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An hour ago I had plans of writing a different theme for this letter. That all changed after I received a call from the Guardian Social Worker of one of my favorite youth. (They're all favorites!) She is looking for someone who will take in this youth before his term runs out at the temporary group home he's been placed in. She has been trying for months to find someone within the system who will take him in, but to no avail. Social Services is now looking outside of the foster system to find a placement before he becomes homeless again.

This comes the day after he told me that he is now "into Christianity," where previous, he had been quite opposed to the whole idea. I've been reaching out to him for the last 2 years and this is a huge breakthrough. We spoke at length yesterday about how Jesus can live within him and loves him, as someone who He has proudly created... of how forgiveness is offered to him. These concepts were quite foreign to him and he asked a lot of questions. Before I dropped him off at his group home, he agreed enthusiastically to come with me next week to Life Changers.

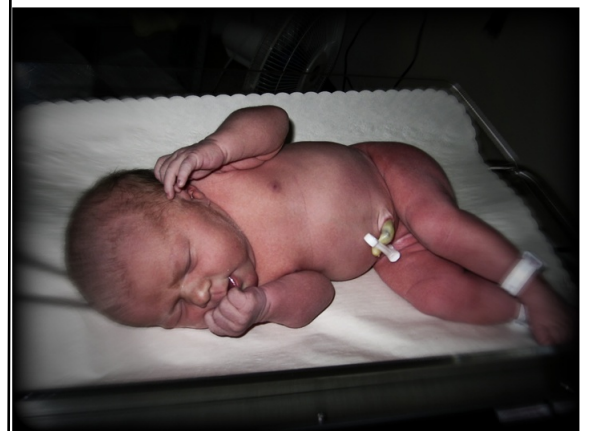
It's amazing how quickly the ball starts rolling when we focus our prayers, energy and love towards one youth in great need. When many reject him, as countless foster homes have already once they investigate his profile, my heart and the heart of Jesus goes out to him. Please pray with me for his soul and life.

On January 6th, at 12:04pm, Elisa gave birth to our beautiful daughter, Annika!

She weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was born by c-section.

The whole experience was amazing and now, three weeks later, I'm still in awe of God's beautiful creation and the one that is now my daughter. It's quite different than before, being a dad.

Elisa is recovering from the surgery very well and the baby is healthy. Annika loves to nurse and hates dirty diapers.



Annika Lilly Elise Williams

January 6, 2009

"True to your word, you let me catch my breath and send me in the right direction." Psalms 23

I've taken some time off to rest and spend time with my new daughter. During this I've also spent a lot of time reflecting on my service to Jesus in reaching out to the youth of Mission. It has been a time to "catch my breath" as many new doors had been opening up to reach out further. God has put on my heart to not lose focus of mentorship opportunities right in front of me with teen boys who are especially high risk. In this new year I want to focus more on reaching out to at risk youth, like the one mentioned above. Thanks for enabling me to do that!



***Can you feel my excitement?
Want to get in on it?***

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