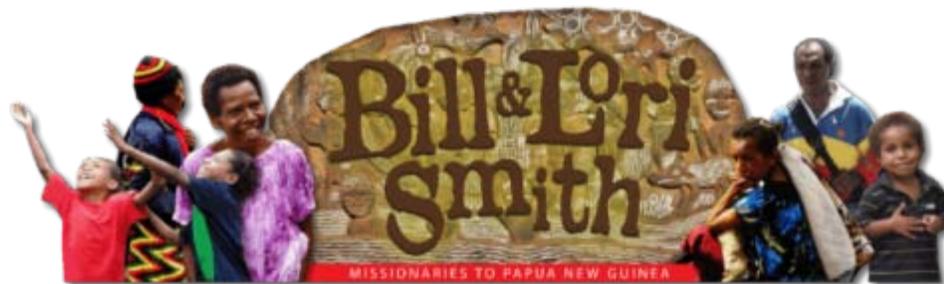


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April 12 2015 **FOCUS or FLOUNDER** (see [links below](#) for more info)

I was meditating on the passage of Scripture this morning where Jesus was trying to teach His disciples to guard their hearts and minds from the horror they were about to face in saying good bye to their LORD by shifting their focus. He told them not to be afraid but to remember....there is an eternity. Good byes for us within the family of GOD are not permanent. Hardships and sacrifice are not without purpose nor reward.



This morning, in these early hours when the Taylor household is quietly sleeping, my heart is bleeding tears. I am holding my precious baby girl, Zoey. I know she will not remember this week, the first of her life, when her Grandma from PNG was here. Our precious hours through each night of cuddles and snuggles and "talks" as her mommy was resting preparing to take on the challenge of being mommy of three, wife and daughter in law that awaits her once HER mommy leaves today, will not be remembered. **Rachel is ready to take on her new challenge ...but am I?**

My heart can flounder in the journey GOD has called me to trust Him and follow Him on. IT is so easy to let emotions and human desires of being close to our family and friends get in the way of our call to follow HIM...carrying our cross of pain, sacrifice and even shame, as we come. Tears come...hearts break along the way of this blood stained path, but it is, after all, the path of our precious Lord and Savior. Just last weekend we celebrated the sacrifice of HIS unspeakable gift love demonstrated for US at Calvary. Now, here I am being asked to make a "small" though painful human sacrifice for Him...to leave my baby and her babies and follow HIM back to His call in my life living a half a world away physically from these precious ones I love SO MUCH.

FOCUS....on the joys of each precious second GOD lovingly gave me with them.  
FOCUS...on the way GOD answered my prayer and allowed me to be there to help MY

baby when she needed me in delivering HER baby. FOCUS...on the amazing promise of eternity when we can hug and love and worship GOD together in HIS presence...with the precious souls we will see GOD bring into HIS Kingdom because we were willing to follow HIS plan (all my kids being here and us being there) in serving our KING.

FOCUS!!

I know that many of you pray earnestly for us and our hearts. WE are all, after all, people that feel pain and loss. This past year has been marked with great pain and suffering. Having the opportunity these next few weeks of my time still here in the USA to visit some of our supporting churches and share a little about our ministry with our ever faithful partners in ministry, I have tried to come up with WORDS to share what GOD has done this past year on the field and only tears come. ( NOT GOOD. PRAY, as I need to get it together before Sunday morning when I get to share with our ministry partners in Niles Ohio on my way back up to NY.) IT has been an amazing , yet emotionally turbulent , year for sure. But wow...what opportunities pain has brought!

This **separation of our family is always present**, in one degree or another ,as we have reared our kids to follow God's path for them...and thankfully all have done so thus far. We have shot out our arrows given to the hand of their mighty warrior daddy after seeking to make each one strong and straight sharpened by God's Word our lives and family have been built upon. **Our quiver remains with just two** still in formation with labors of love and much prayer from their mom and dad as we prepare them also to be shot out towards HIS target someday, Lord willing. **Our focus is on eternity**...just as Christ tried to prepare His disciples before the hurt of their overwhelming loss through good byes. That focus was lovingly brought to my heart with those tender, love filled Words of His Spirit ministering to me in the quiet of this new day...and those words...that focus...are enough!!!

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So I will BBBBe focused!

