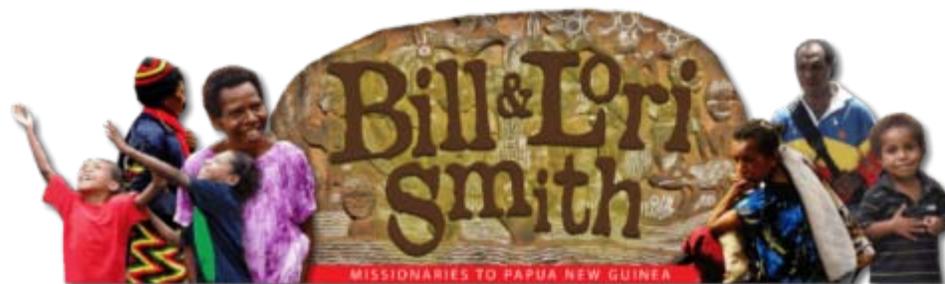


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Happy Mothers' day. What a joy it is for me to be here WITH my special MOM on this day of celebrating motherhood. As I ponder the true meaning of motherhood, the words LOVE, Serving and Sacrifice come to mind immediately as those words perfectly describe MY MOMMY. She has been my biggest cheerleader, my constant prayer warrior...no sacrifice too great. Her love has truly always been unconditional and truly uncontainable. IT spills into all she does every day.

Each time I have the joy of welcoming a new little one into the world, as I hold that precious, 7 pound or so perfect sweet body I can not help by being totally amazed and awestruck. EVERY bit of calcium to form each bone...every protein to form the skin and muscle, hair and fingernail, every little bit of fat making the cute cubby thighs and sweet soft bottom....it all came from the sacrifice of Mom's body. (As I tell my patients "eat it or lose it"). IF mom does not eat what is needed her own body will break down and sacrifice to weave and spin this precious love of her life. AND the sacrifice does not end there. Hours of torturous labor, sleepless nights, constant thought and concern and prayers that never cease. **MOTHERHOOD.**

Real love is action not sentiment. I had to laugh at the hundreds of people I saw at the store buying cards, balloons, flowers, candy....it seemed all were thankful for that amazing person they call MOM in their lives. What an important role we mom's play. Truly the love we show is just a tip of the iceberg of LOVE GOD desires to give us. True sacrifice and service is ultimately HIS gift to us of salvation as John 3:16 reminds us that we know what real love is as Jesus gave HIS LIFE for us.

Love...sacrifice...giving....it all so harmoniously goes together.

WE have so much love to share with others as the hope of Jesus lives within us. I had

the joy of sharing with a group of ladies from my home church this weekend , speaking at a shower to honor three single girls that chose life for their babies. Even in the hard times when we feel used or lost or abandoned, GOD is there. HE is that radio wave... always there yet needing to be turned on and tuned in by our choice in the radio of our hearts. I had some time to talk with one of the girls who was crying during my devotional. I was able to challenge her that she did not NEED to walk this challenging trail of motherhood alone. GOD was there and just waiting for her to respond to His loving welcome of adoption into His family through putting her faith in CHRIST. PRAY for these young ladies...that God's Word shared today will be a challenge and hope giving gift they receive. PRAY for all of us that attended as struggle is not confined to the young.

I had the joy of sharing a hug of hope and time of prayer with an old friend from years ago. As I was entering the hospital she was leaving. HER heart heavy as her sweetheart from age 15 for both of them now has terminal cancer. They put him in hospice type care today. WE hugged, prayed, and shared. OUR time with Levi has been so hard. Watching his struggles day by day has been such a long and seemingly endless road, but oh so many open doors.

Another lady in NICU was very obviously upset when I left from my time praying with LEVI. I asked her if she needed someone to talk to or pray with. She just opened her heart and shared that her baby girl had Down's Syndrome. She was discouraged, and overwhelmed with disappointment. HER baby was not "normal". I had the joy of sharing our family's wonderful experience with Bill's precious Uncle Joe. HE had Downs and was truly loved by one and all in the family..."king" of the family actually! Another of my friends had a baby boy with Down's Syndrome and he is not a healthy , functional loving young adult. Her hope would be to know and trust GOD to help her navigate through helping her child grow to attain all she was capable of. She listened to the GOSPEL with interest but no response...yet. SEEDS planted.

