

Bringing Hope to the Philippines

October 22nd, 2009: It feels like it has been an eternity since I last sat down and wrote a newsletter. The last one I wrote was August 13th. Not that long ago, but a lot has happened since then. Judah is now 7 weeks old! He had an immunization done yesterday and weighed in at a whopping 13 pounds, 4 ounces. That's 5 pounds gained since he was born. I feel like there is so much I should share about his birth and what it's like for me to be a father, but there really is not space here. Let's just say that the whole thing is and was awesome and God is amazing! Everyday I learn more about how much God loves me and what real love is through Judah. Thanks so much to all of you who were praying for us and sent us cards or gifts. We are truly blessed.

We also had family with us the last 2 and a half weeks. They are all home now, but it was wonderful to have them come and see Judah and spend time together. It was also neat to show them the ministry and let them get involved in some projects. My mom taught one of the ladies how to make quilts and Liz's father and I repainted the gate at HOJ and laid some gravel in the alleyway to help combat the ever muddy pathway into HOJ. We also spent lots of time with the kids and visiting families. A good time was had by all. Liz and I even got to have a night out, just the two of us, while Grandma and Grandpa took care of Judah.

Liz is really enjoying being a mommy, it is a full time job for her now. We don't have a set plan, but imagine that she would start getting back at some things in about another month and a half. Meanwhile, I have

enjoyed being back at HFTN working with the staff, kids and volunteers. I can honestly say that Judah has really changed my perspective on a lot of things. I think I have more love and compassion for the kids than I had before.

I have started to focus a lot of my energy these days on fund-raising, both locally and internationally as we have been facing some funding cut-backs in the last few months. We have revamped our budget on this end to try and reduce costs, but are still looking to raise some funds for the feeding. Please pray for me as I will be attending a donors forum on October 29th here in Davao. There is a small chance that we could receive significant local funding. If you would like more information on our program and financial needs, please send me an email at dawicks@gmail.com and I'll forward the information.

Please continue to pray for us and especially for the children and families of Agdao. I still believe that there is much more that God wants to do in their lives. I watch our faithful staff and volunteers labor for the Lord and give of themselves and see them planting seeds every day. I know that God will make these seeds grow! Pray that God's Spirit would sweep over all of Agdao.

Some House Keeping:

- We need to apply for a new postal address. Please hold off on mailing anything until we have done so.
- Liz's new email address is lizwix@gmail.com
- Liz and I plan on being back in Canada and the States for a visit around this time next year. Pray as we process Judah's citizenship through the embassy here.



Liz, Dave and Judah Wicks



A new blue gate! (Yes, we trusted Grandpa Neff with the roller).



My mom and Josephine.
My mom rocks!

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