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Woven and Spun

This past week has been like a wild rollercoaster for us.

Moments of joy over milestones for our precious baby boy, and moments of terror as our "plummeted and skyrocketed in his BP and blood Oxygen levels. What a blessing the reminder in Psalms 139 has been for us. Our little man, though so tiny, is so fearfully and wonderfully made. HE is perfect..from the tiny little finger and toe nails to his sweet little face. I told his Dr

that it seems to me that his care is like a dance between art and science. Every little body system so carefully monitored...and the slightest change is delicately balanced out to re-stabilize him. Knowing Gods EYES have seen him even unformed from the beginning and in HIS BOOK the days of his life were already fashioned by him. None of this was unplanned ...but perfectly timed by GOD for the purpose of growing our grandson into the man of GOD HE desires.

It has been amazing to WATCH the remainder of Becky's pregnancy unfold before our eyes. Levi changes each day. His little ear cartilage forming...eyes opening this week, and eye lids thickening. His skin is forming well and strengthening. THIS next week we need to pray that they can get him off the dopamine controlling his very unstable B/P so that they can use the great milk Becky is pumping for him. Also we need to pray for his little lungs to strengthen. They continue to try to decrease the ventilator and oxygen needs so his delicate body can heal and develop and grow. Levi is very strong and amazingly cute. He has captured our hearts and we celebrate his precious life every day! All any of us have is TODAY...and it is a constant reminder to celebrate life!

SO many are praying. At one point this week, our baby was really struggling. I put a fast note on facebook and headed to the hospital. I could hear the concern in my Becky's voice. My mommy heart and grandma heart were BOTH pounding in prayer. By the time I got to the hospital, he had settled down and his values were more normal. They were not "sure" what happened...we KNEW. WE have a God that was answering our prayers!! Facebook and prayer chains and friends of family are making a huge network of prayer for him and GOD is answering. Levi continues to be woven and spun

before our eyes. God AMAZES US!

God is weaving and spinning over in PNG as well. HE is weaving a team for us to replace the many we have lost from our missionary family recently. HOW exciting to have Steve and Gretchen Root arriving this week. WE need so desperately more help with the school book keeping that Gretchen will do and maintenance help Steve will provide. Please pray for them as they travel. Their hearts hurt as they leave two precious grandbabies behind as well as all four of their kids in America. We know that pain...it is intense. IT is very hard so our prayers covering their hurt will help them adjust to life a half a world away from their babies!

WE praise GOD for His continued weaving together a plan for the GBBC expansion. Please pray as Bill prepares to travel to the Captial of Port Moresby for some informational meetings for the Christians there about our plans



and vision for the school. IT is a time also to gain perspective of our partnering Papua New Guinea believers as to their ideas and what THEY see are needs GBBC can meet for THEIR kids! IT has been a very exciting for our College to really become THEIR school. That is truly our heart and goal in all these changes. We are excited as they partner with us prayerfully and financially and partnering as staff and teachers as well.



Our hearts rejoice in GOD weaving in the life of our son Amotowe, too. His grades this past term were amazing for him. All B's and one C. He is growing, learning, and becoming a precious man of GOD. Keeping him there in school has been really great for him. That is the reason our furlough must be abbreviated, but for his needs we feel it is worth the effort and cost of having shorter and more frequent furloughs. GOD is doing a work in HIS life! Thanks all that pray for Amo. He is missing his brother and mommy (and jealous that Aaron

gets to play in snow}...but he and daddy are doing OK. Daddy made "chicken and chips" for his sleepover this past weekend and Amo told daddy he could open a "haus Kai" (fast food shop). SO, I guess daddy is doing great in the cooking department! J

Spinning seems to best fit for the difficult challenge of getting to Lusillo. Bill tried to make it up the road but the road was too bad so he returned and went to the church at the GBBC campus today. Pray for the road to get fixed. Rain this week again made it hard to navigate the road.



The people up there are so precious and NEED CHRIST so very much. Please pray for God to allow that road to be fixed and a national Pastor to come and take over that ministry. We already have a strong leading to reach into the area on the other side of that mountain. WE found out that the area GOD has been really breaking our hearts about is the same area Lilian's family is from....open door. We had 50 or more of them that stayed at our home recently mourning Lilian's death. WE have made a connection with them through grief....may GOD open the door for them to have eternal life with

Lilian now as well. We need a pastor to fill that need at Luscillo before we can reach into this new area, so it is all in HIS timing. WE knew that GOD was not brining Lilian and her kids into our hearts for naught...but for HIS kingdom to grow! WE just wait for HIM to open the doors step by step!