NEEDS, HURTS.....life. And we have the hope and love we can give through sacrifice as we reach out to help those around us.

Many sacrifice to help our needs. MANY are holding hands with us as we go through these very intense weeks and months before us. WE feel truly loved by many arms of the body of CHRIST as GOD envelops us.

LOVE is truly In the air here...the wedding is just day away now. May 17th is upon us. WE need urgent prayer that Ruthann and Eddies special day will be an amazing testimony of God's call bringing their lives together to serve Him. PRAY for the weather to be warm and sunny, for the food to be adequate, and for a relaxing and fun time to be had by all... especially the beautiful bride!! Pray for us and many others as we all make our pilgrimage to State College , PA for the event.



Many have sacrificed and provided some supplies for us to bring back to PNG as we show GOD's amazing love through our ministries there.



*cold and cough tablets and liquids (for kids) with decongestants still needed

*Pain medications are all needed in both tablet and liquid form for the kids.

*bandaids and dressings, tape, medium sized exam or surgical gloves...all needed.

*Twin and queen bed sheet sets are still needed.

*queen blanket is needed.

*MONEY TO SHIP THE CONTAINER is still needed.

*boys clothes size 6-14 (Spring/summer) needed.

* [English Hymnbooks](#)

* [Good used or refurbished laptops or tablets for GBBC students & Pastors](#)

* [Mini excavator or small Backhoe for the GBBC campus expansion](#)



Bill will be starting his trip the following week to retrieve some love gifts and donated medicines. Pray for the details for that trip to all work out. WE are so excited to see all GOD will provide and HOW HE will provide the means to pay the shipping costs to get it to PNG! HE IS ABLE! (Pensacola May 21, Indianapolis May 23, Central Pennsylvania May 24, 25, New York May 26th) via I 65 to I 80) If you have some things to help that can be picked up for this trip or another let us know. WE will make arrangements.

Please continue to pray for sweet **Pata**. WE are limited in our communication with them now, but as of last week he was still holding on being comatose at this stage with his family holding a prayer vigil around him. PRAY for peace...for a sweet and painless death that will bring our precious Pata into the presence of the Lord where he once again can sing and rejoice and move his entire body to praise JESUS!



Please pray for GBBC and our coworkers carrying the load while we are away these few months. Pray for classes to go well and for the students that are serving in many churches around PNG during their practical experience time. PRAY for Nicky and Jim up at Lusilo covering the ministry there in our absence. They are great young men and we are praying for MUCH fruit and growth with their full time presence while we are so far away.

We now have [GBBC coffee](#) that was grown on our campus- We are making it available for a donation to GBBC for \$25 to help offset the cost of running GBBC. Our students are learning a skill that enables us to lower our cost to the students. If you like a good cup of coffee consider GBBC.



We have both beans and ground coffee. If you are interested send an email to wsmith@abwe.cc

Pray for our travels as we now officially begin [our furlough/home ministry assignment](#). Safety, reliable transportation and good health are all on the top of our list of needs. We are so thankful for the sacrifice of our dear friends helping us by sharing their dad's amazing car with us. We have had a few glitches with some issues this week so pray that GOD can work them out. That blessing has been beyond words in helping us these past months! Pray GOD's richest blessing on their family with us!



PRAY for our sweet grandson [Levi](#). His recent updates are on Carepages under [LittleLeviWilliam](#). HE continues to grow and develop while you pray with us. LUNGS, INTESTINES and growth remain his biggest needs.

We rejoice in being together...serving side by side again. Pray GOD will use us as we are here in the USA WE often feel a bit like fish out of water in our homeland now that we have become fully acclimated and at home in PNG after so many many years of living and loving there, so pray that we allow GOD to open our hearts to needs around us here rather than feel wishful to return to our heart home in PNG. WE are so enjoying each minute with family and our kids and grand kids....so that sure helps us keep floating!!

No restraints, no retreats, NO regrets!

Bill, Lori, Amo and Aaron

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