

SUCCESS!

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I was reading recently and came across a very cool "formula" for success.

"Submission (to GOD's plan!) + Humility
+ Relentless Faithfulness (no quitting option!) -
Worry = God Honoring SUCCESS with TRUE
Satisfaction".



In the eye of the world, we have not been very successful in our lives. We have no home, no car, no huge bank account nor many worldly possessions (all we own in this world has to fit into a 20 ft container each time we go on furlough...not much!). We don't have lofty academic degrees nor high prestige in our accomplishments to be sure.

BUT, when we look back at ALL GOD DID this past year we truly stand in AWE of HIM using us, though very simple, to accomplish HIS amazing PLANS. As you joined us in prayer, we saw GOD do the impossible over and over again. Truly we all can shout a HEARTY Amen as "he is no fool to give what he can not keep to gain what he cannot lose" TIME, Energy, finances, strength, tears ...all given freely this last year resulting in SUCCESS....amazing, abundant, awe inspiring success with eternal fruit!



Success in our baby ministry:

Last year GOD brought Baby Grace, a preemie girl struggling with feeding issues, Baby Able, whose mom has metastatic breast cancer, Baby Jabez and Baby Nesove, both who lost their mom's at their births, to our home. Each precious little one came with special needs. Each one came with families also needing CHRIST and HIS LOVE. We saw GOD open doors and He continues to work, even today, in these families through our ministry of compassion for these precious babies...the key to the heart of their families. You prayed us through the many nights of

no sleep...some of our churches and friends sent love gifts of clothes, blankets, baby supplies and finances needed to care for these little ones. You prayed us through the painful, heart rendering, goodbyes as we released these little ones from our home (though NEVER from our hearts!). **WE saw four precious souls of their families come to CHRIST** thus far from this vital ministry of love as we opened our hearts and our home & **three church plants started....success!**

PRAY: for Lilian as she battles still with cancer and now is expecting another baby in June all the while dealing with the infidelity of her husband and his abandoning their family in their time of great need as well. Able is now back with her for the time being while she still has strength to care for him.

PRAISE: Nesove is FINALLY sleeping better and more restful with less colic!! NOW we will introduce solids...pray it does not stir up problems again in his little intestines. **PRAY for his family to come to Christ!**

Success in our medical outreach:

It never ceases to amaze me how GOD uses such simple things to impact the people around us. Simple love and care augmenting medical treatment all given for free ,as a picture of the amazing and unspeakable gift of salvation available not from merit or worthiness, has been used to open so many doors for the GOSPEL here. We have seen GOD start three new church plants in our area as result of this consistent picture of HOPE in a land of desperate need. As you all joined us in praying and giving and sending medical supplies and medications needed...GOD has just exploded HIS LIGHT to those living around us and in remote areas as the mobile clinic has reached out as well. We have had some really challenging cases...some really BIG needs...heart wrenching sadness as healing is not in our hands but GOD's according to HIS plans. Some we could only prepare for eternity as their situations were beyond medical intervention...some we could help and see GOD heal...but all were given HOPE! **We had 22 little babies lives saved from abortion and numerous lives saved because of medical intervention. Success!!**



PRAY: God is opening the door for shipping medical supplies again via a container coming to PNG with some space. We are praying for GOD to stock our shelves with cold and flu medications, cough elixirs, liquid acetaminophen (Tylenol) and liquid Ibuprofen, pain medications and dressing supplies.

Please pray too for the funds to ship these needed items. The cost is about \$15 per cubic foot.

