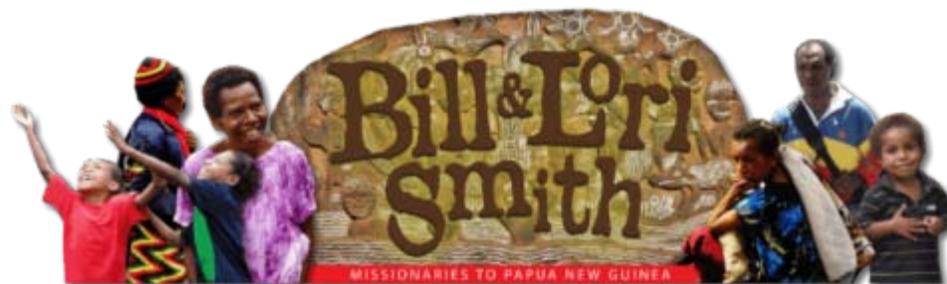


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Every day at my clinic I have young women come and beg for medicine to allow them to experience the JOY of motherhood for themselves. There is no medicine I can offer them...as Children are a blessing from the Lord and the fruit of the womb HIS reward. I am blessed above all women. I have not only have the joy of 4 children whom I have birthed from my womb, but also two I have birthed in my heart.



This past week has been amazing for me. Time each day with my grand baby girls....wow. What a gift.



They were very very good for Grandma!! Time with Rachel, Rodney, Ruthie, Eddie (not a kid...YET, but we are hoping!!!)and Andrew along with my sweet Amo and Aaron. I had the joy of watching my precious Ruthann graduate with great honors from PCC but the true joy in my heart was the GODLY woman she has become from within only decorated with a huge medal of honor for her amazing college accomplishments.

For me, mothers day is a celebration not FOR me, but within my heart celebrating the amazing gift of my children. Each one so uniquely amazing bringing so much joy there are no words that could express the intense emotions. It is a [day of celebrating the amazing woman that sacrificed](#) and gave me life and lived her life before me as an example of faith, love and the ultimate GREAT MOM I desire to be.

Mothers day for me is also a day of contemplation. I always take time on this special day to look into the Mirror of motherhood. How do I measure up to my ultimate hero, the



woman in Proverbs 31. Each Sunday, it seemed, in freshman women's Sunday School during my college days a young (terrified and green..ha!) preacher boy would take our class and inevitably take us to study that amazing woman. WHY? That is what they were all looking for!  Each month I read through the Proverbs as a part of my quiet time alone with GOD and the 31st of the month is one I sometimes face with great trepidation. I fail in so many of the categories my dear sister excelled in...yet so very thankful that life is not over yet and I still have tomorrow to keep allowing GOD to mold my life to the image of CHRIST and thus more like the image of this virtuous hero.

I am so thankful for mothers. So thankful GOD chose a woman to bring our Savior into this world...thankful for the gift of the bond of love that is so strong between moms and their kids...thankful for GOD blessing me with my amazing 6 (and the amazing spouses they have and are adding to my "collection" of great kids I love !)



As I think of mothers today my heart aches for our dear [Lilian](#). PLEASE pray for her in this time of agony. As her body begins to prepare for the birth of her new one, her breast cancer explodes and her pain is just uncontrollable at times. PRAY the baby waits for my arrival back home in PNG for it's birth so we can all surround her with love and encouragement as she goes through that painful process of birth. PRAY for a healthy baby and for Lilian to have some relief once the pregnancy is done so she can regain strength and make memories with this baby as well as Able in preparation for her diseases inevitable victory over her body.

Able and Peanut continue to do well in my absence. PRAY for Shelly, Peanuts young mom. She is spending every night with her baby while I am away along with one of my Christian sisters, her adopted mom Florence. I am not sure Shelly knows the LORD so pray as she has time in our "family" of sweet Aunties involved in our baby ministry that she will be loved into the family and challenged to make a decision to give her heart to CHRIST! Peanut has to be awakened every two hours for feeds...SO lots of opportunities for them to share!!



Pray for my dear sister in Christ, Seni and her baby girl...just 15 and also preparing for motherhood. We are also praying her baby will wait for Auntie to return so she can deliver with her Aunts and her mom all around her. Our hospital in GOroka does not allow ANYONE to be with you during labor and delivery...she would labor alone if delivering there!

I think of my many PNG "children" at GBBC who are struggling. Some out on their practical assignments. Others on campus struggling with dry season now upon them and lack of rain and water facing them. Our dear Nicodemus and family whose son, Pata, is struggling with what sadly seems to be the diagnosis of Ewings Sarcoma, a serious cancer, in a place where cancer is very difficult to treat. PRAY for our school. PRAY for BILL as he holds down the fort. He will complete his Bachelor's degree two week modular class this week. It is a very concentrated class and he is very tired.

PRAY for our national teachers Pastor Luha, one of whom is down with the horrible Tiger flu that is epidemic now. PRAY for GOD to bring laborers to HIS harvest field!

PRAY for our [clinic ministry](#). We have been so bombarded recently with this horrible flu epidemic...treating a hundred or so really sick people each clinic day. PRAY for GOD to provide the finances needed to restock. We have applied for more assistance from the Government medical supply system, but as with all things in PNG it will take time. We have had some urgent repairs also for our very old clinic building that have drained the finances from our account. In just a few weeks Lori will return and the clinic outreach will once again explode with huge opportunities to share CHRIST with the many lost and dying around us. TIME is so crucial and this open door so BIG...pray! **Right now we could use \$10,000 to buy the necessary medicines & do the necessary repairs! PLEASE PRAY**

We are just so very thankful for all GOD has done. THE gift of this time with my children today...my USA children!! Now ALL of them are USA citizens...what a joy! GOD is so very very good!! Your prayers have blanketed my heart with the many tears of good byes...and though today I say good bye to some and hello to others, I have the amazing gift of seeing ALL my kids, grandkids and my own mommy as well (Lord willing as the flights go according to plans!). I may not be with my kids all at the same time but they are all held daily in my heart of love and prayer...and THAT is the GIFT of motherhood!! A gift that keeps giving JOY each moment of each day!

No restrain, no retreat NO regret...even when our ministry keeps us a half a world apart! We have the joy of eternity!!

Bill in PNG and Lori and the rest in the USA

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