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I have always loved the amazing picture messages GOD gives us in His Word. Though His Word is Living and sharper than a two edged sword, a picture is still worth a thousand words. Psalm 127 is one of my beloved passages. The instruction of CONSTRUCTION...how to build our home and our legacy ...so clearly laid out for our guidance. God uses the picture of an Archer. The one thing I remember well from my brother's adolescent intrigue and brief hobby of [archery](#) is that it is NOT as easy as it looks. He worked and worked to master the turkey call, his skill with the bow and the many details of the art of bow hunting...but the ever evading success of the hunt discouraged his endeavor.

[The foundation that archer stands upon is so very important.](#) If his footing is not solid on sure and even ground his aim will not be accurate.

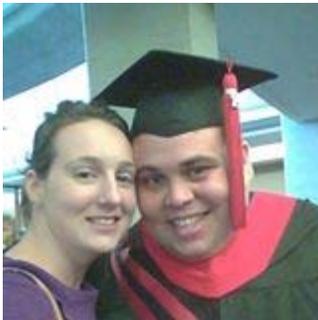


I am so thankful, that as we are told in verse one of Psalm 127, that unless the Lord builds the house they labor in vain who build upon it. Christ must be center of our home, family and personal life or we simply labor in vain in this world...all we accomplish is empty like the wind as so well said by King Solomon. [I am so thankful that 29 years ago TODAY , our home...our MARRIAGE...was build upon the Lord.](#) Our wedding was more of a ceremony of dedication for our lives to serve GOD together, and nearly three decades later our love, our marriage and our commitment stands on that firm ground. WE are so blessed

The straight arrows , aligned well and sharpened with great effort from the archer are also key to success.

How **blest** our marriage has been with six lovely original arrows filling the quiver of our hearts. As the years have gone by our quiver has been enlarged to include three precious sons in law and three "perfect" grandkids as well. WE are so very thankful that ALL our children are loving and serving GOD. There truly is no greater Joy than our children walking in Truth as Scripture reminds us. That truth has been a rock solid foundation in and of itself this week as the heart rendering good byes have now officially begun.

I have written in my Bible above Psalm 127 that unless SHOT OUT, an arrow can never hit it's intended goal. Easier written than done. Releasing my precious children into adulthood and living a half a world away from them as we also have been shot in the PNG target range following God's Call for us is nothing short of painful. Yet, our children are flying straight and strong. Though many tears stream down my face as I type these words, I am thankful for GOD's work in their lives and HIS call to use them in the needy land of America now. I know that staying in America is more painful for my PNG loving and PNG breed children than returning to their homeland of Papua New Guinea. But, to follow Christ as His disciples there is a cross to carry...there is pain and suffering and tears. My pain is leaving them...their pain is staying back...yet we all carry that cross with joy and pride as we follow a GREAT SAVIOR!!

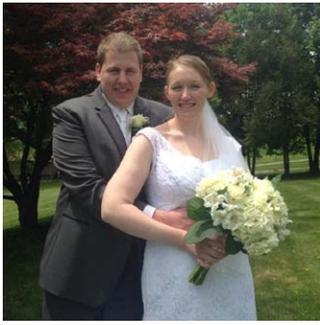


Rachel and Rodney were shot forward this past week into ministry as we had the joy of participating in Rodney's ordination counsel and their recognition service. WE know the hardships and struggles of ministry as we have been in ministry over 25 years now ourselves, yet the joy and thrill of seeing the GOD of the universe work in and through us has made the journey of ministry an amazing one indeed. WE are so thrilled to see the kids follow that path. PLEASE pray for GOD to show them the next step of their venture into a Pastoral ministry!\



Becky and John were launched so unexpectedly into parenthood last March. **Levi** has grown so very much and surpassed even the wildest imaginations of the Dr's working with him as so many have prayed. Over 7 pounds, and now gestationally one month old, he is thriving. Please continue to pray for Levi's eyes to develop beyond the point of risk after such a prolonged oxygen exposure at such a tender premature age. Pray for the continued protection of his lungs and his need to avoid infection. Becky and John are still pretty much house bound with him, so their social needs and spiritual needs, being unable to physically attend church services (thank the LORD for internet so they can at least hear the messages at home!), can be held in our prayers for them. They are doing great and loving each second with our precious little miracle man!!

Ruthie and Eddie have finally been released into the



amazing joy of marriage. AS they learn to join their lives and hearts facing the hurts and challenges of this difficult world, we pray they will find as we have found, a burden shared is one halved! WE are so thankful they have each other. PRAY as they seek to find their place now as husband and wife in a church ministry and seek to grow their home on the foundation of Christ. We are so blessed to see how great they have adjusted. We can leave knowing they have each other to lean upon...what a blessing for us!



