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Dear Praying Friends,

"Trust the Lord with all thine heart" was the wise advice given by Solomon to his son all those years ago. Of course, it is still wise advice today, and advice Becca and I have tried to follow especially over the last few months with our baby's heart problems. She is now at 38 weeks and the doctors have planned her birth for the 6th of August at 10:30 am Queensland time (7:30 or 8:30pm on the 5th USA time).

The doctors have been really glad to see how well she (baby girl Gilliam) has done (thank you for praying). They are expecting to put a pacemaker in at birth. Based on how she is doing, they will either immediately repair whatever in her heart needs repaired or wait a couple of months. Doing it immediately is the most likely scenario. It is in the Lord's hands, but the doctors seem to think they should be able to do the surgeries successfully. To their knowledge, our baby's heart will not be as strong as if she had never had the problems, but they think she should be alright.

As you can tell, this is taking up a substantial part of our lives right now. Becca's mom and sister have arrived and have been a great help looking after the kids while we are in the various appointments. Reese and Bryce have adjusted pretty well to being away from home but are struggling at times with the new environment and uncertain schedule. Please pray for them as they continue to adjust.

Our church folks in Townsville have really been helpful and encouraging during all of this. Please pray for them as various men fill in and that the Lord will continue to grow the work there. Pray that the youth groups and RE classes will continue to see fruit for the Lord's work.

We will be in touch when we find out anything more or after the baby is born. It may take a day or two after her birth to let you know how things are going with her heart. Thank you for your generosity in giving and praying on our behalf.

Love,

The Gilliams