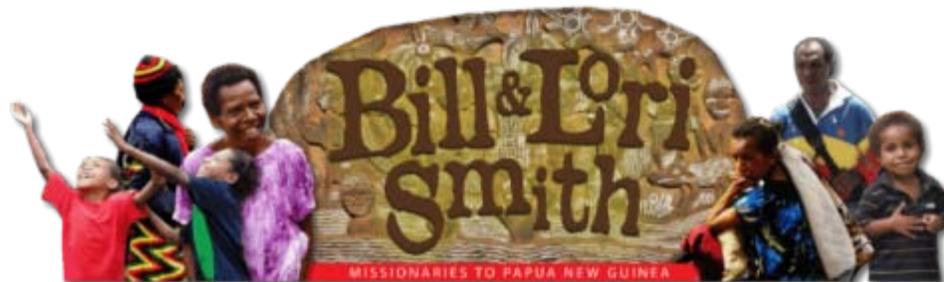


When it Rains it Pours!



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### When it RAINS it POURS

Well, sadly the “rain” this week has not been physical water rain pouring down (though we did have an evening of urgently needed rain as we prayed and asked GOD to meet our need for water at our home full of people, babies and especially cloth diapers in need of washing each day!) What we have seen, dear ones, has been monsoons of blessings as GOD has once again opened the portals of heaven and poured down answers to our pleas and requests.

#### BLESSINGS at the clinic.

What a great welcome home we had. People were lined up early and waiting for help. Our local hospital was on strike the last week or so and MANY had urgent needs that were left unmet. SO they waited for me to get back.

One sweet lady came suffering the past two weeks with untreated Typhoid fever causing her high uncontrollable fevers , endless diarrhea and a head splitting headache to end all headaches. She came Monday morning in really bad shape. She just barely was able to get into the exam room and needed assistance getting up on the exam table she was so weak and miserable. ALL she could say was ,“APO” my name in her village meaning “true friend”,“I am SO GLAD you are home. We NEED you”. IV’s , shots and many hugs and prayers later she left the clinic. When I saw her back on Wednesday I was a bit concerned . I was afraid maybe the treatment was not helping...boy was that NOT the case. She came with flowers for me, hugs and asked for time to talk with me. She was feeling much improved, but she had spiritual needs. She really feared death would come, then GOD brought us back and by faith our clinic was opened up..and HIS healing hand was now upon her. NOW she was here to worship GOD and learn more of HIM! YES!!!! That is what it is all about. We get tired, we get overwhelmed with the huge cost of medical care, we wonder where the energy and the strength and the MONEY for more medicine will come from....and GOD hears our prayers and sends forth the SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS.

I had the joy of sharing with this woman that between Monday and Wednesday GOD heard our pleas and poured down the money we urgently needed for the need of buying medicine!! Wow! Talk about a downfall by the buckets!! HOW GREAT

is our GOD. WE FOLLOWED HIM BY FAITH and HE FAITHFULLY kept us following!  
BLESSINGS in the ministry.

Goroka Baptist Bible College is just a huge part of our hearts. WE have both taught in the college, and Bill has administrated, taught, and/or overseen the college during much of our time in PNG. We have loved the students and worked with them in all our church planting ministries bringing real church experience into our classrooms and our classrooms into real churches. We have physically groaned these past years with the agony of watching this vital ministry slowly die away as the needs of our fast growing world culture changes. We have pleaded with GOD to open the doors of expansion of this ministry so that we can see godly men and women trained not just to reach PNG in the church but also in the workplaces with technical programs, and programs in Christian education also offered.

We have pleaded with GOD to open doors and expand our college facilities but the land we have prayed about is still held up due to corruption. YET the burden just would NOT GO AWAY as we waited. It intensified.

The past few weeks we have had ,by faith, a land surveyor working on our current property. Kevin, a fellow ABWE missionary ,shared his amazing ideas with us as to HOW we could better use the land that we already have....blessings started to sprinkle down as those ideas began our first steps of planning the needed growth. We are beginning to see what God can do with what He has already given us.

As we began by faith this new direction, we were able to get some very needed tools with the help of Christians in Australia and our ABWE missionaries there. Bill picks them up next week as he escorts our kids through Australia on their way home to the USA. THEN the DOWNPOUR came . In just 24 hours Bill got news from the home office that there are THREE couples willing to come for several months at a time using their skills in Maintenance, Road building and Laying down good drainage fields. ALL THREE the biggest needs we had for the expansion (phase one) without people on the field to fill them. Pray God will give us the right people at the right time. Pray we can get all of the necessary visas for these wonderful people. Pray God will provide the resources- both the people and finances to do this big maintenance project. God is moving and we are excited to see what God can and will DO in the next few months.

GET out the umbrellas of praise, folks and start praying HARD...GOD is moving and we are watching in AWE as HE works!

BLESSINGS on the home front.

IT has been such a joy to have our Ruthann home. Getting to know her Eddie has been just an amazing gift as well. He has been a good sport as all the sights and sounds, and especially the SMELLS of PNG can be a bit to take in all at once. Ruthann really wanted her sweetheart to share our special family place....Madang. GOD opened the door for us to come down to the coast just for this weekend. TROPICAL paradise is always amazing, but the rain storm of blessing just truly became monsoon in proportion.

Lilian's little girl, not yet a week old, was too young to leave, so she joined us. THE open doors that little baby brought have been huge. Each time we come here we have new babies and the staff just watch. THIS TIME they started asking and have been listening to the ANSWER to WHY we care for theses babies. I had

the joy of sharing the GOSPEL with three of the gardeners then they shared with one of the servers at the restaurant who also sought me out this morning with more questions! GO GOD GO!

THEN at church today the water of spiritual blessings just poured. WE were just planning to attend one of our churches here In Madang. Sadly the pastor of that church had a family emergency as his dad passed into the presence of Jesus unexpectedly on Wednesday. He had to leave urgently to attend to the arrangements of his father. THEN one of the deacon planning to take over for Pastor lost his mother In law on Thursday so he also had to leave. The poor deacons were there at the front of the church trying to figure out what to do that morning, when in walked "brother Bill Smith"...ha. He was obviously the answer to their prayers! Bill spoke both at Sunday School and the morning service, and GOD BLESSED. THREE people this morning had a divine appointment to meet their Savior today!

We did not know these needy souls were waiting for us in Madang, but GOD DID!

Do you remember the kids Sunday School song "the WISE MAN build his house upon the rock..." IT is one of my favorites. I have translated it and use it all the time with the kids here. THEY love it too. I love the last verse. "The blessings come down as the prayers go up"!! This week was not coincidence...it was providence as you prayed with us and blessings POURED.

KEEP PRAYING:

\*\*RAIN (physical water kind...ha!) is needed greatly.

\*\*Good health and strength for Ruthie and Eddie during their last week here.

\*\*Pata got his chemo and will come home for a few weeks until his next course..PRAY for healing.

\*\*Lilian's baby is thriving, but Lilian is in agony. Pray for answers, good pain control and grace for our dear sister!

\*\*Pray for provision for, direction in, and explosion of the GBBC ministry!!

As we pray...GOD works. We were reminded last week that the most powerful position on earth is when we are on our knees in prayer. WITH GOD NOTHING is IMPOSSIBLE. Did we ever see the proof of that reminder this week. LOOKING FORWARD to seeing ALL GOD will do this next week as we keep on our knees and follow by faith the GOD of faithfulness.

NO restraints, no retreats and NO REGRETS,

Bill, Lori, the boys, our precious baby girl (and RUTHIE AND EDDIE )

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