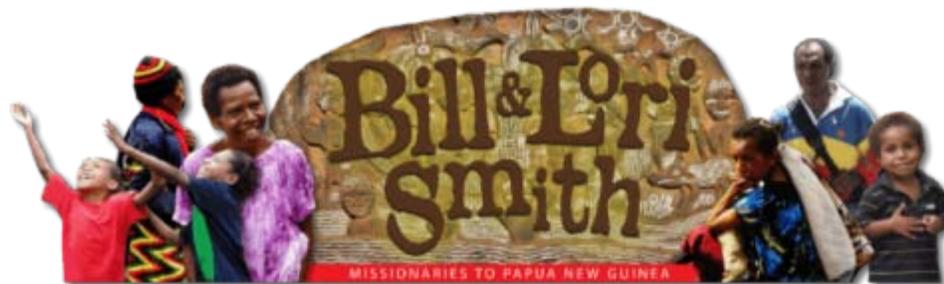


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What a week of decisions. Some decisions we had to make were hard ones, as they forced us to choose GOD and HIS PLAN over our human plan we had formulated. But, following GOD and His will takes surrender. Surrender requires DYING to SELF. "He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal" (Jn 12:25). God's will is not hidden. It is clearly revealed...just DO as HE commands! "Will" is mentioned 10192 times in the Bible, so I guess it is an area of our human weakness...it is all about choice.

**IT is all about what I WANT TO DO. For us we have chosen...His will. Nothing more. Nothing less! Hard? ...sometimes very hard. Worth it?...eternity will reveal reward more than we can even imagine!! "Only ONE LIFE will soon be passed. Only what is done FOR CHRIST will last".**

Decisions exploded this week at our ladies Conference as you prayed! The Spirit of GOD just MOVED in our midst in amazing ways. WE had 400 ladies come. Some came from almost every province and even the Islands to be with us. VERY COOL time of fellowship! These meetings where the precious ladies of this great Nation gather together are truly some of the best ever times ever! It is like a taste of heaven, truly. Some of the ladies I have seen at these meetings over the past 10 plus years. It is as though the time never elapsed though, as we pray and love each other through the many days apart.

It was a very busy week for me as I was a counselor (thankfully that role was a VERY busy one this year!), had a session of Bible teaching each day and health class two of

the afternoons repeated twice. Some days I had four hours straight of teaching. GOOD thing I am a woman of MANY words! 🗨️ Watching the impact of the Word of GOD and the movement of His Spirit as conviction and teaching enlighten hearts was very exciting.

\*I had the joy of praying with our Lilian as she surrendered heart heart and life fully to CHRIST!!

\*Lilian's daughter (Able and Joyce's big sister) came to know CHRIST this week!!

\*Two of our Lusillo ladies made a decision to trust Christ as their Savior.

\*I had the joy of praying with one of my dear friends from Lower Bena as Miriam made a salvation decision. She was living the "christian life" without CHRIST! Right words, right actions, WRONG ROAD to heaven.

\* the visitor I had invited , Flora, made a decision to trust CHRIST as well.

I could not sit down...every time I was free there was someone wanting to be helped. Some women struggled with their need to decide to commit their whole lives to Christ. Others struggled to be "real" and allow their Church friends to know that they were only living a lie...pretending on the outside to be a Christian, but knowing they were living without truly knowing CHRIST. Decisions affecting their lives...their homes...their marriages! DECISIONS affecting their live paths! We were in BATTLE for hearts and souls!

So many victories...but the battle has yet to rage at it's fullest. We are now under full attack. Be aware...the enemy strikes hard after the thrill of victory...we are already seeing Satan rear his ugly head of interference. PRAY the victory continues and GOD alone is glorified fully from the amazing week we enjoyed.

Decisions require steps of faith in our lives. As we trust fully in GOD and follow him, not leaning on our own understanding, HE directs our paths, but we have to follow that path.

\*God directed us to provide medical care to the many women at the conference. That also added to the hard work of the week. SO MANY come from areas that have no medical care. It was a costly decision...lots of medicine was shared with love. But GOD reminded us WHO keeps providing for our clinic. He sent two boxes of medicine on Friday to help. He is ever faithful and HE will provide all the REST of what was spent to care for these ladies in love.



