirements have changed. Aaron needs it and we don't have it. Irony! SO PRAY. The visa has been approved pending that amended birth certificate...that is ALL we still need.

The ironies did not stop there, this week. The clinic was full of ironies all week.

**A woman desperate to abort her baby , then when the "plan" began to work and the pregnancy was threatened**, she panicked and wanted me to save her baby. The little one's life is in a delicate balance now...truly it's life is in the Hand of our very loving GOD and we wait for HIS will to be evident.

Some this week desperate to conceive and some desperate to murder the precious lives that had been conceived....irony. Yet each opportunities to share the TRUTH of God's Word about life and it's value and WHO is in control of it ultimately.

**A young mom whose life will soon be cut short by deadly HIV infection causing AIDS to overcome her**. My heart ached as I had to confirm my suspicions that her illness was truly AIDS as the blood test verified our fears. Her baby still seems to be OK, but three more months will tell the true tale for her, too. Yet, **GOD brought a happy irony to ease my pain**. Lavinia, who last week was , I feared, very close to death due to her family wasting two months of trying Sorcery to cure her when GOD and HIS power were right here waiting to help, came back for review. The wasted little girl, hollow eyed and in agony with a burning hot fever was NO MORE. She was bright and her eyes twinkling. She walked , still a bit unsteady but on her OWN , into the exam room and fell into my arms with a huge hug. She has no more fevers, is eating like a horse...the miracle of new life for this little one as the prayers of God's people have literally turned the corner for her life.

Ironies, yes, from our limited perspective. We look at this world from the underside of God's great weaving. HIS tapestry of amazing artwork as HE unfolds His plan...yet we just don't always see it for what it really is. HOW reassuring to KNOW that "HE is behind the scenes and controlling the scenes He is behind"! There is purpose and and plan and order to all that happens...we just need to trust and wait for HIM to bring it all to completion at the RIGHT time...HIS TIME.

Please continue to pray with us:

1) The wood for the new church building at Lower Bena continues to be cut, as the owner of the saw mill miraculously is not following through with his threats to remove the machine. God has provided more of the needed funds to compete that huge project, but we still need to ask GOD for **\$3000** still lacking. Our living GOD is able to bring this to pass and have the church built by Easter. HE is able...He is living...He is all powerful....and we are just so excited for HIS testimony of this impossible thing to be ever present in the eyes of the community there!!

2) Camp is just a few weeks away. WE are getting ready to start placing our food orders...but we still need GOD to provide **\_\$3000** to cover the cost of caring for all the young people that week. PLEASE pray! Speakers are preparing, the camp book is done and will be printed after final proof reading is completed...we are getting ready and walking by faith into this amazing week. JOIN US!

3)**Aaron's missing document needs to be completed**, stamped and sent to the Birth Records office this week in order for things to be finalized for his visa. PRAY.

4) PRAY as we need for **GOD to provide for the expenses to get our Aaron approved to travel**. We truly felt GOD's leading to pursue this visa until GOD closed the doors...we feel this is the time GOD would have us complete his USA citizenship. As HE leads HE will provide. PRAY with us. We are walking in faith...but that is a good way to go!

No reserves , no retreats, no regrets!

Bill, Lori and the boys.

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