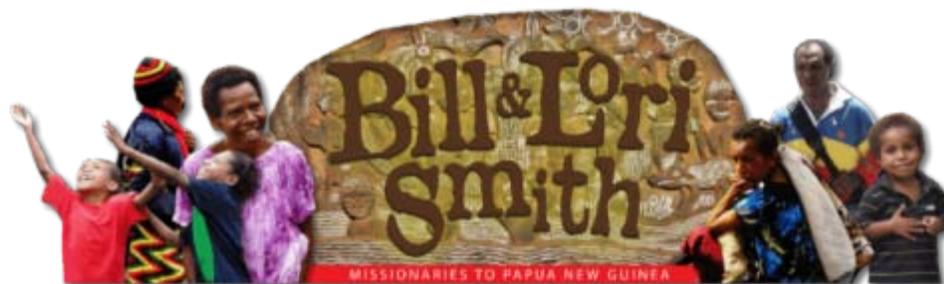


FIRECRACKERS of PRAISE



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He has put a NEW SONG in my mouth- PRAISE to our GOD. Many will SEE it and fear and they will trust in the Lord" Psm 40:3

This was a week of explosions all around us as our Nation celebrated it's Independence. I remember one year we had just come back to the USA in July for our furlough after having extensive Tribal fighting surrounding us in PNG, with gun shots common punctuations to our days and nights. The violence impacted us greatly, but Amo especially with his tender innocence was a bit fascinated with "guns" and their big BANGS. WE arrived in America just as the Celebration fireworks were exploding all around us, and Amo's amazement just hit home to my heart. **"Mommy, they have tribal warfare in the USA too, but their guns have pretty lights"**

**Fireworks** are truly noisy....



but the amazement is not the noise but the lights! I find that so perfectly stated in this verse as well. The SONG of praise is SEEN and people will be eternally effected. In my Bible by that verse I have written, "the song of my LIFE is more important than the sound of my voice" People are watching our lives... and boy what a SHOW they got THIS week!

As prayer went up for **specific needs of medicine and good prices...GOD answered!**

GOD answered as He led us to a **Christian Pharmacist** who offered to help. He went to his sources and truly went to bat for us fighting hard for great prices. WE were able to order EVERYTHING we wanted at amazing prices except Ibuprofen. SO far we have not seen prices better than some we have found on store shelves despite the huge quantity we are wanting to purchase.

WE are just praising GOD as we watch our container space will up with GREAT supplies. Each [bottle](#), [bandaid](#) and [tablet](#) I sort and pack and inventory is prayed over and we are expecting GOD to do a great work with these sacrificial gifts we have been entrusted with! I know a huge BANG and WOW will be there when these gifts are used with the Gospel message. WE are truly SINGING praises...our storage units are nothing short of a worship fest!

Our hearts have been rejoicing greatly this past week [as our kids have ALL been here with us](#). For missionary families separated by oceans,

time together is a precious and unspeakable gift! The reality of our return to PNG just being a few weeks away has already started moments of hearts bleeding tears again. We only had a few days with our granddaughter, already TWO. She did not know us at all...but this week we connected with her in the



most precious way...maybe she will remember us now?? On the 4<sup>th</sup> of July we actually had ALL our kids, grandkids and sons in laws and Lori's parents here (Bill's folks were with us also the beginning of the week!). Not sure WHEN that would ever happen again so we just enjoyed each and every minute!! Thanks for all that prayed and praised with us! WE are SO VERY thankful. Bill had to hit the road for the weekend in New Jersey, and Philadelphia but he flew on that trip so he only had to miss the weekend. The grand daughters were asking where Grandpa was at, but what a joy to tell them that Grandpa was serving Jesus. Our heart is not that they see us as awesome grandparents but that they see their Grandparents serve faithfully and AWESOME GOD! May we leave footprint that lead all our grandchildren to follow and SERVE HIM! We could give them NOTHING more meaningful as an inheritance!

We will be here in NY at our sending church this next weekend. It is a special one for us as Lori's mom celebrates her 82 birthday on Saturday. Bill is preaching at Webster Bible Church...always a joy to share with our home church family!! Anna Patrick, the daughter of a long time friend of mine ,and a nursing student coming back to PNG to enjoy a missions "experience" in our ministries with us, is sharing her presentation as well. (I am sure Anna would appreciate prayer as she shares) . We are so excited to be able to share our hearts with our church family. Lori's Mom is struggling this week with a frustrating infection in her leg...pray please that she responds to her medicine and feels great to celebrate her special day!!

Many explosions of praise and songs of rejoicing as we have seen GOD just give an amazing display of HIS POWER as we prayed! BANG ...WOW!!!!

Please CONTINUE to PRAY!

1) THIS is the final week as we must complete the [sorting, packing and inventory of ALL the medicine and supplies](#). WE need to have it ALL DONE and loaded on the truck by Friday morning for the trip to ERIE ,Pa where it will be loaded into the container and shipped out by the end of July, we pray! A lot of work ahead of us so we need prayer for good health, good weather and much strength and accuracy in our work.

- 2) WE need the [ibuprofen](#) THIS WEEK...pray for good prices as we SHOP!
  
- 3) PRAY For [Rachel and her family](#) as they head back to OHIO. They still are not sure what the next step is to be...Rodney has an interview at a grocery store when they get back but the kids really need direction. They are willing to follow GOD and do whatever or go wherever He desires...they just need HIS direction. PLEASE pray for clearly open doors for the kids! WE continue to pray for GOD to open a church ministry for them! Rachel would love to teach next year, too. GOD CAN DO THIS as we pray!
  
- 4) [Levi continues to need prayer](#) for his eyes to develop normally and for GOD to protect his little retinas! PRAY for his lungs, too as they continue to heal. He is over six pounds of love and they are amazed with his growth!! TO GOD BE THE GLORY!
  
- 5) Pray as there are [many things we must still accomplish in these last few weeks of our time this furlough](#). TIME is clicking fast now. Each term with the good byes gets a bit harder as our family grows more and the heart strings pull tighter. Tears are now a daily reality as our hearts face that reality. PRAY that we will not allow the hurt to overshadow the amazing moments we STILL have. IT is always a choice of the focus of our heart..self-pity or singing praise! Our hearts and strength may fail us...but our STRENGTH is of the LORD!

“Many, o Lord, my GOD , are YOUR wonderful works which YOU have done. And your thoughts towards us cannot be recounted....they are MORE than can be numbered.” Ps 40:5 BANG...WOW...!

TO Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or thing...to HIM be the glory!!

No restraint, no retreats...NO REGRETS!

Bill &Lori, Rachel and family, Rebecca and family, Ruthann and Eddie (and Milo the cat), Andrew, Amo and Aaron!!!

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