



Paul and Sarah Hauth
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Hi Everybody,
 As our graphics indicate, Sarah and I are currently living on two separate continents as we await a passport for Caleb.

Sarah remains extremely busy as she continues to care for our one-month old son and makes preparations for the trip to Africa. As most of you know, Caleb was initially born with a collapsed lung and was quickly taken to the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) following birth. During the first week in the NICU, he began experiencing seizures due to bleeding on the brain and was eventually placed on an anticonvulsant medication to curtail any lingering seizure activity.



On September 21st, he is scheduled to see the neurologist who will assess his progress and make the final decision about travel. Our hope and prayer is that Sarah and Caleb will be able to travel by the end of September.



I (Paul) arrived back in Senegal on September 3rd and quickly resumed an active schedule on the Dakar Academy campus.

For travelers used to the relative sterility of a North American airport, West Africa provides a sensory experience like few other.

Disembarking from the plane in Dakar, I saw the vibrantly colored attire of vendors lining the city streets, felt droplets of sweat instantly form on my skin in the sweltering summer air, smelled the faint aroma of decomposing sheep carcasses after the recent *Tobaski* holiday, and heard the shrill cry of the *adhan* coming from a nearby

mosque. The scene was both exciting and intimidating, alluring and reviling, and unabashedly West African.



During upcoming weeks, I plan to maintain an active counseling and ministry schedule. I also hope to make provisions for Sarah and Caleb to ease their future transition back to Africa.

Sadly, my return also brought news of increased instability in the region. We know several missionary families who have been forced to evacuate their homes due to threats from Islamist groups. Please continue to pray for Christians around the world who face persecution.

PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAISES

- 🏠 PRAISE: Caleb's health continues to improve. He will likely be weaned off oxygen at the end of this week.
- 🏠 PRAYER: For complete healing of any residual seizure activity so that Caleb can receive medical clearance for travel. Please also pray that his passport arrives in time.
- 🏠 PRAYER: For Sarah as she prepares for the trip to Africa and maintains a full-time schedule as a mom.

Thank-You

Sarah and I were deeply touched by all the prayers and words of encouragement that we received while Caleb was in the hospital. Thank-You so much! We could not have made it through the experience without God's provision and your love.



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