

Prayer Letter
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THIRD GENERATION BAPTIST MISSIONARIES TO THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Dear Praying Christians,

God, our Heavenly Father, is the best of the best when it comes to fathers. In fact, all other dads pale in comparison to Him. The longer I am a dad the more I am amazed at His character and love. How patient He is, longsuffering, merciful, kind, forgiving, wise, and giving of that wisdom to those who ask! My wife and I thank you for your faithfulness in serving God where you are and giving to be a part of the ministry here. God is providing our needs and giving little blessings here and there just because He can.

My wife and I just found out that **baby #3 is a girl** or at least as best as ultrasounds can tell which is 90%+ accurate. My wife and I both noticed how different this pregnancy was from the first two and therefore believed this one was going to be a boy. Surprise! Well, regardless we are both very happy for another life that God has entrusted to us.



One of the challenges of ministry is knowing what you can or cannot do when someone is struggling with temptations. We have had to work through some very difficult situations and learn to praise God through it all because He never leaves us nor gives us anything that He won't provide and see us through. Amanda and I have recently been made aware of someone in the church that is struggling with inordinate affection toward us. In addition, they have a history of mental instability which has been manageable for more than 5 years with God's help. Sadly, this individual relapsed and became a danger both to themselves and to my family by swinging re-bar at me and rambling of having a burning sacrifice of my two girls. We were seeking help as we knew they needed something we could not give. Through a lot of praying God worked it all out and the individual called the police on themselves. They spent about 2 months in the psychiatric ward of the hospital and were released due to normalcy of behavior and with medications. The individual is very embarrassed but the church has strived to keep them in check and still show love. Due to the sensitive nature of this, I will leave their name out but I do ask that you pray for all your missionaries as there are many struggles that you may never hear about but are very dangerous and real attacks both physically & spiritually. Imagine how comforting it would be to know that people are praying for you when someone is out to get your family and you don't know what to do. God is good and we can claim Ps. 37:25-28 & Rom. 8:28 as comforts.



Psalm 37:25-28 "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed. Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore. For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off." & **Romans 8:28** "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." . **Happy Thanksgiving.**

In Our Lord's Service,
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