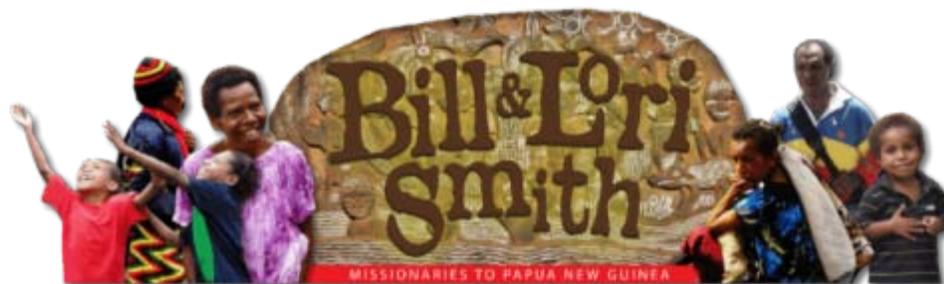


A Fragrance or A Smell?



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I was challenged in this past week with some great verses in 2 Corinthians Chapter 2 verses 12-17. God opened doors for Paul so that his life could be like a perfume diffusing GOD's knowledge to the saved and unsaved.

My mind and heart took an immediate side trip to the story of my beloved sister **Mary**, who, so overwhelmed with her love of CHRIST, broke open the vial of precious perfume, anointing the feet of her Lord and Savior . Her act of lavish love shocked and even angered some in the crowd gathered around Jesus that day. But, sweet Mary was totally oblivious to the response of those around her. HER focus was only upon her Savior. Breaking cultural acceptability and disregarding all common sense, she gave all she had as her love ,a poured offering, that day diffused that room with fragrance of her worship.

Are we not all called to be a living sacrifice...to give ALL we are and have and do as an offering to God...it is a reasonable service for ALL He has given for us , after all. As we trust GOD full and give to GOD lavishly...our lives also diffuse a FRAGRANCE that is as penetrating as the love GIFT of Mary's perfume.

GOD has opened many doors for us to DIFUSE His fragrant love this week.



I am daily brought to my lowest and most humble point of total dependence upon my ALL POWERFUL GOD. Watching the struggles of my precious tiny little grandson fighting battle after battle as his too early body tries to grow and develop in an environment so foreign to the place he is suppose to be...his mommy's warm and loving womb...has been a nightmare too intense for language to capture. My heart is bleeding prayers with desperation only a grandma can understand as I hurt for him , my baby's baby...and MY baby as well. THIS is SO HARD. Yet, in the midst of this horror we are struggling through....there is

an amazing open door here just waiting for the fragrance of CHRIST to fill.

*A hurting family asked HOW I could smile in the intensity of the NICU....I shared with them my hope for me...and LEVI...because of CHRIST.

*A scared mom who is 33 weeks pregnant and ready to deliver soon...pre-eclampsia. I found out she is a believer and I prayed with her for GOD to give her comfort and for her to rest in HIM. Her husband's brother had been to PNG on a missions trip with New Tribes Mission. WE shared verses of hope and held each other as we go through the struggle of the uncertain.

*Four of the nurses at NICU asked me WHY I live and work in PNG....LOVE that question. I was able to share the GOSPEL with them. NOT once did

A beep or monitor go off...GOD held silent that room and kept the babies stable as I shared HIS way of salvation.

Our hearts are hurting as we plead for our precious little boy to live...but in the midst of our tears are blessings.

The **Fragrance of Goroka Baptist Bible College** is diffusing through the Capital city of Port Moresby this weekend. Bill was really excited about the many blessings of the meetings there this week. Financial support for the expansion as well as God's provision of free law services provided by one of our Lawyer brothers , and help from another brother in the faith who worked with the National Education Board and has many connections with those that can advise us well in our expansion of accepted curriculum. GOD is breaking down decades of man made walls and bringing GOD honoring unity in His PNG body of believers as never before.

PRAY for Bill as he returns to GOROKA on Sunday afternoon. Amo had a great time I am sure with his PNG uncle and auntie staying with him, but he is missing daddy (and mommy). Bill is struggling with ministry, administration and home responsibilities ALL at once. HE needs prayer for wisdom, discernment and much strength. His grandpa heart is broken and bleeding here with ours as well. THIS separation is so very hard, but we have two kids with needs so we divide and minister to each one...aching to be in both places as once!

The **Fragrance of GOD's love for us has been just intoxicating** we are so overwhelmed.

