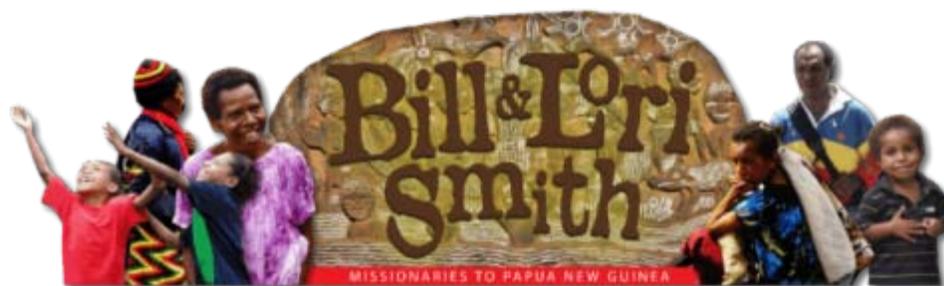


Share the Load



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### SHARING THE LOAD

I have a special wedding gift, though now 29 years old, it remains one of my favorites. IT is a heart plaque that says **a burden shared is a burden halved!** HOW TRUE is that. We are reminded in Galatians 6:2 that as we carry one another's burdens we fulfill the law...what is required of us. GOD loves the bond of partnering!!

These past two months we have seen this lived out in our lives and demonstrated to us in so many ways.

**EVERY DAY** the UPS truck stopped by. Most of them must HATE my parent's house now as hundreds of boxes have arrived....at least we saved the postal delivery people the need for a gym membership, right?!

**EVERY church** we have visited has had boxes of love supplies gathered for us.

**LOVE gifts of money** to purchase the many needed medicines and help pay for the many needs of this HUGE endeavor.



**What was the result??** For the past week we have had the joy of opening these amazing boxes STUFFED with love. Each bottle of medicine, box of bandaids or dressing supply held in my hand was held in my hand as a treasure and gift from GOD. TEARS streaming as we found God's impossible provisions that were too hard to even believe though I had them right there in my hands. MIRACLE upon MIRACLE as that storage space became a halleluya praise center!!

\* ***An older man that I have shared Christ with constantly has prostate cancer...***

***he needs a continuous , indwelling urinary catheter. Because of the swelling and blockage his catheter size is very unique and hard to find. I had used all I had in PNG already on him. GOD provided not only Catheters BUT the RIGHT SIZE I had run out of ONLY!! ALSO leg bags so he does not have to carry around a huge “purse of urine” everywhere He goes! HE can wear pants again!!!!***

\*God provided the very urgently needed **device to check blood hemoglobin**. It is a very expensive gift...and the needed test discs , one used on each person , are not cheap either. I had a hundred discs but wanted to bring 300 more so it would last me longer (NOT available in PNG for sure!!!). This will save lives of so many new moms!! BUT all our money was GONE. WE had just written the check for all the medicine we needed and purchased and that was IT! I opened a package from another church...and there were my 300 discs I wanted ...TEARS!! GOD you amaze me!

\*WE were packing all the items into a specific type of large , **heavy duty plastic crate requested by our shipper and we obviously were short on the number needed**. They are much more expensive than the cheaper, less sturdy version, but will hold up better for shipping and be GREAT for our PNG pastors to store their few and precious books in (rats eat books in their grass houses faster than people can read them!!). GOD had orchestrated some dear friends coming up to Rochester JUST as we NEEDED some transportation of medical supplies from a supporting church Bill had flown to visit last week (a “little more” than carry on amount for sure...ha!). When they dropped off the supplies they blessed us with a check for JUST the AMOUNT we needed for the containers we needed RIGHT THEN!!

I could go on and on and on with endless miracles seen this past week. My heart is so full. EVERY muscle on my body is reminding me I am 50. WE missed our adult kids SO much as they use to help us (Andrew got to “enjoy” helping some, but had to return to school...missing him), but GOD enabled and the task was DONE! THE blessing of my heart to be able to sort, handle and pray over all these amazing gifts has my heart singing and exploding with praise!

NOW the prayer comes in! WE have carried this burden...the need to gather medical tools to reach the sick and hurting people in PNG...and now the burden so prayer to get these blessings where they can be put to USE!

**PRAY as we take the full truck to Meadville , PA Tuesday.** PRAY for the Yarnell family as they assist us now with loading the container and filling the endless paperwork to get this shipment ready for sea.

**PRAY for the needed funds as we have had to rent this truck and get it to Pennsylvania.**

**PRAY for all the shipping costs (we wont know HOW MUCH until it is there in GOROKA) and customs fees and multiple “fees” along the way (warf, handling, shipping, trucking...endless!)**

**PRAY as we are totally exhausted now.** WE leave for Ohio this week for a wonderful opportunity to participate in our son, Rodney's ordination on Thursday. Bill will ask questions and LORI will PRAY as Rod answers!!! (Bill told him not to worry...Rod asked HIM the most important question about marrying our Rachel already so he will be easy on the questions he will ask Rod!)

From there we head to Altoona , Pa area and plan a meet and greet time for all in the area at the Blair County Christian School cafeteria on Saturday, July 19 at 6 pm. If you are in the Altoona area please come out and enjoy the fellowship and food God has provided.

WE will enjoy ministry in two of our supporting churches on Sunday then head to Washington DC for ABWE's missionary Enrichment Conference for a few days.

**PRAY as the time for our departure nears.** THE emotions are kicking in very heavily. WE need GOD's strength to carry the burden of goodbyes. Please carry it with us as you pray for our hearts and our family. NO RETREATS from the call..."I have decided to follow Jesus...no turning back, no turning back"!)

Your love and partnership and carrying our burden with us means more than any words can say..."well done my good and faithful servants" will be our reward as we have each done our part. Some water, some plant and GOD will give the increase...and we all share in the joy of the harvest!

No restraint ,no retreats, NO regrets!!

Bill, Lori and the kids.

PS-Thanks for praying...Rodney got a job at a grocery store to enable him to care for his family for now...keep praying for a church ministry for Rachel and RODNEY!

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