\*God directed us to invite all the Lusillo ladies and Kokinaga and some of the Lower Bena ladies to stay with us in our home during the week of meetings. Our desire is to break the barrier our skin color gives us as we minister to these ladies. IT was a RIOT. [As Amo said, "a mommy sleepover"](#). We ended up with 24 ladies AND kids..every space of floor was covered. (Lilian and her kids also were able to stay

with us as she was strong enough to attend the meetings all week as you prayed.) These women are from the bush...they have never used a real toilet. They had never washed in a shower before. They live in grass huts with dirt floors and use a hole in the ground for their toilet and wash in the icy cold river. Our home, though not elaborate in Western standards, was like the Tasman Hall for them! We did see them relax and become enveloped in our love by the end of the week. WE pray GOD will use that opportunity to love on these sweet women as we reach out to them and their families with the Gospel message. Love takes action and sacrifice, but that is what God's love is all about, right?

\*God directed Bill to be "Mr. Mom" this past week as well. He did an incredible job doing laundry (not in an automatic machine here!) and cooking and cleaning. He survived the house of WOMEN and KIDS. Able is now fully attached to his new buddy dad! (Mommy's boy no more  ). Out of the comfort zone...yah! But what a blessing he was for us all and what an amazing example of servant leadership to the woman of his church.

**Decisions...you make them each week also...to partner with us. For that, we are ever grateful. Thank you for your sacrifice of time in prayer, finances and support!**

PRAY:

1) We have begun to decrease the **seizure medicine for Kumafalo**. PRAY that her seizures will remain under control and the decrease of drugs will make her more functional. PRAY for her mom and dad, Samuel and Lili and her family to come to Christ as they see the power of prayer is the answer to this horrible struggle she has had for so many years. She has never been this long without seizures...GOD is working!!

2)**Pray for our kids**. As I said, we are under attack...physical attack. All four of the kids are sick. Amo, Joyce and Able have diarrhea. Able is having really constant miserable and painful diarrhea. PLEASE PRAY for our babies.

3)**RAIN is a really big need**. GOD supplied ENOUGH water for the week as you prayed but we are now DRY! PRAY for showers of blessing in the H2O form this week!

4)**Amo has officially begun 3rd grade**. He had a good week, and loves his teacher. Reading remains his biggest challenge. We are not sure HOW we can make it clique for him...so please pray that the words and sounds begin to make sense for our sweet boy. Everything is harder...and now more of a struggle until we can help him break through this area of his weakness.

5) PRAY for our **brothers and sisters here at Kisim Bek Baptist Church**. Our enemy will hit strong as bodies are tired after hosting the

ladies this last week. Pray for GOD to continue to be glorified and for the rest and strength they need now as they “catch up” on their rest after an amazing week.

6) **Pata** had a really hard week as malaria hit his cancer weak body. He is doing much better now, but still needs our prayer.

6) PRAY for **Ruthann** as she has a job interview this week. She is really needing full time employment in the Rochester NY area. Her interview is on July 31. PRAY PRAY PRAY for our baby girl to get this job!!

### PRAISE:

1) We continue to get boxes of medical supplies! What a blessing that is for our clinic ministry. Ibuprofen, cold and cough medicine and dressing supplies continue to be our biggest needs. If any one wants to send supplies our way, you can mail them to :

Seigu Clinic  
PO Box 456  
Goroka, EHP 441  
Papua New Guinea

“medical supplies for missionary use NOT for resale” can be put on the customs declaration form.

2) Despite a very intensely busy week, Lori’s Chikengunya Fever did not relapse. The body aches remain, and the stiffness “everywhere” continues, but again, praising GOD for Ibuprofen!! Bill is fighting a skin infection....the kids all are sick with diarrhea and colds (especially Able) so now Lori is the only healthy one! UNDER ATTACK, but under HIS care as well!

3) God provided finances for a water tank desperately needed for **Lower Bena Baptist Church**...now we can pray for money for cement (water is needed to “mix” the cement..so one step at a time!). How cool to see GOD finish that church building.

4) Praising GOD for some support God has provided for our **Andrew** as he seeks to follow the Lord in mission aviation . He still needs **\$2800\_** for his missions trip to PNG as he completes his practical assignment part of his training this September to January. Pray for GOD to provide the prayer and financial support he needs.



5) God gave **GBBC a VERY NEEDED truck** this week.

No restraints , no retreats, NO REGRETS. His will ...nothing less, nothing more!

Bill, Lori the boys and baby Joyce.

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