

# The DEATRICKS



## Praises

- 2 hours with our David Matthew
- David is safe in the arms of Jesus and we will see him again soon
- Safety and good contacts on the trip
- Over half of our support raised
- God is so good!

## Prayer Needs

- Solomon Islands
- Wisdom and guidance in calling pastors and setting up meetings
- Complete healing for Nora
- Safety on the road

## Support Level

- 51%

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

February-March 2016

"Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men." (Psalm 31:19) How undeserving we are of the goodness of God! When things go well, it is easy to see God's goodness. God is always being good, but when hard things happen, it can be very easy to lose focus of it.

Many of you will remember that last January Nora miscarried our first baby boy, Lucas Matthew, at 14.5 weeks along. On February 14th, at 22 weeks and after thirteen hours of labor, Nora delivered our second precious baby boy, David Matthew. We chose his name because David means "beloved" and he was born on Valentine's Day. Matthew is named after his older brother in heaven and means "gift of God." I had just arrived back from the Solomon Islands a couple days earlier, and Nora had flown up to Chicago to surprise me. The Lord's hand in the orchestration of the events is very evident. If it happened just a few days earlier, or if Nora hadn't decided to come up and surprise me and was still in NC, I would not have been able to be there to be with Nora and hold our adorable little David for the two hours that he was with us. How very good God was to give us those two precious hours together as a family. We are also thankful that the delivery went smoothly with no complications and Nora has healed well. Thousands of people around the world have been praying for us and many have helped with expenses. We are so thankful! The peace that God brings truly does pass all human understanding.

We appreciate your prayers for us. Both of our boys were completely healthy and perfectly formed, Nora just went into preterm labor. We believe we now know the cause and things that we can do to help the chances of Nora carrying any future babies to term. However, any future pregnancy will carry many risks and uncertainties and will have to be highly monitored. We are thankful that our Lord knows exactly what our future holds and will be right there with us all along the way!

We are excited to announce that we have had two more churches partner with us! Our schedule is filling up for this year, and we are looking forward to presenting the Solomon Islands at many new churches in the coming months. Please be praying for me as I call pastors and try to get our scheduled filled up for the rest of the year.



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It was such a blessing to be in the Solomon Islands once again. Also, I was blessed to be accompanied by Pastor Fox (the assistant pastor from my sending church) so he could see the Solomon Islands and see our burden for the Islands himself. Even with the 95° plus temperatures during the majority of our visit, we were able to get a lot accomplished. We met with an immigration officer, and he gave us a detailed list of everything we need to accomplish before we apply for a visa. Please be in prayer for us as we work to get all the paper work done so that the process will go as smoothly as possible. We were also able to look at a couple homes that were for rent there in Auki as well. These homes were able to give us a good idea of what we could rent once we arrive in the Solomons. I was so happy to see many of my friends again in the Solomon Islands and try to be an encouragement to them and their families to keep going strong for the Lord. It was a blessing to hear of all that God has done for them the past year and a half. The trip has made me even more excited for the time that we can move there.

Thank you all for your prayers and support. We have again realized the importance of prayer these last few weeks and how powerful it really is. Thank you for your faithfulness to the Lord! May God bless you all as you serve him in your area.

All for Him,  
Michael and Nora Deatrick