

September 11, 2009 – The Colich Chronicles: 2nd Granddaughter born, Hope; Update

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Dear family and friends,

We are so happy to announce the birth of Hope Johanna Groothuis. She came into the world at about 7:57am on August 31, weighing 7 lbs 3 oz and 21" long. She is a beauty! She and her mother, Rachel, are doing well, as are Daddy Dann, and older sister, Winter. Thanks for praying for her safe arrival.



Annie and I were here in Michigan for the planned C-section and will continue here for the next couple of weeks to help out however we can. Dann's dad, uncle and I put a new roof on the back section of the house last Saturday - about 40 man-hours total. That was a lot of work, but hopefully no more leaks.... ☺

Another praise: We also received word that our PNG visas have been approved! We still don't have them in hand so we won't throw a party just yet, but we'll let you know when they arrive. Based on getting them by the end of this month we will plan on leaving the States on or around the 10th of November.

Megan started school at Brown Mackie College this week, beginning an Occupational Therapy Assistant program. We are glad to see her back to her studies after taking this past year off.

Larissa and Charles are enjoying their baby boy, Elijah Joel, who is almost 4 months old now. He is a 17 lb. bundle of smiles and chuckles! Larissa is back to work part time and enjoys her nursing career very much.

Very briefly, Annie has had over a week now of improvement after almost a month of incredible TMJ pain. The pain came on after a trip to the dentist and was unrelenting. After numerous trips to the dentist, Family Practice, and finally a TMJ specialist, the pain is now mostly under control. Hopefully we will continue to see steady improvement not only with the pain but in the underlying condition. This and other medical expenses keep piling up. Wycliffe will not release us to return to our field assignment with outstanding debt. We are trusting God for additional partners.

My Dad had another trip to the ER after a fall in the laundry room. Although his head was bleeding the CT scan was normal. Thankfully he didn't break any bones. He has had numerous falls in the last month and is in Physical Therapy again and will be reviewed at the end of that time for a possible change of leg braces or possibly going to a scooter. Otherwise he is doing well.

We received an email from a Tami man a couple of days ago who works in one of the larger PNG towns. He said that things are mostly well in Malasiga, but 2 men have died, both of whom were supporters of the translation. One of them, Sam Reuben, was one of only a handful of Christians in the village. He understood the value of having the Scriptures available in his mother tongue and was always an encourager regarding our translation efforts. We will miss him.

Some good friends and supporters in Ohio recently purchased a video camera for us, we are very thankful for their generosity. We are still hoping to get a camera before we return as this will be a big help in keeping you all updated visually with what the Lord is doing among the Tami.

With much love and thanks,

Kim and Annie