

Merry Christmas

Year 11 December 2018

It's been a year of beginnings and preparation. We found out around this time last year we were pregnant with our first baby! And in March we discovered this sweet baby would be a girl. We spent countless hours reading, crib-hunting, praying and hoping for her arrival. And on August 10 Emma Elia's first cries of life just melted our hearts. Now four months in, she is cooing and smiling and crying and growing so healthy and strong. How is it that God could create someone so small and fragile and beautiful? We marvel at our baby girl, but all the more that the God of all the universe, the highest authority, decided to come to us in this form. We serve a powerful King, yes, but a humble King who sees the smallest and most fragile, and has become one with them. Let us adore Him this season!

We're also celebrating new life in Christ. 9 students in Wildwood, NJ came to Christ this summer! And another 14 this Fall as we've shared our faith in Manhattan and the Bronx. Students like Lachlan and John (discipled by David) have taken giant steps of faith and shared the gospel with their peers, one of them coming to Christ! While Ashley was on maternity leave, the students she'd trained and discipled, also stepped out in faith and began actively reaching their fellow athletes. It has become an Athletes In Action movement! This is the dream - when we equip students who then take the plunge to do ministry. There is so much to praise Him for!

Thank you for your prayers, your gifts, your messages and your care and concern for us. We know your prayers are the fuel for our ministry and we're so grateful you've partnered with us to see lost people reached for Christ in this city.

Welcoming our baby, Emma, has brought both abounding joy, as well as abounding out-of-pocket expenses. We've also decided to stay in our current one-bedroom, 600 sq ft apartment this year, but we know we'll outgrow this by next year. In order to meet our current medical out-of-pocket expenses, and prepare for the larger apartment we'll soon need, we need to raise an additional \$10,000.



Would you prayerfully consider giving a special Christmas gift of \$750, \$500, \$250 or some other amount? You can make a check payable to Cru and mail it back to us in the enclosed envelope along with the response card. If you would prefer to give a gift online go to www.coffethoughts.org and follow the giving links.

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