

DAD



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Dad

I read a really surprising statistic this week.

In the US there are more long distance calls made on Mother's day than any other day of the year, but on Father's day, there are more "collect calls" made than any other day of the year. At first I was a bit saddened by that information and maybe a bit irritated.

BUT the reality sunk in...we depend on our fathers provision for us. I think it is so very special for us as parents when our adult children, all grown up and very successfully transitioned into their lives and families and homes, still call their daddy when they have a big need or emergency. Bill is our "go to guy". When our car engine was seizing on our trip to drop the girls off at PCC before Aaron and I left for home after our last furlough..BILL WAS THERE. Already HOME in PNG and in the middle of HIS NIGHT, he was my knight in shining armor ..guiding me and talking me through the many details of that, the most horrible day of my life. NOTHING was going right...but my sweetheart was there to protect, guide and "make it all right" again. When our sweet Rachel found her house being flooded recently, her first thought was to call her daddy... again on the other side of the world during HIS afternoon....he calmly gave her the step by step plan of action she was needing. HE is always there...ready...happy to help. My sweetheart, the daddy to my precious kids, is an amazing man. My own father is an amazing man...always there for me whenever I need him...for whatever I need. I am SO VERY BLESSED. But these men are just a picture of the Heavenly Father Who also is always there watching over me...providing for my needs...but HE HAS NO LIMITATIONS!!! He has all the power, strength, financial and physical resources at His availability and HIS LOVE is endless, unconditional and never failing. Just like Bill and my own dad...there is not greater joy for them to provide and help their kids in need, protecting and loving and guiding them....GOD is just waiting for us to COME. He wants us to stop trying to figure out how to keep floundering in meeting our own needs and making our own paths...and just come with an out-pouring heart ...an say...DADDY, I need you! HE beams, I am sure, as HE reaches down and FIXES it!!

GOD has truly reached down from Heaven and provided for us, His children, in the most amazing ways this week. It has been hard for me, believe it or not, to find words to share the update this week. Our hearts are SO FULL of praise and joy! The English , the HUMAN, language is too limited to express it all.



LEVI IS HOME!!!!!!!!!!!!!! HE is the most amazing Father's day gift to John, his daddy, and all the daddies in our family! At 4 pounds and 9 ounces of precious sweetness, he is just the most amazing blessing. Please continue to pray for him, Becky and John and this amazing adjustment for them becoming a family. The discharge was totally unexpected. He just started to explode with progress and within a week from his surgery, they just did not feel he needed their care anymore. WE were happy to have his own sweet nurse mommy take over for sure! He made it home BEFORE his DUE DATE. It is just unbelievable. They had hoped he would be home by JULY! When our FATHER fixes things...he does it right. Levi is feeding well, and though his first three months have been spent in the NICU (lights, noise, alarms...CONSTANT stimulation), he seems to be settling in to their lovely, warm, quiet home. GOD in His amazing love, allowed the discharge to come not only for Father's day weekend, but MONTHS ago before this nightmare began, John had requested the week of Levi's due date (June 17th) off. Becky is on a month of special family leave...so they have this whole first week just to adjust to Levi, his special needs (he has more medicine than his 80 year old great grandparents do!), and this amazing gift! A miracle before our very eyes! NO WORD...TEARS!

MEDICINE is coming. WE have asked you to pray with us for GOD to open the door to a pharmaceutical company willing to help us get the large quantities of drugs needed at lower, discounted prices. PRAY HARD as the same supplier GOD used last furlough may be willing to help us again. They are reviewing our request this week, so turn up the prayer. PLEASE pray that GOD will supply abundantly for us to get as much as we can with this unique opportunity. WE may need to rent another truck and pick up these love gifts in Michigan again...so pray that we have great wisdom knowing what is the best way to fill this container with the medicine needed. Here is the list of what we ask you to pray with us about! GOD IS beaming as HE hears, and answers and makes a way for us to have these TOOLS , these medications and supplies, to bring HIS LOVE and GOSPEL to PNG!!

WE are seeking now just some very specific needs as space is filling up and we must use the remaining space for the urgently needed not just the "wanted" items now. PRAY WITH US GOD WILL FILL THE CONTAINER NOW WITH: **We are looking for these items. WE can accept donation of the items or money towards buying the items. To give to buy medicine go to www.abwe.org account number 112863-020** Bill and Lori Smith medical clinic account

1. **IBUPROFEN** - we would like to see _150,000_tablets filling that container! WE

