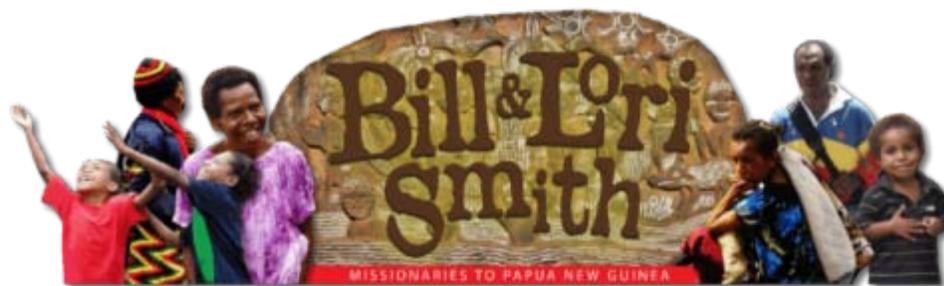


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SO much of my life probably seems totally irrational to many I meet. I had the joy of sharing about WHERE I LIVE...and WHAT I DO, and WHY I DO IT, three different times to total strangers in the course of simple, normal life activities on ONE DAY this past week. That actually

happens a lot. I am not afraid to talk to strangers...and I must look strange as people just stop me and ASK... ha. No, seriously, I truly live a life with purposeful contacts asking GOD daily to lead me to people that need Him...and surprise! HE DOES. Sometimes my [bilum](#) bag (woven lovely bag from PNG I carry everywhere) attracts questions. Sometimes it is my precious boys, [Amo and Aaron](#) that GOD uses to draw people into conversations. Sometime GOD gives an



opportunity just to talk to people about the weather...how I MISS the tropics where I am blessed to live, or flowers that grow wild and free in our amazing paradise of PNG. However it happens, the reaction of people finding out about our "choice of lifestyle" varies from "cool" to "ohhhh" to "that is ...uh...different".

What we do, our life and how we have chosen to use it is not the norm for sure. **But following CHRIST , willing to do the irrational, is a pretty amazing way to live.** WE see GOD do things that are truly without human explanation...and on regular basis. Pretty cool indeed.

Following the irrational is not a new concept for believers...the disciples had their share of similar experiences. I think of the forlorn [disciples in John 21](#)...confused at WHAT God was doing in their lives. They had just watched Christ crucified before their very eyes. I am sure their emotions were as black and cold as the surging Sea of Galilee surrounding them that night. They tried to go back back... to live "normally" again on the ship doing their "pre Christ" lifestyle, but found it did not hold joy and

blessing they had known following the lifestyle of living on the edge when following their Master. I imagine they found themselves feeling a bit lost and frustrated, I am, sure after a fruitless, empty, NIGHT of fishing. THEN came the Masters voice again. DO the irrational....do what does not make sense...TRUST me and put the nets on the other side of that boat. When they did...wow! THE blessing was massive and they KNEW Who had once again began to direct their lives.

Trying to **collect money for medicine and shipping medicine right now as summer begins probably seems a bit crazy**. The timing of our very short and intense time here for Furlough also...seems like a very "bad time" humanly. People are getting "summarized". This is vacation time...time to kick back and enjoy life. Expensive vacations and "me time" with focus on needed and deserved family time. Church attendance is down. People need their money for other things...like rising gas and coffee prices. **YET, GOD told us to put that net out anyways and boy oh boy are we getting a huge harvest of blessings!!**

As we prayed this past week, the company that assisted with supplies for our last container is once considering whether they can help us again. WE are praying that God will move the hearts of people to be willing to let us buy what is needed at a great price. **Please PRAY that God will do the IMPOSSIBLE in providing the medicine from the RIGHT PLACE at the RIGHT TIME for the RIGHT PRICE.**

GOD continues to give us great opportunities to connect with our faithful churches partnering with us in ministry. WE had great meetings this past weekend and safety as we traveled the long highway roads. WE will be in the Lancaster, PA and Chaddsford, PA areas this next Sunday. As our furlough time is so limited (GOD is opening SO many doors so quickly for our ministries on the field we can not leave the nets long lest we lose some of those fish!!) we are trying to plan some special "connection times" for us in areas we have more than one supporting church located.

There is so much that is happening so quickly, it is hard to update adequately and be able to share our vision and our direction for the next few years in limited church service time frames. WE actually have **two such meetings now scheduled**.

One at our sending church, **Webster Bible Church, on July 13**. Bill is speaking that Sunday and then **after the morning church service** we will have a time of fellowship and sharing with those interested in joining us after the service.

Also we will be planning to have a similar "meet and greet" time in the Altoona, PA area at the Cafeteria of **Blair County Christian School (ministry of Foot of Ten Independent Baptist Church, Duncansville PA on Saturday, July 19, at 6pm- 8 pm**. WE hope to be able to get to see as many of our faithful praying partners as possible over these next few weeks before we return to PNG ...and those we can not get to this abbreviated time will be our **FIRST** priority the next time we get home! WE

are so thankful for the many that sacrifice to allow us to be their hands and feet representing them in the land of PNG.

Please continue to pray with us for GOD to fill our nets with the supplies needed as we reach out with the amazing news of the GOSPEL message.

1. PRAY for the medical supplies needed and God's provision of purchasing and packing and sending them in the 20 feet of space available in the container begin shipped the end of July! HE IS ABLE....THIS is what we are asking GOD to provide

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

2.

Please continue to pray for **Levi**. His weight is not over 5 pounds! HE is thriving at home. Pray for Strength for Becky and John as they meet his special needs. Pray for safety from infection and healing of his lungs and eyes.



3. Pray for **Rodney and Rachel** as they seek a full time Pastoral ministry.

4. Pray for [Andrew](#) as he completes his finals this next week before returning to NY for a short two week summer holiday before getting back to work preparing for his ministry as a missionary pilot. Please pray for God's continued provision for his tuition and training costs. WE are asking GOD to get him through his training without a big loan to repay so that he can get to the field soon after he completes his training.

5. Pray for our [strength and health and protection as we travel](#). The boys are doing well, but it is hard to be in new churches and new places each weekend. Pray for them.

6. Pray for [our field team in PNG](#) as they are working so hard to cover their ministries and ours as well. Pray for unity and for God's blessing on our team as we follow HIS plan for expansion and growth of our ministries.

7. Continue to pray as we seek to gather the [quantity of quality medicine available here in the USA to bring with us to PNG](#). PRAY for discernment and for open doors as we follow in faith to see this container filled!!

When the challenge seems too scary...too illogical...to irrational, take heart. As we follow CHRIST , HIS plan makes our impossibles reality! "WE will make the journey a success if we just chart the course GOD has charted" ...so let's put our sail UP with faith!

No restraints, no retreats ...NO regrets!
Bill, Lori and the boys.

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