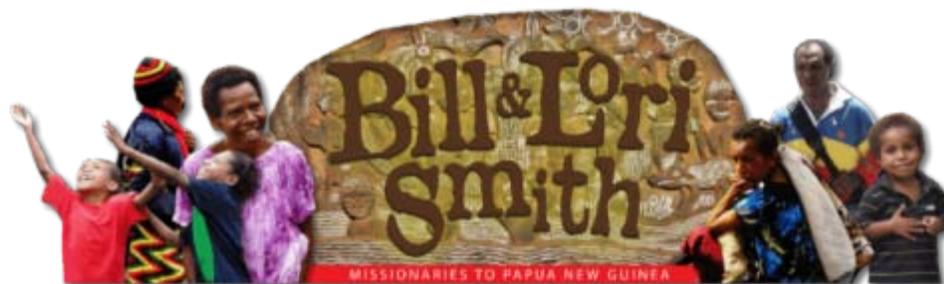


Living Life from the Inside OUT!



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***“Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart” 1
Sam 16:7***

I love the reminder in God’s Word that GOD KNOWS US who are HIS OWN. HE wove and spun us. He chose us to be HIS OWN before the foundation of the world. He loves us with an unending love. Our names are written on the palms of HIS hands and our names written in the BOOK of LIFE.

Despite all of these amazing reminders, so often I struggle with my inner MARTHA, always trying to do and please others. We try so hard to be perfect and DO the Christian life when all GOD desires is that we give ourselves daily...fully...to HIM for HIS USE. It is not WHO I am but WHAT I am. “What I am is more important than WHAT I do. Out of WHO I really am comes what I WILL do”. “Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the LORD and not unto men” (Col 3:23) The world is in great need of REAL Christians, living REAL Christianity in REAL and OBVIOUS ways! Living life in view of GOD not men!



[This was a week full of the need to look within.](#)

Clinic was full of miserable people with grossly swollen and painful hands, feet, fingers...you name it, it was swollen and infected. Bill also struggled with a nasty infection in his finger, but living next door to the medical care paid off big time for him. The medication kept his infection from spreading and now is finally receding WITHOUT need of the “KNIFE”. But, the “knife” was very busy this week. It is one of those very intimidating members of our clinic. A scalpel, though an instrument of great potential danger, brings, through proper use and technique, great relief. I lost track after 20 of how many “incision and drainage” or “debridement” (ripping off dead flesh) procedures I did. I had FIVE just on Friday. I will refrain from trying to find words for the nastiness that was “discovered” on those very insidious excavations of flesh, but needless to say it

was UGLY.

GOD opened many doors through all this human suffering, though. As soon as the affected body part was adequately numbed with lidocaine, I had the full attention again of the patient previously overwhelmed in pain. What open doors to use this amazing visual of the danger of allowing hidden sin to fester and build within our lives. One of my dear friends, very moved by the reminder, was so thankful that our clinic cared not just for her body but her spirit. Confronted with the sin of bitterness, she realized that though she felt "OK" it was just a simple band aid covering a nasty festering wound that was eating her from the inside out. It needed to be opened and drained with the scalpel of forgiveness.

Many in our community also battled with the inner attack of intestinal distress causing our babies to agonize in pain as diarrhea griped them. All our sweet babies were also hit by this plague of misery. The one hit worst was our precious baby Joyce. She has improved a lot, but still not back to her normal state yet. A LONG week to say the least. We were SO THANKFUL for GOD providing a washing machine for us as the diaper pile was massive trying to keep up with the constant "usage".



Amo also hit hard by our enemy here in PNG, the parasite of **Malaria**. He came home from school Wednesday and went to BED. **NOT AMO!** Bill went to check on him and found him with a raging fever and throbbing head. Exactly two weeks after he went with his friend Pata on their urgent trip to the coastal city of Lae, I knew what was wrong before even examining him. The blood test quickly revealed my assumption was accurate. He had not one but two different strains of malaria...and was only in Lae ONE DAY! Poor guy! But thank the Lord for blood tests, and medications that quickly got busy in attacking the enemy in his blood. A great reminder that a "little thing" can have grave consequence .

