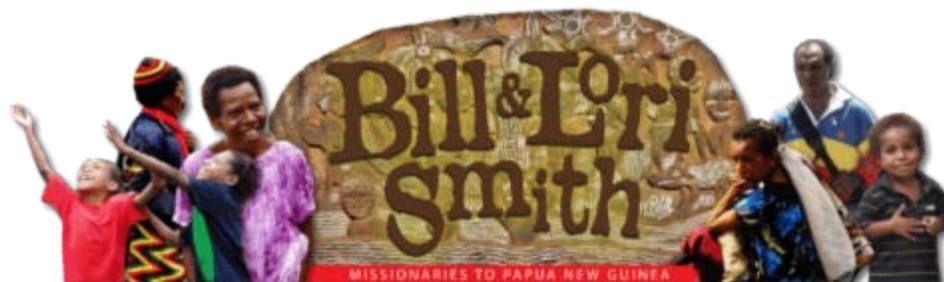


Happy Easter He is risen... Truly He is risen

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Ruthann had the day off this GOOD FRIDAY, so we took the morning to try to find the clothes Aaron will need for the wedding. VERY thankful for the many sales on dress clothes with the Easter holiday near, as we found what we needed for both boys at greatly reduced price!! GOD is good.

When I was there in the mall, however my heart just nearly choked me so great was the pain I felt. Little girls all dressed up to the "T" with fancy ,pretty, pastel dresses. A bigger than life Easter Bunny costumed person posing with the eager, sometimes freaked out (;-0), kids for "Easter Pictures". Everywhere there were bunnies, flowers, pretty happy colorful decorations! EASTER????!! **As we walked by I told Aaron that Easter is NOT about bunnies, it is about Jesus dying for our sins.** I got the most shocked looking glances as people must have overheard my comment!!

Real Easter is not bright or cheery....**it was a gloomy, painful, bloody cross.** Darkness fell upon the whole earth as creation agonized it's Creators wrongful suffering. No bunnies there that day when Mercy and Grace were defined permanently and the veil of separation for man to commune directly with a holy GOD was ripped from the top to the bottom.....but OH what JOY and celebration when the dawn of resurrection came. The birds must have had an incredible praise worship service that morning and all the flowers bloomed in their grandest and most colorful style! **IT IS FINISHED..and....HE IS RISEN!!**

The face of death and despair replaced by the FACE of our REDEMER!  
Glory to GOD.

This Easter we have so much to celebrate , BUT may we never forget the sacrifice. HOW can we do anything but sacrifice our lives for HIM as HE died for US? **I love the reminder that we can give without loving but we can not love without giving. GOD gave our ALL...how much less should we give back to HIM.**

***SO MANY are sacrificially giving in love as we prayerfully and expectantly pack this container for our ministry in PNG !***

[MEDICINE is coming in!](#) :SO exciting to see. Some have given money for us to buy here...some have sent love boxes that are already like seed waiting to grow in volume in our storage place.

\*\*\*Each pill, each treatment, each band aid ...it all is given with the GOSPEL shared verbally and physically as well. There is NO cost to our patients. WE don't LET them pay us, even if they could. WE want them to SEE God's FREE and Unmerited gift of salvation they also are given in love...for free...if they just but accept it!

### **MOST URGENT**

Ibuprofen , Naproxen Sodium, cold and cough tablets and liquid (for kids), band aids, gauze pads, medium gloves ace wraps

### **. OTHER NEEDS**

BOOKS and TOYS are coming as well. SO many kids come to play because WE have toys...it is such a great opportunity to share Christ with them!

Baby ministry items we could use: A pack and play or foldable crib, an infant carrier style car seat.(already praying for a little body To fill them!) Used is fine!

Good used or refurbished laptops for pastors and GBBC students

### **Personal family needs:**

Size 7-14 clothes for the boys would be such a help . If you are donating used unneeded spring /summer boys clothes please consider donating our way! Short sleeved shirts, shorts, long pants, sweat pants and shirts also for our cool nights.

