

****Disclaimer, this is a long one, so strap yourself in.**

A Divine Delay and Detour Does Not have to become a Dilemma. (Thanks for this Toni!! ☺)

OUR Revolving Door: Calling All Prayer Warriors!!

With only 3 days remaining before our scheduled departure date, Saturday, July 17th at 4:00p.m. We find ourselves once again facing so many unknowns and each of them completely out of our hands to do anything about in our own strength. However, we know that our God CAN.

We see the Enemy working overtime here. As the door seemed to begin swinging wide open for returning to our beloved field of Papua New Guinea, we began to make our preparation. Figuring out flight paths and purchasing our tickets, beginning to get ALL and I mean ALL the paperwork lined up for this unprecedented time of travel, packing up the house we have been living in these past 6 months, sorting, weighing, packing and repacking each duffle bag and box and crate item to get it to the allowable weight...trying to squeeze in all the last special 'gatherings' with friends and loved ones in attempt to hang on a little bit longer to each one...wrapping up medical needs...we have FINALLY reached our final week countdown..3-2-1...



BUT...the illustrative 'revolving door' that has already returned so many back to the mission field has seemingly jammed us up right in the middle, locking us in from both sides.

As a crew of families that we were originally in line to return with the end of June touched down in PNG, the Government issued new requirements that may or may not be temporary and have restricted once again access into PNG. Our amazing Crisis Management Team of co-workers who have been working overtime and around the clock to try to navigate through all of the critical mandates, policies, paper work, travel restrictions, border closings, etc, etc,

have submitted forms to seek exemptions and allowances for our personnel to be able to return under specified guidelines. We received this information just last week! We were encouraged to continue to make plans to return this Saturday as we are ALL TRUSTING THE LORD TO MOVE THIS DOOR JAM.



***PLEASE PRAY with us that God will give our mission favor with the government officials necessary to sign and grant the permissions for each of our returns.**

Just this morning, we received further instructions that they have yet to receive those permissions so we are each asked to make some critical decisions on our immediate plans.

To be honest, we want to BOLDLY walk by Faith and keep pushing forward as we are confident that this is the ministry to which we have been called according to His purpose. While at the same time, seek His Divine wisdom in the Decisions that we do make as it involves more than just us, but our children and the Lord's finances as well.

Both of us have felt confident that the Lord is leading for our return on so many levels and with so many confirmed answers to prayers.



A friend gave me a word today to hold onto, "UNWAVERING" which by definition means:

Adj. 1. unwavering - marked by firm determination or resolution; not shakable; "firm convictions"; "a firm mouth"; "steadfast resolve"; "a man of unbendable perseverance"; "unwavering loyalty". firm, steadfast, unbendable, unfaltering, unshakable, steady, stiff..

Well friends and loved ones, I am not sure that this description is true of us, but we can attest to the UNWAVERING FAITHFULNESS of GOD ALMIGHTY! His UNWAVERING LOVE, UNWAVERING PASSION AND RESOLVE for the lost, UNWAVERING POWER over all of His Creation. We could continue for pages and pages.

It is in moments like this that we are again reminded of so many of His ALIVE and ACTIVE WORDS from His BOOK OF LIFE; that sets our feet on solid ground and anchors the tumultuous thoughts bombarding our minds. It is in our WEAKNESS that His STRENGTH shines through it is through our cracks that He is made known, it is with the feeble weakness of our hands that make mighty His Handiwork! Why? Because everything, good and bad, ultimately have one purpose...to bring Him Glory! And brothers and sisters, it is upon these Truths that we are choosing to REST.



***Please Pray with us that we can cling to His HOPE when there seems to be so little in this particular situation.**

We have learned that God sometimes chooses to act silently, behind the scenes, and sometimes He likes to have an audience to show how MAGNIFICENT and MIGHTY HE truly is! He does NOT owe us anything. He does NOT need us to complete His work among the North Wahgi. He does NOT answer to man for any of His MARVELOUS and UNFATHOMABLE ways, BUT, through His GRACE and MERCY and command for us to continually seek HIS FACE, and SEEK HIS WISDOM He does reveal His NATURE and answers our petitions. We are asking you to join us.