God is weaving and spinning in the many needs for Pata and his family. WE have seen GOD just reach down and hold this dear family in HIS arms of love. Bill was able to find amazing deals for their family. Pata and Nicodemus were able to get flights from the Captial to Mt. Hagen for just \$50 each! The family was able to get transportation to Mt Hagen from Goroka in a brand new van paying for gas only. Their family flight through Missionary Aviation

Fellowship (MAF) for 85% discount. Our dear USA friends and PNG families and churches have just opened their hearts and pockets....and GOD has provided. PRAY for Pata to be comfortable and for peace and comfort as they all wait for his graduation to heaven. WE know GOD will be glorified. The days of Pata's life were also written in the BOOK of GOD and the days fashioned for him before he was even formed. Life...no mistakes....no surprises....no promises of tomorrow for any of us so we must all live fully for today. IT is all we have, really, to hold on to! CELEBRATE LIFE! WE live in the protection of the HANDS of GOD.

As we now are "officially" Starting our furlough with Lori and Aaron in the USA....please pray with us

that GOD will use us here in the churches to reconnect and reignite their vision as to HOW MUCH God is using them in PNG through our ministries. We need to pray for GOD to use this time to provide some medical and ministry supplies we can bring back with us and put to use as well. We hope to fill at least part of a container with things gathered here for this next term on the field.



*As mom's are going through their kids spring clothes, any size 7-12 boys clothes (short sleeve, shorts, causual pants or jeans) would be GREAT blessings. USED is fine!!! If you are wanting to donate...you can donate our way! J

*Anyone with twin sheets not being used...we would be happy to put them to use!

*Our house is full of people and kids all the time. Any used toys or books.

A COUCH that is strong and sturdy.

Help to buy a New Fridge...ours is literally DYING....would really help our ministry of hospitality!

*Medical supplies (dressings, bandaids, tapes, betadine, peroxide) and medicines (cold and cough medicine,

Ibuprofen Acetaminophen, Naproxen sodium, antacids, decongestants) are all desperately needed as well.

Please continue to pray with us this week:

- 1) Please continue to pray for our sweet **Grandson Levi**. He may be a "micro preemie" but LITTLE is MUCH when GOD is in it! PRAY for him to get off the dopamine controlling his blood pressure so he can enjoy the yummy milk his mommy is storing up for him. Also pray for the ventilators to adequately provide for his oxygen needs. He is very active and he fights the force of the ventilator a lot causing his many monitors to explode in beeps and lights!
- 2) Pray for our precious Becky and her husband John. This is a long and difficult trial. We are so glad Lori is there to walk with them through the many hard days ahead, but we praise GOD that they are holding close to the GOD that is the basis of their lives! Their home is built strongly on the ROCK of Jesus and the winds may blow and the rain may pound but they stand strong together! GOD has blessed them with a precious baby boy...and we celebrate Levi and his life each and every day!
- Pray for GBBC and the need of finances for the scholarship fund. SO much work that could be done to get school fees for the students...but we need to have finances to pay for their work and cover their school fees! A gift that gives TWICE....helps our students and churches, too! Still could use about \$2000 for school holidays in April.

 www.abwe.org mark a gift for GBBC scholarship account 0774403-003
- 4) WE praise the LORD that HE continues to meet the many needs we are facing now as a family. God has provided the cost of the changes of our flights. HE also is providing a vehicle now for Lori to use week by week...so she can be available to our precious daughter for whatever she needs. We are overwhelmed with ALL GOD has done for us. May HE be glorifed as we trust Him day by day for the needs to be met. Thank you for praying and for many who have been the arms of GOD to hug us these difficult days.
- 5) Pray for our little boys, and pray for our marriage as we have many weeks now that we are going to be separated. We have made this choice to divide and be there for the needs we have on both sides of the world for now, but we need to guard and provide the barrier of protection through prayer. We have many phone conversations especially now with the needs of the rollarcoaster hitting our hearts at its deepest level, but we praise GOD HE has kept the phones working!

We continue to see how GOD is weaving together HIS plan for us and our family and our ministry. As we TRUST in the LORD and Lean not on our own understanding HE shows us HIS path. AND His path is always right. Thank you for walking this road and joining us in this journey through prayer.

No restraints, no reserves, NO retreats!

Bill and Amo in PNG, Lori and Aaron in the USA.

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