

Joshua, Joanna and Charis Fleming

FOR HIS GLORY

Summer 2009

A few weeks ago as we were driving home we passed a house that still had a Christmas tree. "Wow, those people are late," we thought until Joanna made the observation that we are overdue for a Prayer letter!

Savoring the Gift and the Giver

Since our last letter the Lord has been doing some exciting things. On December 19, 2008 we were blessed with a new addition to our family! We are reminded that all good things come from the Lord (see blurb to the right).

In addition to being new parents we have been working full time, serving as small group leaders in our church, helping with the local Perspectives class, deputising, and been involved in outreach. Joshua has been working on his ordination, and we have a few modules left in our home churches Mission Candidacy Training Program. "The Program" ends with a module on packing, so we won't be officially done until we leave. The thing that we have been praying is that we will learn everything that the Lord has for us in this time as well as diligence in completing each of the tasks He has for us.



The Challenge

Despite the troubled economy and weakening dollar we haven't lost any supporters, and we are excited to say that we have been only gaining toward the goal! Candidates with TEAM average 18 months to raise support. We started raising support in March 2008. To this point a majority of our support has been individuals, but we have seen a few churches partner with us



recently. A special thanks to all of you who have given so sacrificially. We pray that the Lord return your generosity a hundredfold as you partner with us to expand the Kingdom of God. At the time of this letter we have nearly all of our outgoing expenses and around

half of our monthly support requirement. While we have come a long way, we still have a long way to go so please keep us in your prayers, and if you know of any opportunities for us to present our ministry we would be grateful.

Pray With Us

The main thing that we are praying for at the moment is a time frame for our departure. We have been praying and seeking advice from TEAM (our mission organization), our home church and other wise people God has put in our life about this. We desire to leave by the end of the year but there are many factors that enter into the equation. One thing holding us back is the remaining 50%+ of our monthly support. We appreciate you praying with us as we seek the Lord in this matter.

OUR DESIRE FOR CHILDREN HAS BEEN A ROTUNDA OF HOPES AND...

*DISAPPOINTMENTS UNDERGIRD BY THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD AND AN UNDERSTANDING THAT WHATEVER HAPPENED **He IS GOOD**. Seven years of petitioning the Lord by friends, family, and our church were all answered in the early hours of December 19th as Charis Noelle came enthusiastically into this world. We are grateful to those who prayed but more grateful to our Lord and Savior who is the giver of all good things! Blessed be His name! Now the real work begins and the need for prayer is even more acute. We are savoring every moment of parenthood (even when she wakes up in the middle of the night). Thanks to all of you who have stood with us in this time. And a special thanks to Mom Jones for staying with us for six weeks to help with the baby, Aunt Cameron, Joshua's sister Hannah, the Essigs and the Smith's for helping us by watching Charis as Joanna transitioned to being at home.*

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