- can not purchase this drug in PNG easily. It is our Greatest need at this time. (\$10 will buy & ship 1000 tablets)
2. **Aleve (Naproxen sodium)** is also a drug not available readily in PNG. PRAY with us for ____40,000__ tablets. (\$13 will buy and ship 400 tablets)
 3. **Liquid fever and pain reducers** (Ibuprofen preferred or Tylenol/acetaminophen) for kids. WE are asking GOD for_1000_bottles. (\$5 will buy and ship one bottle of each)
 4. **Cold and cough tablets with decongestants** is a huge need as they also are incredibly hard to find there. WE are asking GOD for 50000.tabs. (\$16 will buy and ship 300 tablets)
 5. **Liquid cold and allergy medicine (with decongestants) for kids** is a huge need as well. NO available in PNG readily , so we are asking GOD for 2000_bottles. (\$5 will buy and ship one bottle)
 6. We need for GOD to miraculously provide \$4000 for the shipping of the medicine gathered to PNG. Seems beyond our reach! BUT, GOD is able as we pray!!
 7. 500 hymnbooks & 500 Bibles
 8. Laptop computers for GBBC students and pastors 25 @ \$150 each

SPECIAL NEED & POSSIBILITY

We have been made aware of a [portable ultrasound machine](#) that is able to be run on our electrical current with the right cycle pattern of power as well. Our ultrasound tool has saved the lives of hundreds of precious babies...a truly priceless investment for eternity. The cost of this opportunity

It is \$7000. We are praying and asking GOD to either provide or close the door on this opportunity as HE sees fit.

PLEASE join us as we seek GOD's clear direction. WE could use this machine both in the clinic and on the mobile clinic field trips as well. Cool possibilities. This is one of those rare opportunities that does not come but once in a while...so we will see WHAT GOD will do! PRAY with us.

[PRAYER IS NEEDED](#)....please pray. As we take the steps of faith in expanding our Bible College, expanding our outreach to Lusllo and beyond on the other side of the mountain....get supplies GOD will use to reach HIS love and the Gospel outreach through our clinic...we are preparing for battle, but the enemy is attacking. WE are a half a world away, and watching issues come up, problems develop and our field team struggle in our absence is just heart wrenching. WE are SO FAR away...but our FATHER is eager and ready to help. PRAY that God will protect our college and students from discouragement and discord or division. PRAY for our amazing coworkers that carry not only their own ministry loads but ours as well while we are here this short furlough time. WE need our FATHER to fight this battle for us...the enemy is so strong. WE KNOW HE BEAMS as He protects and guides us through this expansion as we follow Him by faith.

PRAY WITH US:

- 1) Rachel and Rodney are seeking God's direction for their new ministry. PRAY for wisdom and direction for them and the girls.
- 2) Pray for GOD to protect Levi. He is high risk for infection so they can not take him out or have visitors in to see him. Becky and John will need prayer as they may begin to feel a bit isolated in this time of "holding and growing" for Levi. OVERALL we are just so over joyed to have him home, strong, and growing I know that will be the main focus in all our hearts! Pray for Levi's eyes. He has a check up on them tomorrow. Pray that his eyes will develop without problems that are normally associated with his early arrival.
- 3) Pray for Andrew as he finishes up this current term before his two weeks summer break . WE are once again needing prayer as **we seek to pay for his tuition.** GOD is able to get him through his training without a huge debt so he can get on to the field and serve GOD as an awesome missionary pilot! GOD is able as we pray!
- 4) Pray for GOD to provide the medicine we need...**a supplier to purchase medicine at a reduced rate (or donated medicine in large quantities, too!!)and for provision to GET THIS CONTAINER to PNG!**
- 5) PRAY for our field team...for the many issues they face. PRAY FOR PROTECTION from our accuser...Satan. PRAY for VICTORY as we push forward in faith to follow God's plan for our field and wisdom and discernment to always be on HIS time table!
- 6) Pray as we travel. This weekend we will be ministering at two or our supporting churches in the Altoona, PA area. To be honest we are totally exhausted. Our time of getting away for a romantic ,restful, oasis was turned into a fast and furious fun family time with the surprise of Levi's discharge turning our plans gloriously upside down. WE know GOD orchestrated all of that and HE will give the two of us the rest we need and time together somehow...but physically the last months are taking a huge toll on our bodies. JUST PRAY. WE have a long haul before we get to go home...not time for us to get sick!!

"HOLDING FAST THE WORD OF LIFE so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain, yes, and if I am being poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. For the same reason you also be glad and rejoice with me" Phil 2:16-15

WE are so honored to share our lives and hearts and ministry with so many partners in this race! WE run together for the honor of our Savior. WE trust and follow for the Victory of our GOD. WE rejoice in watching together as GOD answers and provides and BEAMS with joy over HIS work in our lives!!

HAPPY FATHERS DAY! WE are blessed by many of our human fathers, but mostly by our HEAVENLY FATHER Who reigns victoriously!!

No restraints, no retreats, no regrets!!!

Bill, Lori and the boys.

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