

Blessings on this turkey day!

Just a short update to let you know what is happening.

We need 2 papers signed for Sarah, one from our embassy, which we'll get this Mon. & one the birth mom has to sign again (this is the 4th time). Then, we have to take Sarah and the birth mom to the capital to have a DNA done, we think with saliva and sent to the US for testing. Keep this in prayer.

Lisa, our daughter, is now 33 weeks into her pregnancy. She has been experiencing some pain and lots of pressure. She is carrying this baby very low, staying off her feet as much as possible with 11 children to take care of. Other than exhaustion, she is feeling good. Keep her in your prayers.

Selena, the 6 year old in our project, has now been in the hospital 2 weeks. Her father, Francisco, is exhausted from the ongoing stress of waiting and watching his daughter in pain (thank God at this point, only infrequently). He has been with Selena 24 hours a day through both sessions in the hospital over the last month. Elsa (who works in the baby room here and is mother of the 7 girls) has only been able to visit one time. It is very hard for these two new Christians, because of the separation at this time. The girls cry when they talk to their puppy on the phone. Selena presented at our house a month ago with unusual stomach pain. I checked her for appendicitis, but she did not have symptoms of that, then about a week later at 4 a.m. her folks brought her again with strong pain in the same area. We rushed her to the hospital and the next day they removed her appendix. She was home 4 days. We now feel it was not necessary, but...Now, we know that her intestines are filled with worms + a tapeworm too. One of the worms is lodged in her bile duct and has to be removed either by scope or surgery, before they can give oral meds to kill the others. The severe pain was from this one worm. For more than 8 days, she was in constant pain. Today they are supposed to do either the scope, if the duct is large enough, or surgery. Please remember them in your prayers.

Yesterday, we had our 2nd annual women's retreat. It was called "Women Are Free"

Our guest speaker was from Chimaltenango and was awesome. Last year we had 14 women from our project. This year, I asked each one to invite someone. It was a wonderful day of ministry to 42 women from all the churches together. I know that God was pleased. Her husband also shared with the 5 leaders from our church about being a Christian leader. We had breakfast, lunch, lots of prayer, and fun too!

Craig, our pastor son, and Andy (one of his members) are coming Dec 3-12 to put a roof on our two unfinished rooms (future factory) and do some other needed work. He will get first "peek" at his new sister. We are excited about them being here to preach and participate in our Christmas celebration and the closing of the project!

Love you lots-----Bernard, Trish, and Sarah



