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To our friends, family, and partners-in-ministry:

"Rejoice! I will say it again, rejoice!"

Rejoice with us! Today is very special to us on two counts. Secondly, today we have completed our first six months here in Kenya. In theory, we should be half-way to fluency in Maa! But firstly, this morning we gladly welcomed our third child into the air and light. Our "New Baby" has a name and a face. Eliana Tzipiya was born in Nairobi, Kenya at about 3:30 am. ("Eliana" [El-ee-ah-na] means "my God has answered" and "Tzipiya" [Tzi-pee-ya] means "hope." Both are Hebrew names.) Alitzah and Hannah are very excited to have a new baby sister.

Thank and praise our God with us!

- * Eliana and Ruth are both doing well and are healthy and strong.
- * While we are in Nairobi for the birth, we have been able to house-sit for some missionaries (whom we've never actually met!) for free, saving us the huge expense of staying in a guest house.
- * Most of our teammates are now in the country with us! The Crum and the Cazier families have returned from furlough (although Joe Cluff has just gone on furlough to get married). We were able to have a great team meeting July 4-6. And on the 4th, Alitzah and Hannah got to play with sparklers after supper. We are excited about the great ministry opportunities that God has in store for the CMF Kenya-Maasai team!
- * For the faithful support partners which God has given us

Please pray for us

- * as we adapt to have three wonderful daughters
- * that we will have wisdom in raising these three dear girls
- * that Ruth may heal and recover quickly
- * that Eliana will grow and develop as she should
- * that we will be able quickly to resume our learning the Maa language
- * that those who have committed to partner with us in our ministry will be faithful to keep their commitments

We would love to hear from you! Please feel free to write to us (snail mail or e-mail; but no forwards, please).

Thank you all for your prayers.

Grace and peace,

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