

Treasurers



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TREASURES

“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth....but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven...for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” (Mat 6:19-21)

I had fun this morning. My sweetheart found me a great and rare gift....real, authentic, butterscotch chips. Yes, will wonders never cease. Here in PNG, a half a world away from Nestle products...a treasure!! Chips of any kind (chocolate chips, peanut butter chips, butterscotch chips) are a true FIND here for sure. Though they are usually chalky and stale, all stuck together in one BIG chunk...what a true gift they are. I always make the batter a double recipe so that the yummy sweet treasures are spread out over a larger number of cookies (though in reality we probably eat TWICE as many as we should when I do that as there are an abundance of the goodies, it is a good “theory” at least!) Oatmeal butterscotch chip cookies are right up there in my book, so it was fun making this special treat and having a house full of people, as usual, to share them with made it extra special.

While enjoying my time baking with my boys, Aaron and little Able at my right and left side “helping”, I could not but help myself but to think of the many treasures in my life. I am SO VERY BLESSED.

Working this week in the [clinic](#), [one of the later patients made the comment that GOD](#) would greatly bless me with abundant treasures in heaven because I worked so hard and so long that day caring for so many sick people. I think my response made her step back a minute. I told her that I already HAD gotten a blessing that day...it was THEM. Each sick person I cared for, tenderly hugged and crooned over as I had to sometimes cause them pain or discomfort as I cared for their need physically, was a blessing in MY LIFE. Yes, there is physical and emotional and financial sacrifice poured out each day at clinic, but the appreciation and JOY in seeing GOD work in lives, healing body and sometimes Spirit, too, is beyond the joy any paycheck could possibly bring.

WE had the treasured blessing of seeing our [little Pata](#) come back to us this week. He was doing so well that the Doctor there at the



cancer clinic in Lae released him ahead of schedule and they will allow us to follow up with treatments up here through our clinic and the hospital for a while! **The treasure of seeing miraculous healing.** We are not promised that the cancer is truly ALL gone, but indications are that the treatment has been successful. He is running, playing and glowing in good health for the moment...and to be honest, the moment is all that any of us are promised! WE are excited to see how GOD is going to meet **the need of the \$500** we have spent to get his care and treatment confirmed along with the money we have spent for their family to travel and return from the coast and all the other hospital expenses still pending...GOD is amazing. HE will move HIS HAND and it will be a blessing to see HIM provide.

WE had the blessing of getting to know a relative Bill had never met. **Adrian is Bill's cousin's son.** He has been such a blessing. Growing up in a Christian home, he has had some times of rebellion and turned away from GOD only to be gloriously drawn back to Jesus with the love and mercy that made him love CHRIST even more. Sharing openly his testimony at Chapel this week, we could feel the impact of his experience upon the hearts of the young men and women in the room. **He has been a true treasure to us and all around us this week.** I was teasing him that now he can read between the lines and add in the many things that happen around here that just can not be put into words and shared each week in our update!



WE had the treasure of **TWO days sweet Lilian was strong enough to come and spend the morning with us** and her babies. Each good day for her is a blessing and she has learned not to waste a single one. The pain is getting intense at times, and overwhelming most days, but when she can, she comes. She told me today that our home is a retreat of joy for her in the midst of the dark journey she is walking through. She comes and I stop everything and just open Scripture and share with her the comfort of the WORD of GOD. She said that is her oasis in the dessert of her pain. PRAISE GOD for Oasis's!! She has given up her dream of teaching for now...the pain is relentless. But, she has peace that GOD is giving her each day. For that, we praise the Lord!

We had the treasure of seeing a glorious (though turbulent at times) **meeting this past Tuesday night at Lower Bena.** Gomex was the one that nominated himself to be the spokesperson of the church people, surprisingly enough, to ask forgiveness, accept Pastor and Cecilia's repentance for the wrong they had done, and call him back to his ministry among them as Pastor. There were hugs, tears and a HUGE relief for Bill! HE felt like the rope in a tug of war when he was done...but the rope did

not break!  Praise GOD...pray that it was all “real” and that GOD will now restore, rebuild and re-ignite the flame of that ministry there. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!! Everyone was in church today, including Gomex and Aitape!! That is miraculous. They will be meeting next week but NOT to discuss the past issues...to talk about and plan ways to now reach into their community with the GOSPEL! THAT, dear ones, is the power of GOD and the ANSWER of prayer!! .

