

AMOS FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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BABY PETE IS BORN!!

Pete James Amos is official! Rebecca was to be induced on Jan. 27th, due to her low blood platelet count. Yet, after checking her amniotic fluid, the doctors decided to wait until Feb. 2nd to give Pete's lungs some more time to develop. We believe Pete was being very considerate since we had bad weather on Jan. 27th and the Super Bowl was around the corner. Pete is so thoughtful!

Pete was born on Groundhogs Day (thankfully Pete didn't see his shadow), 6 lbs and 11 oz, and 20 in. long. His birth is probably the coolest things I've ever seen. How God can cause a perfect little baby to be molded and shaped inside the womb is unfathomable. When I saw Pete for the first time, I couldn't help but think what a miracle. Rebecca was such a trooper and worked so hard during her labor. When Pete was born the nurse tried to hand Pete to me but I said, "You better give him to his Momma. She did all the work." I am so proud of Rebecca. She is the most gifted and natural "mom" I've ever seen. It is so fun being a family of three.

We said goodbye to our little apartment and are living with Rebecca's parents. It is a great opportunity to spend our last few weeks with them. Plus they have been such a great help with Pete, although so far he is an extremely easy baby! It is easy to see how much they love our little guy.

HEATH'S NEWS

With Pete's arrival and good health, we now look towards moving to Rwanda. All we need now is Pete's passport and we'll be set. We have his birth certificate and we just now received his social security card. Rebecca has already started organizing our luggage and what we'll be taking with us. We just booked our tickets and the three of us will be leaving on March 30th and will arrive in Kigali on March 31st.

We also got word a couple days ago that our team's 40ft shipping container, housing most of our worldly possessions, has finally left the African coast. It should have arrived in Rwanda months ago but it is officially on a truck passing



We can't help but wonder what Pete is thinking when he gives us these precious grins.

PRAYER REQUESTS

PETE'S CONTINUED HEALTH AND GROWTH

TEAMMATES IN RWANDA

SHIPPING CONTAINER PASSING THRU TANZANIA TO RWANDA!!

OUR MOVE TO RWANDA ON MARCH 30TH-31ST

through Tanzania. It should arrive in Kigali in about 2 or 3 days. Our teammates have been without their stuff for 2½ months now, having to hand wash their clothes and scrape for kitchen utensils, plates, clothes, furniture, etc. Please pray that it will get through customs and into the hands of our teammates soon.

It is hard to believe that we are finally leaving. We have long anticipated this day of being with our teammates and our host culture, but now feel the sadness of leaving family and friends.

UNEXPECTED BLESSING

As we move to Rwanda, one of the things we will not have as readily available will be disposable diapers. We will miss the ease of using and tossing dirty diapers, but I am excited about diapering like my Mom did with us. Yes, we are going to use cloth diapers and cloth wipes! But as with most things, diapers have come a long way since 1979, when I was born. They are much more convenient to use and are quite similar to disposables. When we got pregnant, I started researching and found that as the style and design is much improved, the cost reflects it. The initial investment in these diapers is quite expensive, but worth it--considering they will be used over and over again, by multiple children.

As we considered how to pay for these much needed diapers, a friend told me about a Missionary Grant for Cloth Diapers. So, we applied and just 6 days before Pete was born, we

REBECCA'S LOOK AT THINGS

No prep class, no book, or no experience, could ever have prepared me for what happened in our lives two weeks ago. As any parent would agree, it was a day and a moment that will never be forgotten. Pete's birth will be etched ever so clearly in my mind, for as long as my mind is with me. I have replayed the moments many times in my mind and all I can do is shake my head, smile and thank our God for this miraculous gift. It is far more wonderful than I ever could have imagined, and I had imagined it to be pretty wonderful!!

We are cherishing our time with Pete out at my parent's farm in Anton, TX. It is hard to imagine what life was like without our boy, as he is such a natural part of us now. Only our Father could have given or created such an amazing joy in our lives. I have been overwhelmed with thankfulness to our Lord and Father for his goodness. Countless times I have had Eph. 3:20 run through my thoughts. May you all find reason to day to thank & praise God for our many blessings.

were notified that we had received the generous grant. Cotton Babies Online Store donated \$500 worth of diapers, wipes and other accessories to our family. We are so grateful and praise God for this company's passion to further the Kingdom.



Pete is one relaxed little guy. This picture speaks loudly of his easy-going nature!

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us." Ephesians 3:20



Dad and Mommy couldn't be any more thankful or joyful about our precious little son.

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