[Donations for this container can be sent to :](#)

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Success in our new Church ministry:

This year had been a really "wild ride" ,literally, each week as we attempted with great faith and sore bodies, the arduous journey up to the top of the mountain where our church ministry at Lusilo is located. Started as a direct result from our baby ministry (caring for Aisak), and our mobile clinic outreach, the Lusilo Baptist Church was planted on rock hard, stony ,spiritual ground. **Fighting, sorcery and violence hold in bondage the dear ones in that area like huge iron chains of despair.** YET, **God is making a**

difference . Finally there has been agreement as to the location of our church building...they are starting to work on leveling the ground this first week of the NEW YEAR. Today, our last Sunday of the year, we had **seven first time visitors** and a whole host of people that had come once or twice came back again as curiosity develops into intrigue. What we are preaching is different from anything they have heard before. Lives are changing as CHRIST is coming inside their hearts, and thus into their community!

A flickering light is turning into a blaze!! SUCCESS!

PRAY: a new ,bush material church building replacing our current bamboo poles with a tarp strung over will be great (!) but will come

with more financial sacrifices. Purchasing land.....building materials....feeding workers as they labor....success does not come

cheaply, easily or quickly. As we PRAY , the GOD of the harvest will bring forth provision and laborers to work with us in this ministry!

Success in our Bible College ministry:

This year was truly like a dream come true as our heart's vision of nationalization and true partnership with our PNG colaborers became reality!. WE had the very first graduation of Masters prepared ministers of GOD's Word! Each of these men able to be fully trained RIGHT HERE IN PNG without leaving their families nor ministries! The timing of GOD in all of this has been a bit amazing. We had NO IDEA that we would be facing the challenge of so many of our missionary coworkers exiting the field leaving a sub-skeleton crew behind to try to manage a very large and complex



work. With our national coworkers now fully equipped, able and excited to fill in the many empty spaces in our Bible College staff needs, God's orchestration has been wonderfully manifested.

We have seen our PNG support of the school increased as our USA support has significantly dropped...and the needs are still being met. WE praise GOD for exciting possibilities of expansion in the near future as HE continues to open doors that we will eagerly walk through in faith. The need of quality, visionary, workers for this vast and needy land compels us and we eagerly await all that GOD has planned for this new year ahead as we seek to train and prepare workers for the great harvest field of PNG. But what joy to see SUCCESS as GOD has enabled and blessed this past challenging year at GBBC!

PRAY: Our new school year begins the last week of January..pray for **teachers** as we all prepare for our classes...for **students** as they return and for the **newly accepted students** that they will not allow the tricks of Satan to distract them from the call to prepare for ministry! PRAY for the **financial needs** of our Bible College and for direction for our future.



Success in our family:

There is no greater joy than knowing our children walk in truth. It has been so very hard to be so far away when our kids have had needs during these very crucial time of transitions in their lives. BUT, GOD has been so very faithful to our family. The kids in the USA are following GOD and serving HIM in the place HE has them planted. Though far from us physically, they all still share our heart of ministry and that brings amazing joy and peace! We have been able to be there for the kids when they really needed our presence despite being a half a world away. We serve a very amazing GOD.

PRAY: Please pray with us as we need to finalize **Aaron's USA citizenship with his re-entry into the USA this year**. We would love to combine that trip to coordinate with Ruthann's college graduation so that one of us could be there to CHEER on our amazing daughter and celebrate her many accomplishments. That trip would cost \$6000 for the round trip tickets....so please pray for GOD to open or close that door according to His plan for us. We need to complete extensive paperwork and pay fees to

organize the visa for Aaron and his paperwork for the citizenship within a 6 month time period before that trip for him...so we need to have answers from GOD soon. PRAY!

"20 years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than the ones you did. SO throw off your bowlines. Leave the still waters of the Harbor. Catch the trade winds with your sails.." (Mark Twain)

"God provides the winds...but man must raise the sails" (St Augustine)

"if you want to succeed you should strike out on new paths rather than travel the worn paths of accepted success" (John D Rockefeller Jr).

No reserves, no retreats, NO REGRETS!

Thankful for the success GOD has brought this last year...eager, willing,ready and waiting for all that awaits in 2013~

Thanks for joining us on this wild adventure of GOD in the "Land of the UNEXPECTED"...PNG!!

May we have a SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR as well for GOD and HIS GLORY!!

Bill, Lori and the boys

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