

# the DEATRICK family



## YOUR MISSIONARIES SOLOMON ISLANDS

Dear Faithful Supporters and Friends,

February 2019

### PRAISES:

- Spiritual growth in PLBC
- Numerical growth
- Michael's nephew assisting
- Blessing of a baby girl
- Safe and healthy pregnancy

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Baptism decisions needing to be made
- Strength and health for Michael and Sidney
- Souls to be saved
- Christians to be disciplined
- Michael's parents as they prepare for their trip
- Traveling safety for all involved
- Health and safety for Nora and Baby Girl

Just under six months ago Nora and Corban boarded the plane to leave for the USA and now this difficult separation is drawing to a close. We have a new respect for military families who spend months and years apart in service of our nation. God provided finances through many of you for Michael to make a couple trips to spend time with Nora and Corban, and to allow our little princess to hear her daddy's voice. Oh yes! For those of you who do not know, Nora is pregnant with a little girl. Through it all, we have seen God do an amazing work in the ministry here. Over and over again, God has shown us why it was important that Michael stayed behind. Technology has aided us greatly during these past months, but we are thankful that this time is almost over and Michael will soon be headed back for the delivery of our little girl.

Pacific Light Baptist Church is doing very well. It continues to grow and we are seeing God do a wondrous work in the lives of many people. Some of our people are now approaching us with the desire to serve in the church. Michael has started to hold some men's meetings to discuss church business and decisions. It has been amazing to see the spiritual maturity of the men when it comes to dealing with the decision making of the church. This is a vital step in becoming an indigenous church.

Please be praying for a few people we are working with on their need to be baptized. They have made professions of salvation, but being baptized is a huge step for them because of their backgrounds. Most of them were baptized as infants and their old religions teach that being baptized again is against the Bible. It takes patience, understanding, and prayer to deal with such matters and is not something that just happens overnight.

It has been wonderful to have Sidney (Michael's nephew) in the Solomon Islands the last few weeks. He has been a blessing assisting in many areas of the church, but especially playing the piano that hasn't been touched since Nora left in August. Also, having someone to talk to in the evenings has been a huge encouragement to Michael.

Please be praying for Michael's Dad and Mom as they will be leaving for the Solomon Islands on February 21. We are so thankful for their willingness to come and relieve Michael for two months while he goes back to the US for the delivery of our daughter. Michael will have ten days with them before his departure to show them the ropes of living in the Solomon Islands. Please pray that the Lord would be with them during their stay. The living conditions are rough and they will need strength, health, and courage for the task ahead. Michael and Sidney will be leaving the Islands on March 4. Please pray that God would give them safety as they return back to the US.

Nora's delivery is soon approaching as she is over 32 weeks now! We are so excited about holding our sweet girl in our arms. She hasn't even arrived yet and already has daddy wrapped around her finger. Please pray that Nora can carry her to term. We had a scare a week ago as Nora started having contractions but thankfully a visit to the hospital was able to stop them.

Thank you all so much for your prayers and support. You each mean so much to us. We thank the Lord often for the supporters He has given us and pray for you as you serve Him where you are located. We look forward to when we can rejoice together at what God has accomplished here in the Solomon Islands through our partnership.

All for Him,  
Michael, Nora, Corban, and Baby Girl

