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*"Delight thyself also
in the LORD;
and he shall give thee
the desires of thine heart.
Commit thy way unto
the LORD; trust also
in him; and he shall bring
it to pass."
(Psalms 37:4-5)*

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, 2010

Dear Pastor and Church family,



We are excited to announce that the Lord has blessed us with a little miracle! My wife and I are expecting our first child! Words cannot express our joy! The baby is now eighteen weeks and doing great. Baby Baran will be a summer baby as the estimated due date is June 6th! Earlier in the pregnancy we had an ultrasound done and were able to see our little one. What an amazing experience! It really made the fact that we're about to become parents a reality. We're so excited about this precious gift God has entrusted us with.

November has proven to be one of the busiest times of the year. Missions conferences have taken us from Texas to West Virginia. We've also had several meetings in New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio. While in Texas, the Lord provided the opportunity for me to return to Austin, where I attended college at Capitol City Baptist Church. The people there became very special to me during my four years of institute. We were also invited to Templo Bautista del Monte Calvario to be a part of their missions conference. This Spanish church started as a ministry of Capitol City Baptist Church and has grown into a thriving work! It was an awesome week! The people were so friendly and personable. It was great to go back and introduce my wife to the church and see how they were doing. I cannot thank them enough for all they did for us while we were with them. This church was an enormous blessing to us and we pray the Lord will greatly bless them for that!



Well, December has come and with it the special day we set aside to remember our Lord's greatest gift. We pray you all had a Merry Christmas with your loved ones as we celebrated the Savior's birth. In these days we live in it can be so easy to get lost in the hustle and bustle of shopping and all the commercialism of Christmas. It's not wrong to partake in gift giving and family fun but let us always remember the reason we celebrate! For my wife and I it was neat to contemplate that by next Christmas our family will have expanded by one! Right after the holidays our church took thirty-seven teens to winter camp. The three days spent were grueling but so worth all the effort. Winter Camp is a time for Christians to get serious with God without all the distractions of the world. Some teens received Christ as their personal Savior and others made life changing decisions. What a blessing to be a part of this great ministry!

PRAYER & PRAISE:

- We are thankful for the baby the Lord is giving us. Please keep the baby and my wife in your prayers as the pregnancy progresses.
- We are eager to report that New Hope Baptist Church in Broad Top, PA & Light-house Baptist Church in Jamestown, NY & two more individuals have taken us on for support! Thank you so much for partnering with us through prayer and finances! God bless you and your families.
- Please pray as we get our things ready to ship to Cebu. After doing some research on the shipping company we discovered that the earliest we could send our first box was April, 2011.
- Your prayers are also needed as I will be looking into the legal paperwork concerning permanent residence for my wife, our child, and possibly our future guard dog.

We are His and He is ours,

Chris Baran

Chris and Elizabeth Baran (Psa.28:7;37:4-5)