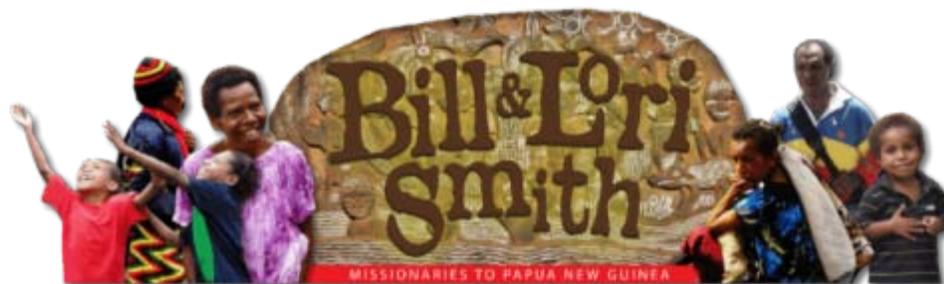


Gifts beyond Measure



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## GIFTS beyond MEASURE

Today is a very special day in our family. It is the day that we celebrate the gift GOD gave us in our [Aaron](#). It is his "gottcha" day...his adoption day. For those that have weathered the storms of adoption, I am sure you agree that it is no less stressful than nine months of pregnancy and a long and arduous labor and delivery at the end. With adoption, as with child birth, there are no guarantees. It is an experience of ultimate joy and hope mixed with fear and uncertainty. Yet, there is no greater gift of GOD than our children.



I will never forget the moment I first saw our precious boy. He had been abandoned by his mother in her death after his birth, and by his family who did not even take the time to check on him at the hospital after mom was dead and buried. They did not know or care if he was dead or alive. I walked into the Special Care nursery at the Goroka General Hospital. I knew his mom and out of love and concern for her and her family I wanted to follow up on the tragedy when we learned of her death. There he was, this lovely little tiny person, all alone in this world, unloved and unclaimed by his family but KNOWN and LOVED very much by a GOD orchestrating a plan to bring him to us. Had our clinic worker not had an uncle that had died and whose body she had to claim in our morgue, she never would have seen and told us about Klini, Aaron's mom, whose body was also laying there on the table in the morgue. Upon finding out what had happened to take her life...her death in child birth... we followed up at the hospital and there we met our sweet boy. Aaron, a tiny, skin and bone 2 pound preemie lay alone in the open incubator looking lost in the huge "newborn" tee-shirt they put on him to cover his tiny little body. Those big brown eyes looked up at me with evident longing to be held and comforted and loved. My heart literally turned over as the Holy Spirit spoke in almost audible words..."this is your son". It was not an easy time for our family as the decision to adopt again was nothing short of heart rendering. But as we prayed and sought God's plan for us, He revealed one by one the same message He had spoken to my heart from the very first day. Aaron was meant for our family.

Sweet [Aaron continues to struggle with language](#) delay and a moody temperament that GOD needs to help him to control. He has not yet understood his need for Jesus Christ to be his Savior, so we pray and share CHRIST and God's Word with him daily. He needed us and we need him to make our family complete. We are excited to see God's plan unfold each day in our Aaron's life.

Children are the most amazing yet challenging part of life as our investment in them to teach and train them is both exciting and physically overwhelming at times. It has been said, "[the character of your children tomorrow depends on what you put into their hearts today](#)". How amazing it has been for us to enjoy seeing our older children love and serve the Lord with their lives. Now as we seek God's grace and strength as "older parents" we know so much more from experience the need to parent from our knees even more so than from our heads and knowledge. What an honor it is to have this chance to impact these two precious "caboose" children GOD has given us. Our world is changing so quickly, but thankfully we have God's Amazing and unchangeable WORD to use to GUIDE them in this dark age of godlessness to the TRUTH.

We are so thankful for all six of our kids. TODAY is the day we all celebrate number 6...and we thank GOD for the miracle of giving us our Aaron Jabez! Even the US government joined our celebration...we received his permanent USA residency card and social security number this weekend....it is ALL OVER now. God never begins what HE WILL NOT FINISH in our lives as we follow Him by faith. How GREAT is our GOD.

As we rejoice in the past few weeks of time here in the USA with our kids all together, a rare and priceless gift for a missionary family to be sure, our time here has come to an end. Once again the heart wrenching good byes are upon us and the joyful and excited hello's await us on the other side of our LONG trip home.

PLEASE pray with us:



\*For God's protection as we travel [leaving Wednesday around NOON](#) here in Rochester, NY.

\*For a special and memorable time for [Ruthann and Eddie](#) as they will travel with Lori and the boys back home to PNG, and have 2 1/2 weeks to work in the ministry with us.

\*Pray for [Lilian](#) to wait to deliver her baby until Lori is back in PNG and able to help her. [Fransica's little boy could not wait](#), and thus he arrived this past week right on his due date. We rejoice in GOD's mercy as he came just 15 minutes after she arrived at the hospital. She is home and both she and her baby are doing well. GOD is good.

\*PRAY for [rain as our campus is in great](#) need of water now that dry season has kicked in!

\*Pray please for our sweet [Pata and his parents](#), our third year students Nicodemus and Jumda. His diagnosis of Ewings Sarcoma was confirmed. WE will be trying to arrange for him to

be treated in one of our Coastal Hospitals that specializes more so in cancer treatment. It appears that the cancer has spread and humanly speaking things look pretty bleak for him but we KNOW GOD remains the Great Physician and we are asking HIM to heal this precious little boy we love dearly.



\*Pray that GOD will provide the finances needed to restock the medications at the clinic...people are already getting excited about Lori's return and the opening of the clinic again. We KNOW GOD IS ABLE to keep our clinic an open and functional place where spiritual needs are met as readily as physical ones are. To keep us open, we need supplies...so pray with US!!

Great achievements require great perseverance. Thank you for holding the reigns of prayer and partnering with us in the ministry. GOD is doing and plans to do great things in PNG as we follow Him in faith and persistence!

No restraints, no retreats...NO REGRETS!

Bill in PNG and Lori and the boys...headed home soon.

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