

Thank you so much for the many prayers and messages of encouragement we have received over the past few months. We are in the final days of this pregnancy, and are beyond excited to meet our precious little one when the time comes. We praise God for the safe pregnancy He has given Nora. It has been a very normal pregnancy. That may not sound like anything amazing, but knowing Nora's history, it's a surprise blessing from God. We were told during Corban's pregnancy that Nora would never be able to have a normal pregnancy without multiple precautions. Well, nothing is too hard for the Lord and we are just weeks, if not days, from a new baby coming into our lives. Please continue to pray for a safe labor and delivery for my amazing wife.

We are happy to report that Pacific Light Baptist Church is doing really well. Every week I record and send a video Bible lesson to the church that they play during their Sunday school hour. Twice every month we try to do a video call with the church during their fellowship time. We are able to have short one on one conversations with them to see how they are doing or answer any questions they may have. We are very thankful for technology. We often receive photos from the church and we marvel at how the people are sticking together and remaining faithful. It's a blessing to see their fellowship and hearts knit together. God has given us an amazing group of people to form the core of Pacific Light Baptist Church. We cannot wait to get back and rejoin them in reaching the Solomon Islands with the gospel.

It has been such a blessing to see many of you in our travels. We have enjoyed the fellowship and rejoicing together over what God has done through our partnership with such a wonderful group of churches. Depending on Covid restrictions, we are praying that we can return the end of June to continue our life and ministry in the Solomons. We just learned that Solomon Airlines is not returning to scheduled flights until October! This pandemic has definitely had a world-wide and long reaching impact on travel and ministry. Once baby comes, we will still have a few Sundays available for a furlough meeting. I know there are some that have shown interest, but I'm waiting on baby to come before we nail down a date. Please continue to pray for us as we travel and make plans to head back. We know God's timing is perfect and He will open all the necessary doors.

The end of November, after many months of unanswered pain, Nora took her mother down to a bigger hospital to find answers. There we learned that her mom has stage 4 pancreatic cancer. With varying circumstances, Nora has become her primary caregiver during this time as she has gone through various treatments and numerous appointments. Although the terminal prognosis is bleak, we do know that God can do anything. Please pray for strength, peace, and wisdom for each day and healing if that is God's perfect plan. We are so very thankful that God worked out His perfect timing in Nora's pregnancy which brought us back to the States and the very much normal pregnancy which has allowed her to care for her mom at this time.

Also, continue to pray for Nora's and baby's safety as labor and delivery approaches. Please continue to pray for Pacific Light Baptist Church, that they would remain encouraged and steadfast in this world. We also ask that you continue to join with us in prayer about land. We are still looking for a good place to be a more permanent home for PLBC. May God bless you.

All for Him,
Michael Deatrick

pray for
THE DEATRICK FAMILY