*Qantas has agreed to refund the unused ticket for Lori and Aaron. WE have

To pay fees on each ticket for the changes but we did NOT lose the whole thing! THANK you for PRAYING

*IN the midst of all this havoc and the expenses of all we have gone through these past few weeks...GOD has provided enough for us to pay the **Required \$4000 for Andrew's tools!** WHEW...that was a tight one! THANK you for praying. WE are trusting GOD to get our son through missionary aviation. This is the third BIG HIT...we get a few months to breathe before we get "HIT" again. These special tools may save HIS and others lives as

He learns to maintain and repair his plane...so worth each penny! GOD is good! (WE have a wedding in MAY to pay for!!)

*GOD has provided a wonderful car again for Lori to use. What a blessing to be fully available for Becky!!

WE are now officially on furlough, or now known as "home ministries". Lori , Aaron and Ruthann will be ministering at one of our precious supporting Churches in Newark NY this weekend. What a great opportunity to share our thanks with these dear and faithful friends as they have truly been HIS FRAGRANCE to many in PNG through partnering with us and our ministries. WE are so blessed with amazing churches and families that partner with us for the cause of CHRIST in PNG!

Our lives are either a fragrance that attracts or a smell that repels...the difference is the love. As 1 Corinthians 13 remind us...without love our sacrifices and works are nothing...but LOVE never fails.

LORD may we be fragrances that compel people to you not odors that repel them from "Christianity".

PRAY WITH US:

1) Our precious **LEVI** has some major needs this week. The duct in his tiny heart that was closing is now VERY OPEN. This is causing major problems in his body. THE medicine to help close that duct is very irritating to his tiny little bowels. WE need to pray that the duct CLOSES, the Bowels stay healthy and intact (don't break open!) and that he can begin to control his heart rate and blood pressure and Blood oxygen level. This is a very critical need right now. PRAY for his mommy and daddy as there are MANY ups and downs!!

2) Pray for GOD to continue to lead in our **expansion of GBBC**. WE are so excited that Steve and Gretchen Root arrived safely to PNG. REINFORCEMENTS for the army...ya!!!!

3) Pray for **Amo as he starts his last term** in school. SO much is happening in our family and so many stresses are hitting all at once. PRAY for him to settle into school and finish well.

4) PRAY for our family as we are divided with half a world IS between us. PRAY for our marriage to remain strong, for our kids missing their other parent and for GOD's comfort and grace as we carry so many stresses and difficulties without our best friend being our support. THANKFULLY our ANCHOR remains intact.

5) **Lori and Aaron are supposed to travel to Pensacola** for the weekend to visit Rachel and family and visit our supporting churches there as well. WE need wisdom. With Levi so unstable we really need GOD to either get him stable or give us direction as to what HE wants us to do. Rachel is very supportive of her sister and their

needs now if we need to change our plans...but only GOD knows the future ..so pray for HIM to show us what to do!

6)Pray for GOD to continue to provide the **many needs with our family living in two places at once**. HE has been SO faithful!

As we begin to prepare for our next term on the field we could really use the following items. WE hope to ship a partial container back to PNG full of supplies to use in our ministry over the next few years:

***Boys clothes**....as moms go through Spring items, if there are any size 6-12 shorts, long pants, short sleeve shirts, or light jackets you Are getting rid of...please consider tossing them our way!! There are no real stores for clothes in PNG so we need to bring what we will----- Need with us as much as possible.

***Twin sheets (used but in good shape) are fine**. Towels, blankets (twin or queen) and rugs also very needed...used but in good shape are Fine!!

***We could really use a good full sized couch**. God has provided a smaller love seat, but we have many many people at our home all the time and we need more seating space! WE need sturdy and in good shape to last for years (expensive to get there so must be worth while to send!!)

***Money for a new fridge**...ours is literally DYING!! WE need to replace it, but must purchase there so it is the right power voltage.

***MEDICAL SUPPLIES...**

*Band-aids and gauzes and tape

*ace wraps, cling wraps

*Ibuprofen, naproxen sodium (Aleve), acetaminophen (Tylenol) in liquid and pills

* cold and cough (pills and liquid for kids)

*Size Medium gloves (sterile or exam)

*slings, knee or wrist or finger wraps or splints... We could

REALLY USE an oxymeter, equipment to check either hematocrit or hemoglobin, and an EKG

Thank you for partnering with us as we desire to diffuse the glorious fragrance of HOPE both in the USA and in PNG as we share CHRIST in all we do and say.

NO restraints, no retreats ,NO REGRETS!

Bill and Amo, Lori and Aaron.

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