In the end, whatever the outcome, God is receiving Glory simply because His children are joining together to bow their knees, acknowledge who HE is and petition Him in Prayer, resolving that it is only through Him alone that we are able to do anything according to His rich mercies.



We have already seen many answered prayers, even in a false positive of covid for Levi just this week Monday! YEP, those fancy, fool proof down your nostril/throat tests. With initial panic for sooo many reasons...he insisted to be re-tested as he has had zero symptoms and has been working primarily from home with very little contact with others prior to the initial test. We were so thankful for the ability to find an approved location that could retest and give us results within an hour's time. We were more than relieved to hear that he was in fact **NEGATIVE! ANSWERED PRAYER!!**



This added attack from the enemy, as we see it, almost halted Levi from being able to receive the heart monitor apparatus put just under the surface of his skin, a procedure that he received today! Praise the LORD! This will allow them to keep tabs on his heart all-the-while establishing a history pattern. A.K.A. "Peace of Mind" for family and loved ones! He has received 2 cardiac surgeons official go ahead to return to the mission field! Both insisting that his condition is not one that puts him at increased risk of heart attack/stroke and should not limit him in any way to return. **THANK YOU to EACH OF YOU for your continued prayers!!! CONTINUED ANSWERED PRAYERS!!**

I had my final voice/therapy session a week ago and was signed off with restored health!! I was even able to sing It is Well on Sunday! How appropriate indeed! For those that love singing, perhaps you can imagine the joy and emotion that came with not being able to sing for almost 2+ years!!! I have now been equipped with tools that will be useful to guide me in the years ahead

should it become necessary as these growths can inflame and become a reoccurring problem for the rest of my life!! **MORE ANSWERED PRAYERS!!!**

We have appreciated so much ALL of the help that so many of you have given to us whether it be through extra generous gifts to help with these unforeseen additional expenses! We've been BLOWN AWAY by how the LORD has moved among you! THANK YOU!! To those who have made/delivered meals, helped us clean, sort, weigh, pack, run errands, shuffled kiddos around, spoiled our children with summer FUN! (Pastor RICK and SOO MANY OTHERS!!), loved on us, listened, encouraged and prayed with us!

We continue to be in AWE at the beautiful way the Lord uses His Body to bless and encourage one another.



PLAN 'B'...WHAT?!

We have been asked by the few that we have shared with about this whether or not we have a PLAN 'B'. To be honest, we don't. We have purposefully tried to keep our minds from going there.

What we do know: we have to move out of the home that we have been in by tomorrow so that the new Pastor and his family can finally move in. They have been SOO incredibly generous and gracious with allowing us to stay here through our final week before departure, putting their own family and plans, comfort and convenience on hold!!

- We KNOW that we have, ALL but 1 KEY, necessary piece of paperwork for our scheduled return on Saturday!!!
- We KNOW that we hold tickets for international cross-continental travel dated for departure at 4:00p.m. out of Grand Rapids on Saturday!!!
- We KNOW that God can MOVE this MOUNTAIN, UNJAM this DOOR in a moment!
- We KNOW that our spiritual eyes, full reliance and dependence must stay fixed upon Him no matter how many waves crash against

us!!! And we KNOW that even if He chooses to NOT move this MOUNTAIN or open this DOOR, He IS STILL FAITHFUL! HE IS STILL GOOD!

Because even when we don't see it He's working!

- And we KNOW we CAN TRUST HIM through every storm, trial, delay, bump, set back and the BIG UNKNOWN of what might be NEXT for us...

Will you join with us in petitioning the LORD of Heaven's Armies to MOVE with favor upon us in this journey?



PLAN 'A':

We are continuing to move forward, hopeful to receive word by Friday night that we have received the necessary documents from the PNG Government . OR we have been encouraged to 'Suspend our travel plans' for which we do have insurance and have been assured that we will more than likely receive full refund and credit towards a future date of travel.

Thank You for your PRAYERS!!!

In His grip,

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