

HE cries our tears....so we can cry the tears of others!

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This past week, we ladies at our ladies week away had the joy of continuous study of the lives of our dear sisters, [Martha and Mary](#). One of my sessions, I shared one of my most precious, though the shortest, verses in the Bible with the ladies. "Jesus WEPT". I am so moved by the reality that my Savior FEELS my heartaches. Jesus KNEW that He planned to raise Lazarus from the dead, so his tears were not of sorrow for that death of his dear friend. His spirit groaned with the intense sorrow of Mary.

HE cried HER TEARS. HE felt HER hurt.

This day started out with tears:

It was barely light out and a couple brought their sweet little son, George. He got sick this weekend...**cried all night, then GOD chose to take him to heaven this morning**. He either died at home or on the way, but by the time he got to us, he was gone. I tried my best to resuscitate him, not for his sake as much as the parents. I know I WOULD WANT every possible chance for my baby to be brought back to my arms alive again. I knew it was futile, but my tears ran down my face as I did compressions and breaths all along dreading sharing the news I knew I had for his anxious parents. **Little George was already in the arms of Jesus**. He was such a happy little guy...six months old. I had seen him just last week and got my smile and hug.



My tears were NOT for George. HE is with Jesus. **My tears were for the parents**. They don't know the Lord of peace...they have no hope of seeing their sweet son again. WE prayed with them, hugged them, cried with them this morning. Our hearts ached for them to SEE...as we shared the HOPE OF CHRIST with them once again praying that in the deep grief of the moment some of the words may sink in lighting the darkness of their hearts with the truth of GOD's amazing gospel message.

Sadness brings opportunities, though. This man, the father of George, was one of the men that tried to burn down Kure's home and threatened to cut him and hurt him when we were going through the horror of Lalo's death and the horrible sorcery accusations against our dear brother in Christ. Kure's first response to the sad news this morning of this couples hurt was one only a godly man could have....what a great opportunity to show LOVE to one who showed evil to him. Kure offered to make a coffin box for this precious little one tomorrow and bring it with loving sorrow to this family as they hurt.

PRAY that as we reach out to them in love, GOD will bring them to Himself!

This week was filled with tears:



I would not miss these weeks with the ladies for anything. Using pit toilets that are nasty beyond words to describe, endless hour upon hour of sitting on the ground with numb body parts finally bringing relief from the pain of sitting for one who NEVER SITS, sleeping with rats, insects of all kinds and a whole bunch of other ladies unbothered by these other roomies like I am, washing in ice cold, muddy (coffee mocha colored)river water that makes you itch all over.....all the

little inconveniences compared to the joy of sitting with and talking to these women who have tears and hurts that are beyond what I truly can comprehend!! Hugging them, praying and crying their tears with them...it is just too precious to miss. Some live in marital relationships complicated and damaged by polygamy, violence, and openly accepted infidelity. Some hurt as their children turn away from them and GOD. Some hurt aching for babies that past mistakes most likely will make impossible to have. HURTS upon HURTS. Tears upon tears. HOPE upon HOPE as HIS YOKE is easy and HIS BURDEN is light.

Christ is right there, our advocate at the THRONE OF GRACE crying our tears and praying for our needs along with us. Truly, "What a friend we have in JESUS"

Along with tears of sadness were tears of JOY. We had the joy of seeing 11 dear ladies come to Christ this past week during the meetings. Many made spiritual decisions. Just in my sessions, we had 50 plus ladies raise their hands or come forward during the invitation in need of doing business with GOD. What joy to see GOD work in lives and hearts as HIS TRUTHS were taught!

We had tears of rejoicing as our sweet Lilian made it through the week and was able to be at the ladies meeting as well. She had to sleep a lot during the sessions as she is weak ,but she slept right where we were sitting during the meetings, so her blanket and pillow were right there. ALL the ladies were so loving...not one glance as our sister needed these times of rest. ALL prayed with and for her. She had a lot of pain, but at least there she could be distracted from that pain with God's Word and fellowship. She felt strong enough to try to go back to the village so she could have more time with her family as she has this window of reprieve. We still have Able with us as he started crawling and is into EVERYTHING now...she just has no strength to care for him now. We will take this journey with her one day and one step at a time. Thank you for taking our hands in prayer and walking with us! I hold her precious baby and cry for both of us, but I know GOD is in control and HIS PLAN is perfect...HE IS ABLE!!

The only ones that DID NOT have a lot of tears were the two little baby boys. Thank you for praying. Nezove was amazingly calm...until we got home...ha. Now he is back to his fussing!

WE did appreciate them being so well behaved...no nursery here!!

WE so appreciate your prayers for our ministries here. Your sacrifice in taking time to pray...your sharing of your resources for us to minister to the hurting here sharing with them HOPE and JOY unexplainable from our human understanding and circumstances...it all means SO much.

Please pray along with us this week:

* for **Bill** as he will be traveling to Lae tomorrow (your Sunday Night) to check on our coworkers container that is "stuck" (As I can almost hear our precious Eliana say!)(it needs to be on the ocean by Wednesday) and get medicine. Pray hard as there has been an increase in hold ups on the roads recently. Thankfully our lives are in very amazingly strong HANDS! Pray for good prices, for protection from theft and for safety on the roads!



*for those of us that **work in the clinic** as many "missed" our help last week and will most likely be PILED HIGH at the clinic gate in the morning desperate for help. Pray for our strength! Most of us were at the meeting last week with little sleep.

*for **Nezove** to start sleeping more and become calmer. (Now we know he CAN be less fussy ...ha!)

*for **Lilian and her family** and their many and diverse needs now.



*for our Pastors conference coming up in just over a week. Many of the Pastors wives at the meeting were very discouraged. We want so much to be a blessing to them and their husbands!! We need more financial hugs if we are going to be able to send our ladies off with a plate and cup of love to help them REMEMBER our love and prayers stay with them when their tears run heavy and their hearts ache!

Please let us know if God lays that burden on your heart and you are willing to help us love on these amazing women that week! It is not too late!

*for our **John**, Becky's husband. He left his job, by faith, as the "powers that be" refused to give him Sundays off (at all). PRAY GOD rewards his stand for putting GOD first with a great job!

*for Lori's Dad. His potassium blood level continues to be too high despite him being very careful with limiting his dietary potassium, etc. PRAY GOD intervenes and just takes care of this problem. PRAY for their doctor to have wisdom in treating daddy. There is great power in prayer.

*for **Bill**. We are facing many attacks from the Evil One on all sides. Please pray for Bill to have great wisdom in dealing with some very pressing and challenging needs right now administratively with the Bible School.

*for the **salvation** of Nezove's family.

*for the **GBBC scholarship fund**. We would love to offer opportunities for our students to stay back and work over their school holiday to help towards their school fees the next year, but we have NO MONEY to pay for the work. Pray that **GOD will provide \$2500** to be able to help our students STAY in school as by offering them work opportunities. IT is truly a gift that gives and gives as they learn not only their Bible knowledge but a good Biblical work ethic as well! We still need about \$5000 to finish the 2012 budget as well. Normal giving in the USA has been lower than expected but praise the Lord we have seen a great increase in PNG giving.



Knowing our tears will be all wiped away in heaven, we must take advantage of letting them flow now.

Thank you for your hearts and tears that join ours as well as we cry each others hurts and hug with the arms of GOD the many in need around us!

No reserves, no retreats, and NO REGRETS....and many tissues!

Bill, Lori and the boys.

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