We are so richly blessed. Not that it is always easy to be here. **This week, the fourth of July was a very hard day.** Years of having amazingly fun team family parties here on the field became haunting memories. My kids were such a great part of all we did back in the day. WE would decorate our entire house in flags, red white and blue! The kids would all have sparklers as we parents visited well past the sun setting. This year none of our coworkers were able to join us...and boy did that emptiness make my mama heart bleed tears for my kids again. BUT in the missing and hurting, the treasure of those memories became like a soothing ointment for the pain when I turned the pity party into one of praise. WE love PNG. WE love the ministry here. WE are SO HONORED to be the hands and feet of SO MANY that faithfully pray, financially sacrifice and partner here in all we do! WE are SO truly blessed. YOU are all our treasures and you are treasured in our hearts!!

Thank you that you invest with us. Our treasures are HERE and so is our heart (even when the heart hurts a bit!!!).

“You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving” ...Thanks for loving us and our people here enough to give of yourselves and partner with us in prayer.

1. The money government money that was designated to purchase medicine for our area of clinics was “misappropriated”. We had been promised enough to restock after the recent epidemic flu , but that is not going to happen. Pray with us for God’s ever faithful provisions for our medical outreach. (HE never misappropriates His blessings!!) We are praying that we will be granted approval to be able to go and get supplies directly from the Government hospital supply store in Lae. They may not have much but a little free is better that purchasing it! Bill meets with the head Officer for Health Services this Tuesday. Pray for open doors! **We need about \$5000 to replace the stock we need plus about \$2000 pay the shipping charges of the medications that were donated and shipped to us. Please pray with us for God's provision.**

2. Please pray for our kids.



RUTHANN is in the Rochester NY area and in need of more work. The job she has is not giving her the hours she was promised and hoping to get. She is hoping to find job opportunities in photography or advertising or graphic design if possible. Please join us in prayer for

work for her!

We did get an exciting call early this morning. We are thrilled to announce **the official engagement of our Ruthann to Eddie Campbell**. Please pray for them also as they make plans now to join their lives together and serve the Lord as a team. A summer wedding in 2014 is being planned...details to follow! 

ANDREW is preparing for a missions trip here to PNG. He has a required practical experience in his Mission Aviation Program and now while there is a three month lag in his schooling, we felt it would be an ideal time for him to accomplish that part of his training. His hearts desire is to come back and fly in PNG as God opens doors for him, so coming here to work in all the different aviation ministries functioning would give him a great and broader experience base as he seeks GOD's leading for his future as well. He will need to raise_\$5500__ for his trip here and the ministries he will be doing while in PNG. Pray as he seeks to share his burden with churches and seek prayer support too. We are so excited to see him take this step of faith on his journey of following GOD in his life!



3. WE ask continued prayer for **Lilian as her cancer continues to cause great pain that overwhelms her some days**. WE praise GOD for HIS grace and peace He has given her. We praise GOD for the pain medication that is helping her through the really bad days. Pray as we have opportunities to be a blessing and encouragement to her while she walks this dark and at times shadowy path.

4. Continue to pray for Pata as he is now back on campus. Pray that now that the treatments are less intense the cancer will still remain in remission. Pray for the \$500 we need to help cover his medical expenses.

5. The **national Ladies conference is here on our campus this year**, being hosted by our own Kisim Bek (salvation!) Baptist Church. WE are getting excited, but really needing your prayer for me (Lori) as I prepare for the sessions I will be teaching during the conference. I am so excited with what GOD has put on my heart to share, but really needing time somewhere in our crazy life to sit down and put onto paper the outlines in my heart and mind! Pray also for the ladies involved in preparing and organizing the meeting. PRAY for unity, for peace, for provision and for GOD to be HONORED in ALL!

6. Pray for **Adrian as he will be leaving us this next weekend to return to the USA**. WE pray that he will return with a heart full of PNG...and a new perspective on how to really pray and invest in missions as a result of his time here in a very new and unique cultural setting.

“The most convincing translation of the Bible is the Bible translated into LIFE.”

Thank you for the blessing of allowing us to be here in PNG representing the many of you that have sent us here, stand by us here and enable us to minister. We desire to be the picture of our Lord Jesus Christ in all we do, say and accomplish. To be BIBLES in LIFE! As we all seek for eternal treasures, our investments in praying, giving and doing will not be in vain. Your part is priceless to us and we know to GOD as well!

God's Will, nothing less, nothing else, nothing more! No restraints, no retreats, no regrets!

Bill, Lori, the boys and baby Joyce

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