

the DEATRICK family



YOUR MISSIONARIES SOLOMON ISLANDS

Dear Supporters and Prayer Partners,

We are excited to announce the arrival of our beautiful baby girl, Kezia Florence! Baby Kezi was born April 2nd, weighing 8 pounds 6 ounces and 20.5 inches. She is very healthy and has already traveled to 13 different states! We are so thankful for a healthy and safe delivery of this precious miracle.

Nora has recovered well from the pregnancy. However, a few weeks after delivery she had some symptoms arise and intensify. She has had issues in the past, but we were not able to get clear direction from doctors as to what could be causing them. The Christian doctor we are with now has been running tests and we are beginning to get answers. As a result of some of the blood tests, her doctor has decided to put her on an intense thirty day treatment next week as we await more blood results and hopefully a clear diagnosis. We have been warned that the treatment usually comes with severe side effects which will take a toll on Nora. After much prayer and dialog with my pastor and missions agency, God has made it clear that I need to return to the States and be with my wife and help with the children during this time. The miles that I have accumulated in my travels will take care of most of my ticket back. After this treatment is over the middle of June, we will send another update. I plan to go back to the Solomon's as soon as possible after the treatment is finished and Nora's doctor expects that her health will allow her to return to the mission field by the end of summer. Because there is not yet a definite diagnosis, we don't have a solid time frame. This is no surprise to God and we are praying fervently for clear direction, wisdom, and strength.

Pacific Light Baptist Church remains strong and the people have a good spirit. We praise the Lord for the phenomenal job that was done by our replacements - in November by Evangelist Colton Lee and by my parents, Pastor Dan and Elsie Deatrck, during the two months I was in the U.S for Kezia's birth. When I returned just a few days ago, I was so thankful to hear how the people had been encouraged and blessed by my mom and dad. My dad was able to lead THREE SOULS to the Lord during their time and had made other new contacts as well! Praise the Lord!

After notifying the men of the church, many have expressed their support and understanding of my need to be with my wife. With the support of my dad and our missions agency, I have asked one of the main men, Joseph, to handle the preaching for me while I am away. He is a mature believer with a faithful wife and daughter who is capable of handling the ministry in my absence. Technology will allow me to be actively involved as well. Joseph not only has my trust, but also the trust of my dad who just spent two months with him. I am confident that God will watch over His children there and we look forward to seeing what the Lord will do in and through this.

As we are processing all of the circumstances that we are working through, 1 Thessalonians 5:24 continues to resonate within me. "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." We are more excited than ever at what God is doing in the Solomon Islands and we are looking forward, with great anticipation, to when we as a family can be back home together. The next verse says, "Brethren pray for us." This was not how we saw our first term on the field, but we have seen God do miraculous things in the Solomon Islands and know that He will continue to do so. We know that the prayers of God's people have been vital and we ask that you continue praying for us and the Solomon Islands.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or my sending pastor. Since I am overseas until approximately May 21, email is the best way to contact me until then. My dad and sending pastor can be reached at (660) 754-6312.

All for Him,
Michael, Nora, Corban and Kezia Deatrck

PRAISES:

- A safe delivery of Kezia
- 3 professions of salvation!
- New Contacts
- Safe travels

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Healing for Nora
- Wisdom for Nora's doctor and us
- Safe travels for Michael
- Pacific Light Baptist Church
- Joseph as he leads the church in our brief absence
- Souls to be saved