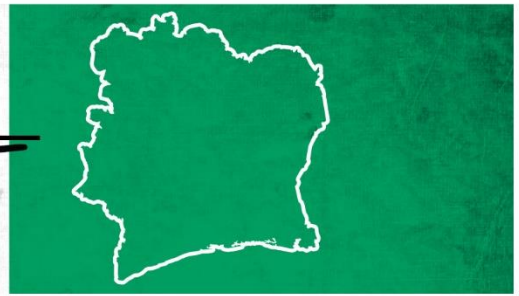


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Dear fellow laborers in Christ,

This month has been a busy, difficult, and wonderful month for us! Micalah and I completed our second week of candidate school at BIMi. God blessed and we are grateful to better prepare ourselves for service in the Ivory Coast. As well, we had the privilege of being apart of my brother (Luc) and sister-in-law's (Kayla) wedding. I was honored to be my brother's best man and Micalah was a bridesmaid. It was a truly wonderful wedding, and we are most thrilled to have Kayla as a part of the family.

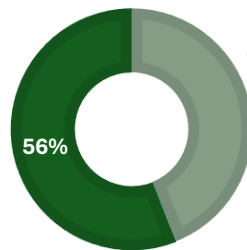
Originally, our son was due July 22nd. However, Micalah began presenting certain symptoms that indicated Cholestasis. This is a condition of the liver that does not allow the bile acids to be filtered out of the blood. These bile acids, if they reached a certain level, would have certainly been fatal to our son. After consulting with our doctor, we decided to induce Micalah early at 36 weeks and 1 day. After a very difficult labor, Micalah gave birth to our son, Bobby, at 12:00 on June 25th measuring 5 pounds 15 ounces and 18 inches in length. Bobby was admitted into the NICU shortly after his birth with Respiratory Distress Syndrome. It was not easy to see our son hooked up to all the machines at different times, but we are grateful that he is receiving the care that he needs.

We have been in the NICU for a week now, and are praying that Bobby can gain enough strength for us to go home soon. Despite the strain that the hospital has put on our whole family, we have had several wonderful moments. Aside from the immense joy we have seeing Bobby take each step forward, we have also been blessed to be surrounded by believers (other patients and staff). Our most precious time together each day is family devotions. It has been a great joy for us to continue to build a strong foundation in order to train Bobby "in the way he should go."

Please keep both Micalah and Bobby in your prayers. We are greatly indebted to all of you who have constantly prayed for us and written to encourage us this past week. It has been a humbling and very comforting experience to be lifted up by so many in prayer.

In Christ,

Bob and Micalah M.
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