Andrew is flying forth still (pardon the pun) towards his goal of being a missionary pilot. IT is a long and hard road ahead and he could easily be discouraged and distracted. Please pray with us for him. Next year this time he will begin the flight part of his training, as by then he should be a full-fledged mechanic. On the field he may be the only one there to take care of all aspects of his aviation ministry so he must be very proficient in all aspects of fixing and flying his tool used to reach many with the Gospel ...his plane. PRAY for him, his heart and his needs to all be met and held strongly in the never failing Hand of our loving GOD!

Amo is getting excited about going home! Just one more week...but ahhhh the excitement of Walmart is still upon him! HA! HOW to choose from limited resources what treasures to bring home to share with his beloved playmates! The struggles of an MK! J Pray that he can really buckle down this next week and get ready not just to return but for school which starts a few days before we get there. The kids land and bang..they are back into school. PLEASE pray for his challenge with reading. That is his biggest learning road block we are facing now. PRAY GOD makes the words CLICK in his brain!!

Aaron, now blessed to have his own Social Security number, may be eligible for us USA passport. PLEASE PRAY. WE will be attempting to get a special expedited passport completed for him this next week. PLEASE PRAY. That is the final issue of a long, several year, conquest to complete the citizenship need for him complicated by mistakes in the original processing of his documents by the immigration department.

TO have that all done would be an amazing thing...you may hear our celebration all around America!! WE have an Enemy that has been truly in battle all through our adoption and citizenship processing for Aaron...GOD must have a very special plan for him...so PRAY EARNESTLY!!!!!!

Our ministry is shooting out as well!

This has been a whirlwind three month furlough. Yet, with the limited time we have seen

GOD accomplish SO MUCH while were were together here in the USA.

*God provided medicine and supplies to fill the 20 foot container. WE have more medicine than we have EVER been able to ship before! ALL of the needed item we asked you all to pray with us about are safe and secure, sorted, packed, itemized, weighed and delivered to Erie, Pa where they will be loaded into a container most likely this week and shipped out to PNG via freighter boat by the end of this month! MUCH PRAYER NEEDED for safety of the container, fast passage and ease of customs with minimal charges and quick transport all the way to GOROKA where we can put each item to use in our ministry!

PRAY FOR NEEDED FINANCES FOR SHIPPING, CUSTOMS and HANDLING and transport fees.

*God allowed us to visit 16 of our supporting churches!! What a blessing to reconnect. Our heart aches that we could not reconnect with our MidWest and South West and New England partners but they will be at the head of the list upon our return in a few years for sure!! WE are so blessed to have amazing partners in the ministry!!

*God allowed us to have a little time with ALL our children and grandkids. For a family now spread apart across the USA that is an amazing gift and each minute was cherished accordingly!! We even had over a month with our sweet Levi being home from the hospital before we left!!! THAT was an unexpected gift for sure!

*We have been give our financial and medical and administrative clearance to leave for our next term on the field. Being at the over five decade mark in our lives we had to face numerous physical examinations, as did Amo and Aaron as they also are higher risk for disease living in PNG. WE are all healthy and ready for more front line battles again! PRAISE THE LORD! We even found out in all the testing that our Amo needed glasses. HE looks really handsome and his vision is now much better...we did not even know he had issues with his distance vision!!

WE are so blessed to be HIS arrows....sending our OUR arrows....battling for the eternal goal of HIS GLORY and shooting for the mark of being excellent servants. May our lives make a difference in the war for souls each day. May our kids fly straight and may we never try to hold on to or alter their course for HIS target for them. May GOD give us the strength of heart and determination of love to follow CHRIST even when our hearts bleed with the pain of the good byes! MAY we see HIS VICTORY more than our hurt!!

WE know that as we face these last few days of emotional rollercoaster (longing to be home...hating to leave those we love behind to get there) God's grace will be there for us. I had to laugh as I was reminded of this very truth this week while reading:

“A man can no more take in a supply of grace for the future than he can eat enough for the next six months, or take sufficient air into his lungs at one time to sustain life for a week. WE must draw upon God’s boundless store of grace from day to day as we need it” DL Moody

“When you are in a furnace, your Father keeps His eye on the clock and His hand on the thermostat” Warren Wiersbe

WE so appreciate your partnership, prayer and support. GOD is able to accomplish exceedingly above all we ask, hope or think as we join our hearts and pray!

PRAY:

- 1) For Aaron to be granted a USA passport this week!
- 2) For safety as we complete the last of our travels this week, attending the ABWE missionary enrichment conference in Washington DC then return home for our last weekend in the USA.
- 3) For our hearts as we say goodbye to our family and children and grand kids.
- 4) FOR safety , provision (needed finances for customs, handling and transport fees) and speed for the container as it is packed, shipped and travels to PNG.
- 5) Rachel and Rodney ...that God leads them to the ministry HE desires for them and for HIS provision for them in this in between time.

HAPPY IS THE MAN WHO’S QUIVER IS FULL! WE are so very happy with ALL the ways God has richly blessed us these past 29 years as husband and wife! What an exciting journey it has been! WE are eager to see the next trails He has us to discover as we follow HIM by Faith!

No restraints, no retreats, NO regrets!

Bill, Lori and the boys.

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