Finances needed: we really need a fridge when we get back. IT has to be purchased there. WE feed many many at our home and our Fridge is just worn out! HA!

**SHIPPING COST** We need funds to ship these items back in the container. One cubic foot is about \$20

[Easter in PNG this year is a bit different.](#) WE normally are gearing up for a big Easter Youth camp but we changed it this year to January so more of the college age kids could come. SO many kids missing camp now...maybe a good idea to have an older camp in Jan and a younger camp in April??? PRAYING. KIDS asking. That would be really cool...but a lot of work and time and money. GOD can give all those things though. PRAY with us for direction there.

[Rain continues to make the road up the mountain impossible](#), though GOD is answering our prayer and they ARE working somewhat on that road from both sides now. KEEP PRAYING for Lusillo. They need a pastor to care for them while Bill is gone from May through July. They need a permanent shepherd for them there...so maybe GOD will bring BOTH if we earnestly pray these next few weeks!

**GBBC is now on break.** PLEASE pray for our students preparing to go out on Practical assignments soon. This is a vital part of their ministry training. Pray for their safety as they travel and for effective partnering with their hosting pastors. PRAY GOD uses them mightily to share CHRIST with the many needy in PNG.

**PRAY for money needed for students on holiday to work** towards paying off their SCHOOL debt. They work on Bible College and church projects so the money invested in their education also provide needed work in the ministry as well. DOUBLE BLESSING. TO GIVE [www.abwe.org](http://www.abwe.org)

**Give GBBC scholarship account 0774403-003**

**Bill needs a lot of prayer** as he has a few weeks not before leaving for our short furlough time of visiting churches here in the USA (AND seeing our new Grandson and being blessed by officiating the wedding of our lovely daughter on May 17<sup>th</sup>!!). HE does SO MUCH it is hard to fill all the gaps when he is gone. Thankfully it is just a few months but ministry and teaching and administrative needs go on even when we are NOT THERE! PRAY for him...his rest...his strength...provision of willing and able helpers to fill the gaps!

ON the home front:

**LEVI:** is now off the ventilator and MUCH happier. HE loves the pacifier that now can fit in his mouth as that horrible tube down his throat is gone.

He has tolerated the new CPAP breathing device in his nose (nasal cannula) well thus far. His tummy is the biggest issue of concern right now. They have tried to increase his feedings of mommy's milk but the intestines just are not moving as they should...that makes him higher risk for infection, PERFORATION, and other scary things. PRAY his little tummy and gut STRONG! Pray for improvement, as he needs all the amazing

Antibodies Becky's body wants to give him now! Keep praying for those lungs and his heart to continue to grow strong!

WE are in SHOWER month now. Becky's baby shower (at least we KNOW who to buy for!!), Ruthie's bridal showers...fun fun fun!

Plans for the wedding are coming together well. WE are SO excited to share her special day with our family and friends. TWO receptions

Make that even more fellowship fun for us!

I had the most amazing reminder this week as I read. GOD has prepared us for all he has called us to do. HE called us for this life as we were being formed in the womb of our mommies (Jeremiah 1:5!!) and HE has packed us like we pack for vacation...thinking ahead of all we will need and use on the trip! Only GOD knew what we would experience thus his packing was perfect! (unlike mine coming back so suddenly with Levi's arrival...almost forgot to pack our underwear!) Nothing we are going through now is a surprise to HIM...HE prepared us already to carry these burdens with HIS help. HE knew us...planned and prepared us...and then SAW us when He

hung there suffering on that cross. Grace and mercy defined at EASTER...may we never lose that in the midst of bunnies, flowers and fancy clothes!!

No restraints, no retreats, no regrets! HIS will; nothing more, nothing less...NOTHING ELSE! NO matter how hard or difficult...HIS WILL!

Bill and Amo in PNG, Lori and Aaron in the USA. (ministering together though apart!)

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