



December 3, 2009

Vernon View

Celebrate His Abundant Goodness...~Psalm 145:7a (NIV)



“Celebrate! Really God?” An unlikely command during tragedy but one He’s called us to. Hearing the amniocentesis test result, “Your baby girl has Trisomy 18,” was a hard blow and has weakened us substantially to be sure. However, we know full well that, “...My (His) strength is made perfect in weakness.” 2 Cor. 12:9, therefore, (as a new friend and fellow believer who has walked in our shoes put it) “It is not just a time to be endured, but enjoyed. ‘Therefore.. take pleasure’ in your pregnancy ‘for Christ’s sake’ and for His glory.” So, day by day we’ve made a concerted effort to take time to celebrate the time He’s given us; with Regan, with each other, and with our two beautiful boys no matter how weak we are or how little time we may have with her, for His goodness and only through His strength.

To educate yourself about Regan’s condition & how you can encourage us during this time please visit www.trisomy18.org

...I Am Fearfully and Wonderfully Made... ~Psalm 139:14a (NIV)



One day of celebrating included getting a 3D/4D ultrasound of Regan.

In the blinding blur of the days that followed our level 2 ultrasound, where we fully expected to hear whether we’d be having a boy or a girl and not, “Your baby has conditions that are irreversible and lethal.” God gave us both hope and a good reminder. A cou-



ple months prior, God had led us both, albeit separately, to settle on the name Regan for our baby. He confirmed that with us in such a powerful way, post ultrasound, as we looked up the meaning of her name and the accompanying Bible verse, “I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.” Psalm 139:14 We praise God for her and all of her ordained days with us!



Online? Click on these pictures to view a photo album where we took the time to celebrate. Or type the following into your web browser:

picasaweb.google.com/jenniferv.zep.3.17/FamilyWithRegan#
Thanks to John and Beth Teilhet for these wonderful photos!

“Through the Mouths of Babes” ~Matt. 21:16a (NASB)

It's a God Thing!

☉ AS I FINISHED GETTING READY FOR A DATE WITH JENNIFER, RILEY MET ME AT THE DOOR AND EXCLAIMED, “YOU LOOK FANCY DADDY!”

☉ IN AN EFFORT TO CONVINC REECE TO BE HAPPY ABOUT GOING TO CHURCH, RILEY SUGGESTED WE CALL IT EITHER CANDY OR CHOCOLATE MILK CHURCH.

☉ FOR REASONS BEYOND OUR UNDERSTANDING, RILEY AND REECE HAVE TAKEN TO CHANTING EVERY MORNING IN UNISON, “MOMMA, MOMMA, MOMMA...”

☉ WHEN RILEY IS ASKED WHY HE SHOULDN'T BE AFRAID HE BOLDLY PROCLAIMS, “GOD IS WITH ME!”

☉ AFTER TALKING TO RILEY ABOUT REGAN HE CAME TO US THE NEXT MORNING AND SAID, “I'VE GOT AN IDEA! WHEN JESUS COMES TO GET REGAN, LET'S GIVE HIM REECE INSTEAD BECAUSE I REALLY LIKE GIRLS.”

☉ IN THE DEEPEST SOUTHERN DRAWL REECE LOVES TO SAY, “BYE!”



Then...

The first couple weeks in January of 2003, found us serving alongside our co-laborers in Christ at Campamento La Cumbre, Costa Rica. Their first Open Camp of the year brought close to 50 students from all walks of life on an ordained meeting with the Creator of the Universe. Jennifer served on the team working as a Co-Instructor for a group of several young Costa Rican nationals and missionary kids. As they led their group through the extremely challenging ropes course, that we had helped build there in 2001, one young girl stood out

because of the intense fear she exhibited (pictured above.) Jennifer shared the story for years afterwards. How she attempted, in very broken Spanish and odd hand gestures, to encourage the girl but all she could do was pray for her and trust God to intervene. Fast forward to 2009, that little scared girl was Melania Escalante (pictured right) who served at Doe River Gorge this summer. God transformed her that week long ago by confronting her with her fear of death and the uncertainty in life she had apart from Jesus. Now, God brought her here to *Doe River Gorge* to accomplish the same type of ministry with very similar lost and scared young girls. Praise God for weaving our stories together which has revealed His hand in our lives so vividly!



Now...

“Pray Also For Me...” ~Ephesians 6:19a (NIV)



- ✂ ...that our perspective would be that of God's so that our boys, family, friends, and all those who see us face this trial will be drawn to Him.
- ✂ ...that Jennifer will carry Regan to term, she'll be born alive, and that we'll get to spend some time together as a family.
- ✂ ...because both of us are feeling anxiety as Regan's due date draws near and with it a lot of uncertainties. Jennifer is scheduled for a c-section on January 12th.
- ✂ ...that we'll have wisdom for important decisions that will need to be made once Regan arrives.
- ✂ ...because of the financial strain we are under from all of the mounting medical bills.
- ✂ ...that the healing of Ryan's foot from surgery will continue to go well.

“Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit...And pray...on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.” ~Ephesians 6:17-18a (NIV)

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Merry Christmas & a Blessed New Year!

We're so grateful for all of you! Thanks for your prayers, encouragement and support!