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Dear Pastor and Church Family,
We praise the Lord for the safe arrival of our baby girl! Abigail Elisabeth came to us on Wednesday afternoon, June 8th, 2011. The delivery went really well and both mother and baby are doing great! Abbie weighed in at a healthy 7 lb. 11 oz. and was 21 inches long. There is absolutely nothing that can prepare you for receiving such a precious gift. This little life truly is a miracle. We would like to thank everyone for all their well wishes and prayers! Being a dad has been so much fun! Elizabeth and I are so excited to finally have our Abigail with us!



In anticipation of Abigail's arrival, we progressively slowed our schedule in the month of May. Our final meeting took place in Adrian, New York with Pastor Wheeler and the Adrian Baptist Church. Please keep these dear people in your prayers! Mrs. Wheeler went home to be with the Lord earlier this year. We rejoice that she is in heaven but she is greatly missed by Pastor Wheeler, her young children, and the church. **The world doesn't understand how we can go on when trials come but Pastor Wheeler said it best when he quoted the Lord's words in II Corinthians, "My grace is sufficient for thee:"** I cannot even imagine the loss of a spouse but seeing Pastor Wheeler strong in the pulpit made me realize just how true those words are. God will always be there to give us the grace we need in terrible trials. He will carry us through.

I traveled to Georgia to be a part of our mission board's candidate school again this year. What an amazing week! Every time I go my sweet Lord gives me exactly what I need. The theme was about running the race with patience (Hebrews 12:1). I surely need my Lord to give me patience! During the week, Brother Fred Wall, missionary to Haiti for over 30 years taught us younger missionaries a few things about mission work. It was exciting to hear stories about the Lord's protection and provision on the field! Souls are being saved and lives are being transformed for the glory of God! This makes me want to be in the Philippines even more but I know God has a plan. I wholeheartedly believe that He will get us on the field in His timing. **Sometimes we want to do the work of God right now and we don't realize that He wants us to prepare first so that we can be more effective at the job.**

PRAYER & PRAISE:

- **Praise the Lord, our current support level is now at 75%.** Please continue to pray that we would be able to gather the remaining support we need to get to the field. **Our current goal is to be in Cebu by March, 2012.**
- **Please pray that the Lord would fill our schedule with meetings!** Also, there have been several churches who have promised support but have been unable to do so yet. Pray that they would be able to partner with us financially in the Lord's timing.
- **My mother is doing better, praise the Lord!** Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
- Concerning our paperwork, we're still gathering the necessary legal documents. **Lord willing, we can file for my wife's immigration visa this fall. We will be filing at the Philippine Consulate in New York City.**

We are His and He is Ours,

Chris Baran

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

"Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit the way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass."

(Psalms 37:4-5)