

Short term agony...Long term blessings

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"For our light affliction which is but for a moment worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" 2 Cor 4:17

The miserable sick people lined up at our clinic gate each day this week. Measles cases, severe malaria, severe pneumonia, massive diarrhea, huge swollen feet with massive infected woundsit went on and on. Each one coming in need, but that need bringing them to the place where they could hear the Story of HOPE the Gospel gives to us.



A lady I have been sharing Christ with for years, Gia, was at the door on Thursday morning. Her nephew, just 4 months old in major respiratory distress. HE had been treated at the local hospital for pneumonia that Monday, but the treatment was really under-kill for the severity of his symptoms. The measles epidemic has been so massive most clinics and hospitals are groaning under the strain of treating masses of very ill people (pneumonia and brain infections have been common side effects we are seeing commonly as we wage war against death affecting many). Poor little **Pako** had been struggling so hard to breathe that I barely got him up to the clinic to start treating his very tight lungs when we lost him. His heart just could NOT keep up any longer. The family was wailing as I desperately tried to revive him with CPR...thankfully after 7 minutes of fervent effort GOD brought him back to us. WE were able to get him to the hospital leaving a very active

and fighting little guy aided by now open lungs and higher oxygen level after being bagged. We came back to the clinic overwhelmed with joy...no more waiting for now at least...hope. I prayed with the family before leaving them to get back to the many waiting at our clinic for me. I told GIA that our GOD has true power...they saw a miracle and I challenged her to put her faith in HIM...affliction...difficulty...but eternal glory...I pray so!!

[Jenny](#) was at our prenatal clinic on Thursday. Her face was just so downcast. I found out WHY when I asked about her obstetrical history. She was in the 8th month of pregnancy but had no prenatal care yet. Her reason very just. She was in the hospital with her sick boy. He died that week and they buried him the day before. Her first baby was born prematurely at 6 months of pregnancy. She died in the nursery at the hospital. Her mommy never got to take her home. Now in her third attempt for motherhood, her heart was so saddened. What joy to be able to share with her that in her agony of mourning, she could have the joy and hope of seeing her two precious children some day if SHE would just trust in CHRIST. Sharing the hope of Jesus in John 14:6 that HE alone is the road leading to GOD and her babies. I pray she also makes that ever important decision to trust in Christ. Another mom the next day had twins at the hospital and both, though good sized, died. She delivered them in May and was again pregnant 13 weeks now. That same hope for Lasa was shared. Death does not have to be the END...it can be the beginning as we have HOPE in GOD. Please pray for these dear ladies as we have continued opportunities to minister to them in the care of their pregnancies.

The [hurt of our baby ministry hitting home](#) this week in my heart as Richard vasillates between taking Joyce and Able back with him into a very volatile, alcohol permeated home. Loving these babies and having to release them is so very very hard. BUT there is also great joy that we have seen. I had contact with TWO of our baby ministry families just this last week. Wendy, the biological mom of baby Lisa who died (of accidental suffocation when sleeping with her new adopted mom I believe) after just the first week she was placed, was in the clinic. WE had a great opportunity talking about the joy of death from Lisa's perspective. Wendy, married into the horrible family that has caused the majority of the fighting between villages the past decade, has had so many struggles. Her husband, as evil as his war lord father, unfaithful and violent, has brought so much suffering for her and her children. BUT, baby Lisa had a wonderful nine months of life. Happy, no illnesses...just slipped into eternity in her sleep one night. SHE is with Jesus...but will her mommy join her? Pray for our continued contact with [Wendy](#). Our investment in her baby is opening her heart to us and our message of CHRIST as well.



[Grace and her family](#) also joined us all morning Saturday. What a joy to see GOD bring this family to CHRIST. Through the difficulty of a premature baby, and our taking her into our family baby ministry both Rosa and Amuse both came to trust in Christ as their Savior. What a joy to see them all growing and thriving with such radiant joy. My sweet Gracie still loves

me...comes eagerly to my arms and for a moment that bliss of caring for her is just overflowing my body! What great reward from the suffering of saying goodbye!

This week as we seek to find some eternal blessing from the heart wrenching pain that lingers in our heart after the long illness of our **sweet sister Lillian** and her death in my arms. GOD is opening the way for us to bring the mobile clinic to her village area...the very place we have all been praying about as a Bena Pastors fellowship as it is a huge population group with out a Gospel witness. They came, mourned in our home, slept here and ate at our table...all 30 plus of them ,at the time of her death...we cried and mourned with them. NOW we have a relationship. They have seen the Gospel we preach has arms of love attached. PRAY as we bring the LIGHT into this very DARK place that GOD WILL WORK. WE will be in battle for these dear souls on Wednesday night in the USA...pray us VICTORIOUS!!!!



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Pray this week:

- 1) **Possible movement again on the property for GBBC** across the road... pray!
- 2) **PNG partners are beginning to mobilize in our fund raising for the GBBC** expansion...pray!! SO exciting to see them really begin to take ownership of this school and our expansion vision!!
- 3) WE have a **field team meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday** this week... pray for direction, unity and good fellowship for our team.
- 4) As you have prayed GOD has been revealing the lessons for **Lori to share next week at the National ladies conference**. WE found out she will have an additional session each day to teach...so pray on as preparation continues!! GOD HAS PROVIDED FOR THREE OF OUR LADIES FROM LUSILLO TO ATTEND THE CAMP. TWO OTHERS WOULD LOVE TO COME. It will cost \$25 each for these dear ones to have their week provided for and camp fee covered. If anyone would like to be a blessing to these dear ladies please let us know!!



- 5) We are going through medicine like crazy lately... GOD has provided our free donation from AUSAID just in time!!!! It is not a LOT but sure helps!! BUT we are still in need of **purchasing more supplies especially with the mobile clinic day** ahead of us this week...pray for GOD to provide for the needs of the clinic. Lives are being saved... physically but more importantly spiritually!! PRAY that as we minister to hurts and needs GOD opens hearts for CHRIST!
- 6) PRAY for the **8 plus VERY pregnant women** to burst! We are praying for some nice healthy, uncomplicated deliveries so Anna can have that amazing experience before she leaves us next Sunday! J (the moms would appreciate relief, too!) **Lori and Anna are in the CLINIC** right now with one of the eight. **PRAY for a safe delivery. (4:22 am Sunday morning East coast time USA)**

7) Pray with us for **another little baby to fill our baby ministry** opening....Mama Lori's arms are ready!!

8) **Levi is thriving** with some improvement in his eyes!!....**Rodney** is in need of a job that will better fit into his desire for ministry at his home church while they wait for GOD to open the door for a permanent ministry...**Rachel** is doing well teaching and **Eliana** LOVES her teacher!!...**Andrew is in need of some finances for this terms school bill**, but he is working hard and GOD is providing step by step with no loans yet!! PRAY ON!

9) Pray us **healthy and strong** amidst the many very infectious illnesses that surround us everywhere right now!

NO restraints, no retreats.... NO REGRETS!

Bill, Lori and the boys.

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