



# AMOS FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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## BABY ON BOARD

Yep, Rebecca is pregnant if you didn't know! We are completely ecstatic for this blessing from God! What a time of change for the Amoses!! Rebecca is due on February 13<sup>th</sup>. We don't know yet whether it is a boy or girl but we hope to find out soon. Our plans have changed some due to our baby. We had plans to move to Rwanda on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> with the rest of our team and have our child there; however, we have decided to have the baby stateside in Lubbock. Rebecca has a low blood platelet count which isn't affecting our baby but could cause problems during delivery for her. We have seen specialists in Lubbock and have talked to medical missionaries in Africa and all have been unanimous that we should wait a few more months and have the baby here. I know our family was glad to hear of this!! It does bring us sadness to not arrive in Rwanda with our team, but we are convicted that family comes first.

As for Rebecca, she has been a real trooper in all of this and hasn't slowed down a bit. She hasn't had a lick of morning sickness and has felt great overall. We've had to make a few additions to our shipping container, namely baby items. Even though we are still a ways off from having our kid, we've been buying baby things to ship the first of October. It is hard to believe I'm gonna be a dad. May the Lord help us as we prepare for this new adventure and blessing in our life. Praise the Lord!!

## HEATH'S NEWS

One of our recent assignments was to participate in a VBS in an apartment complex. Our team told the story of Moses parting the Red Sea and how God takes care of His people. The picture above shows me playing Moses with the Red Sea lying on the floor. The Sea had such a fun time smashing the Egyptians to the ground! We had a fun time interacting with the children (about 20) and the minister who works there full-time told us we got kids to participate who had never done so before. During VBS, I had major flashbacks to my days back in Memphis doing Powerhours in Frayser. Lots of good memories.

Training has also been a major part of our time here. A couple weeks ago we spent the week in three training sessions: Jerry Heidrich, a long-term missionary from Brazil, on Team Building; Gailyn Van



Rheenan, ex-Kenyan missionary who currently works for Mission Alive, on Animism; and Bret Raymond, ex-Ugandan missionary who now runs a rug making ministry in Tibet, on Business as Missions.

Besides all of this, we have regular office hours at the church building where we, as a team, spend time in prayer, have team meetings, arrange times to meet with ministers, prepare for church duties, study the kinyarwanda language, etc. We are also trying to meet as many people as possible. Both the guys and girls have joined Bible study groups specific for them. It has been a blessing to be able to be here at Richland Hills and to get to know the church.

## OUR MOVE TO ROANOKE

We moved to Roanoke, TX on August 2<sup>nd</sup> with a truckload of our belongings that we plan to take with us to Africa. Our move was somewhat eventful as the tire flew off on Dad's truck, an hour and a half from Roanoke. We had to be towed and the truck was in Jacksboro for 11 days waiting to be fixed. Finally, we received the word that everything was fixed and we completed our move, to the northwest side of the DFW area.

We will be working with Richland Hills Church of Christ for the next few months. This will allow us to get to know the church better and for them to become familiar with us, before we move to Rwanda. It has been a busy, good first month as we have gotten situated temporarily and have been really active with things at church.

One of the greatest blessings of being here has been being close to our teammates. We all live here now and we are able to meet with them and work on a daily basis, preparing and training for our work in Rwanda. Our

teammates are David and Lori Kimbrow and Chris and Jill Shelby.

We are so blessed to be able to live on the Byron Nelson Ranch, beside his widow, Peggy Nelson. She is a wonderful woman and has been so gracious to let us live in her extra ranch hand house here.



## REBECCA'S LOOK AT THINGS

What a joy it has been to be pregnant with our first child! I have felt wonderful the entire time and thankfully it has made our move and transition time much easier. I don't have much time to slow down with preparations for the move and planning in advance for this baby. I am going to have the baby in Lubbock with my original doctor, so I will be going back often for doctors appointments and check ups on my blood platelet counts. Thank you for your prayers for the continued health of this little soul and for my strength. Heath has been a wonderful support and an amazing Dad.

I stay busy with team meetings and seminars at Richland Hills during the day, small groups and dinners with members in the evenings and church activities every weekend. I also am able to be part of the Women's Bible Study groups on Tuesdays, which has been a real growing experience, as we have chosen a class with women who are a bit older than us. Richland Hills has been wonderful

about welcoming us and wanting to really get to know us better, before they send us overseas. It is a busy, but blessed time.

We recently had a Family and Supporting Congregation Seminar, which hosted most all of the team's families and their home congregations. We were blessed to have my Mom and Dad come, along with Jessica and Josh. Dad represented Green Lawn, one of our other biggest supporters in the work. It was a time of affirmation to our parents as they send us to Rwanda and a time of learning what exactly we will be going through as new missionaries in a second culture. Richland Hills and Green Lawn commissioned us and prayed over us as we look to join God in Rwanda here very shortly. We were sad to have missed Heath's parents and George St. in St. Marys, WV, as they both are very important in our lives and wonderful supporters.

God bless you all and let us know your news! Pass this on to anyone who might like to stay updated.

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