



The first cousins!



Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, WHO DOES NOT CHANGE like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of ALL he created.

James 1: 16,17

THUMA Times

Fall is one of my (Eric's) favorite seasons, not only because of the weather, but because of the CHANGE it brings! As September closes, we are happy to share about changes in our lives.

Change #1: Charlotte Rose

The past month has flown by-just like everyone said it would. It's almost difficult to put into words how we feel-but we'll try. Charlotte has blessed our home with her sweet personality though when we aren't quick enough to figure out her needs, she sure lets us know. She's gone from a tiny six pounder to her current size of nearly ten pounds and yes, her cheeks and chin(s) keep growing. Despite what the experts say, we're confident she smiles at us-leading us to

believe she enjoys us. We could list a hundred details about Charlee, all of which are very typical of babies, but we'll spare you and simply say, she lights up our world.

Other news in our house is that Corie is looking forward to returning to work at Kids Peace soon, in a limited part time basis. It's a blessing to even have the option, and to be able to schedule her availability there around our now busier life.



Charlotte meeting a few Northern Soccer grads!

Thank you...

We can't say enough how loved we have felt with all the cards, notes, phone calls, meals, and gifts that have been showered upon us since the birth of Charlotte. It is such a blessing to have so much love from so many people, especially many that we don't see on a regular basis. We are thankful for friends and loved ones who have taken it upon themselves to come spend time with us, and have also enjoyed being able to get out and visit some of you as well! We want Charlotte to learn early on that it's important to love those around her, so she's getting a crash course and taking it like a real champ!



Change #2: Life at PTR



WE are excited for the expanded home school and after school programs that are starting this Fall. It's especially nice for me in that many of these children were part of the program last year, so I get to build upon those relationships that used to be new.

I have been asked to fill in as the 'interim' camps director for this upcoming year in the Lehigh Valley. Please pray with me as I step into this new role and face new challenges and tasks. I am excited to see how God will use this experience to teach and prepare me for the road ahead! My new role does not, however, exclude me from the Zambia trip next summer, which I am already getting excited about!

PTR. We are thrilled for her as she will be getting married and moving on from here, but she will be surely missed!

I will also now oversee our weekly after school program at a youth center in Allentown. We'll start that up next week, which I'm really looking forward to.

Please continue to pray with us that the Lord would lead the right people to this ministry, as there is plenty to do, just more hands needed to do it!

While we still work and plan for the future in regards to Zambia, my role is taking on a 'new look' for the coming year.

The reason for the changes within the office is because Anne Walker will be leaving

Plans keep moving forward in regards to our family moving to full time service in Zambia. **The goal is early 2013.** There is still a lot to do before then, but we are excited for the road that lies ahead!



Truthfully, talking about money is never easy and we are so grateful for what the Lord has already done for us through all of your generosity. Frequently we get asked how we are able to be at PTR, with

the goal of serving in Zambia, and we are able to share how we are supported by so many people who believe what God has laid on our hearts. That's the fun part! The hard part is humbly admitting need. As we are now a family of 3, 'soon' heading overseas, our monthly support need has risen a bit! We currently are around **\$800/month** under our monthly need so if you could be praying with us for those needs to be met, we'd appreciate it! Of course if you want to be on the giving end as well, we'd love that too. That being said, despite this shortage, we are currently carried by many one time gifts we have received, so we are grateful for those as well, and they are of equal value! We are thankful to be at Push The Rock and we couldn't be here with out the love you have shown us through your support. We hope you feel as though you are part of this team and this ministry, because you truly are! Please let us know if you have any questions. 😊

Prayer Requests and Praises

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| We are thankful for: | Please pray with us for: |
| * The love and support of so many | * Wisdom as parents |
| * A healthy baby girl & a great month together | * Zambia details to continue to fall into place |
| * Joys of being parents | * Our support needs to be taken care of |
| * God's blessings we do not deserve | * Friend Ben in the Camp Hill prison |
| * Opportunity to shine for Him daily | * Faith that will not fail |



With lots of **love** from our family to yours!

Eric, Corie, and Charlotte