Baby Zoey is doing great. We have had an amazing week of making memories of and with the three Princesses of our hearts and their amazing mommy. Rachel is feeling ok and adapting well to the challenge now of three girls. Mom and dad are out- numbered now so pray as Rodney and Rachel must bond together as never before to meet the needs of their own quiver being filled with PINK! Please pray as our kids now gear up for their start in ministry. They need housing in between Northumberland and Harrisburg area, jobs to help as their small congregation will be unable to care fully financially for their new Pastor and his family, and provision of all they need to move and set up housekeeping in their new ministry location. No small task...but all under our Loving Father's watch care. Please pray with us for them.



BOYS...my three men in PNG are surviving well without mom



but sure could use prayer. I am so thankful my husband is a man of many talents but he is also a man wearing MANY hats!! Pray . They have had a few emergency calls to mom.... Though not a snake bit, I was a bit shocked to get that emergency medical plea...**help Ive been bitten...by a rat!** UGH Poor guy We got him taken care of, though. SO THANKFUL for a phone was all it took and our virtual clinic was once again open for care even while I am so far away. Not TOO many patients have needed this technology enabled care thus far, but clinic is still “open” on line! HA! Please pray especially for Aaron as he seems to be missing mommy in an “acting out” sort of way...pray for him to be comforted and obedient! Separation is never easy but hardest on our little ones!

**BLESSINGS** have come, I have heard, from my parents as we attempt to fill my suitcases in returning to PNG. We are praying for pulse oximeters and a cardiac monitor for the pediatric unit of our hospital....PRAY HARD. What a huge blessing those items would be in the open door GOD has provided at our local hospital. I am also seeking to replace boys 6-9 months clothes our precious Moses was given upon his transition back to his village family (he is doing well thus far and only a few “trips” to the “online” clinic these past weeks!!) and for boy and girl 0-3 month or new born onsies, sleepers and blankets. I am running low on these items as we give them to each new baby born at our clinic along with the GIFT of the Gospel presented to mom and dad. I am also trying to find some specific medicines we are short of and that are hard to find in PNG. **Iron and folic acid tablets**, cough expectorants and cough and cold tablets (always a need), yeast infection applications for ladies, etc. Any help to purchase these items...or anyone that would want to give a bottle or two...can do so by sending them to our NY address. Lori is on the way there to NY this Sunday for the remainder of the time in NY. She will be leaving May 1<sup>st</sup> for home in PNG so if we could have anything wanting to be sent over to PNG that last week of April it would be amazing. PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR THAT MONITOR!!!!!! God specializes in impossible!!

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**Budding students and growing ministry.** Our GBBC ministry has blossomed this past year into a whole new phase of excitement. Our expansion project is well on the way. We have seen GOD provide a seed of money start that we know HE will bless and grow in HIS time and plan as we have taken this step of faith. Bill is busy in the process of paperwork. Much is needed as the ground work is being laid. **Bill has needed to get our school up to legally expanding our programs in a way that they will be acknowledged and allowed by the PNG government.** He is also working hard for our school to become legally an organization under it's own board so that it can remain strong and

**nationalized even if there are any changes in our political environment.** Under a mission name if they kick us as Americans out, our school would be lost as well. Program development and National teacher development and recruitment are fully under way. It is so exciting!! Please pray as we are in final stages of building plans as we are getting ready to move from planning to MAKING dreams reality! WOW!

\*Pray for our 3-4 year ministerial students as they will be going out to Local churches throughout PNG for their practical experiences these next Months. PRAY for their safety and for effective ministries as they put into Practice much learned in school

\*pray for the need of finances for our work scholarship program which provides A way for students to work and pay for their education. Not only does this program Provide opportunities to teach good work ethics but also it provides a work force For school and church projects to be done all while providing help for needy students GBBC scholarship account (help a GBBC student work to pay school fees) **\$250 is equal to one term school fees for a single student. Can you give some so a student can work off his Bible College school bill.**

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Financially!! Win ...win!

God has been so faithful as we have held hands and brought these weekly needs before His throne of grace!! Thank you for the difference your love and prayers and support financially have made. To Him be all the glory and honor as He has and will do great things before our very eyes! We stand amazed.

No reserves, NONE , no retreats , NONE, no regrets!! (Just a few tears along the way!)

Bill and the boys in PNG, Lori and the family in the USA

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