In the midst of our election time, many of those that were living the "Christian life" on the outside only became very sadly transparent. So many have left their attendance at church and faithful lifestyle following GOD to fit into the campaign program of the things of this world. They have left the source of hope and light for grasping at the emptiness of this world and ending up holding only the nothingness of "wind". Please pray as we reach out to these sheep that have strayed. Most, I believe, are not truly saved yet. They are just coming to "church" and doing the work of religion. They are missing the life changing relationship GOD provides through trust in HIS SON Jesus. Our heart cries out for them to see the truth. But, as always, "a word fitly spoken is nothing compared to a life fitly lived". As we live among them, love on them and reach out to these dear ones, pray they see the true CHRIST in our lives. "People don't care how much we know until they KNOW that we care".

We were able to share the [love of Christ and minister to over 3000 needs this past month alone through our clinic ministry](#). That is a LOT of medicine used. We spent countless hours, endless

energy and hundreds and hundreds of dollars, but the eternal dividends of investment are innumerable. "We are to be salt and light to a bland and dark world. May we always keep our light "on" and our salt shaker tipped"!! We know that GOD is able to keep providing for all our needs as we serve Him faithfully. PRAY WITH US!

A precious baby boy just woke up from his nap on my lap as I typed. His baby sister being rocked by my foot in her little bouncy chair next to us. A whole "herd" of boys is running around outside (and inside) my house (hence the baby



woke up ). My life is pretty nutty as multitasking in the only key to survival. But these...each little life my hand holds and loves, though this love is an expensive investment of money, effort and time, is priceless. Christ refused NOT the little ones coming to Him for SUCH is the Kingdom of Heaven. [As you pray with and partner financially with our ministry here, your hands hold, rock and feed these little ones](#) ...we are your hands. [You care for the hurting, the feverish, and aching people that come to the clinic...we are your hands.](#) You share the hope of Jesus Christ with the dear ones held in the bondage of sin, fear and worldliness. WE are your feet and mouths. I just kissed this precious boy whose mommy is dying. I kissed the little girl who shares also his fate. I will hug each and every one that comes to our little grass church to sit on the dirt and worship with us. I will hug every sick person at our clinic this week coming in need of physical and spiritual healing. I happily share the love of CHRIST you share also with us as we minister together here in this Land of amazing opportunity to share love as the needs are overwhelmingly clear. Thank you for loving with us. There is no greater way to show the GOD within us than to love all those around us!

[Please partner in prayer:](#)

1) [Pata had chemo](#) again this week. Pray for his recovery and for the battle raging within his little body.



2) My little [ones are still recovering from a week of sickness](#). PRAY for them to all gain full strength. Pray for baby Joyce to have full recovery from her diarrhea. PRAY for Amo to have full recovery from his malaria.

3)[Bill begins teaching a Bachelor degree modular class](#) this next week. With our limited missionary staff his work load is unbelievable. PRAY GOD will give him strength and wisdom and time to do all he needs to accomplish this next week.

4) [Lilian had a painful week as she recovered](#) from the physical strain of attending the meetings last week. PRAY for her strength and encouragement.

5) Pray for our [church at Lusilo](#) . The road getting there is as rough as the people at the top we are trying to reach. PRAY as GOD is opening eyes and hearts bit by bit to the LOVE of CHRIST He offers. Pray as many got pulled back into the trappings of this

sin controlled earth during the recent elections. As we reach back into their lives may they see the emptiness and come back into the warmth of Christian fellowship again.

6) [PRAY FOR RAIN!!!!](#)



7) Pray for our [medical outreach of compassionate care](#). We need medicine to keep that light burning! Due to some medicine not given as promised we need about \$5000 to cover the extra meds that have been used. PRAY

8) Thank you for praying for [Lori](#). The pain remains, but she is strong and feeling good...a blessing in that ALL in our household were sick and needed DR MOM this week!



9) Pray for the direction of our field team and [Bible College ministry](#). GOD is at work in amazing ways. He is downsizing our people so we increase our steps of faith and see HIM explode the work! GO GOD! Students need to work for their school fees. WE need about \$5000 to help cover the work scholarship program. <http://billandlorismithpng.com/scholarship-project.html>

10) Continue to pray for [Kumafalao](#) as we decrease her seizure medication and find the right balance she can function with and still remain without seizures. PRAY as we minister and reach out to her family in need of a Savior!! GOD is ABLE!

[Gods will ...NOTHING MORE...NOTHING LESS.](#)

No restraints, no retreats NO REGRETS,
Bill, Lori the boys and baby Joyce.

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