

May 23, 2009 – The Colich Chronicles: 1st Grandson born, Elijah; PNG needs

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Dear family and friends,

Wow! Elijah Joel arrived Wednesday night (May 20) at 11:44 PM and weighed in at 7lb 15.5oz (3.615kg) and was 21" (53.34cm) long. Mother and son (and father) are all well but exhausted. Larissa and Charles went into the hospital at 7AM and so it was a long, but rewarding day. Thanks for praying for his safe arrival.



Larissa and Charles are also in the process of buying their first house. They are set to close on the 29th of this month - lots of excitement everywhere they turn... ☺

I kept putting off sending out an update until we had something firm to report. And then we were waiting for Elijah to make an appearance - almost 3 weeks after his initial 'declaration' which sent Larissa and Charles to the hospital on May 3rd. But, all in the Lord's timing, he is now with us and so here is the 'official' update.

We have arrived (finally!) at a somewhat firm plan for returning to Papua New Guinea. We will not be returning in late June/early July as we had tentatively planned earlier in the year. We had been thinking that we would stay until after Rachel's baby (her 2nd) is born in late August/early September, but now think that it will be best overall if we wait to be here with my Dad for the first anniversary of my Mom's death, which will be October 26th. Dad is doing well overall, and so we are currently planning on returning to PNG the first or second week of November. Thanks so much to all of you who have been praying with us, seeking the Lord's will in the timing of our return.

Megan is still hoping to somehow be back in school (not Asbury - destination is currently under review) this Fall and we are still working out the kinks in our FAFSA details and application matters. Please pray the Lord's will be done.

We are in KY right now at Larissa and Charles' apartment and need to get back up to OH to retrieve our passports (which expire in August) and send them in to get renewed. We want to check on Dad, as well as take care of some medical issues and of some other business matters. So we should be either in KY or OH for the next several weeks. We hope to get up to New England this Fall and make another trip to VA again prior to leaving the States. Anyone along those paths that would like to see us, please let us know and we will try to include you in our itinerary, if possible.

A number of folks have asked about things we may need before we return to PNG and so here is an update. If you want the specifics on any of these let me know and I'll provide the details.

What is needed and what would be very helpful:

Needed:

- 1) **Partial** - Airfare for our return tickets to PNG.
- 2) **PROVIDED** - Backpack with lots of outside pockets and **large** inside capacity (min 4,500 cu. in)
- 3) **PROVIDED** PortaPotti
- 4) Sea wall design, materials, and laborers.
- 5) Boat: 23 footer (minimum) with an enclosed foredeck (cabin area) with coaming to deflect waves from entering, high sides, floor with drains, center console with windshield, canopy/shade, twin engines (50+ hp each).

Very helpful:

- 6) **PROVIDED** Sine-wave inverter
- 7) **PROVIDED** Cordless drill with charger and 2 batteries
- 8) Multimeter that gives true RMS readings; fused – 10A
- 9) Camera to replace our Kodak P850 that has died – 8.0 MP, 15x Optical zoom
- 10) Our 10-year-old Sony digital camcorder is starting to die and ought to be replaced.
- 11) **PROVIDED** Plano LARGE tackle box for my medical supplies.

Please let us know what is going on in your lives. Many of you we have not heard from for a long time...

With much love and thanks,

Kim and Annie