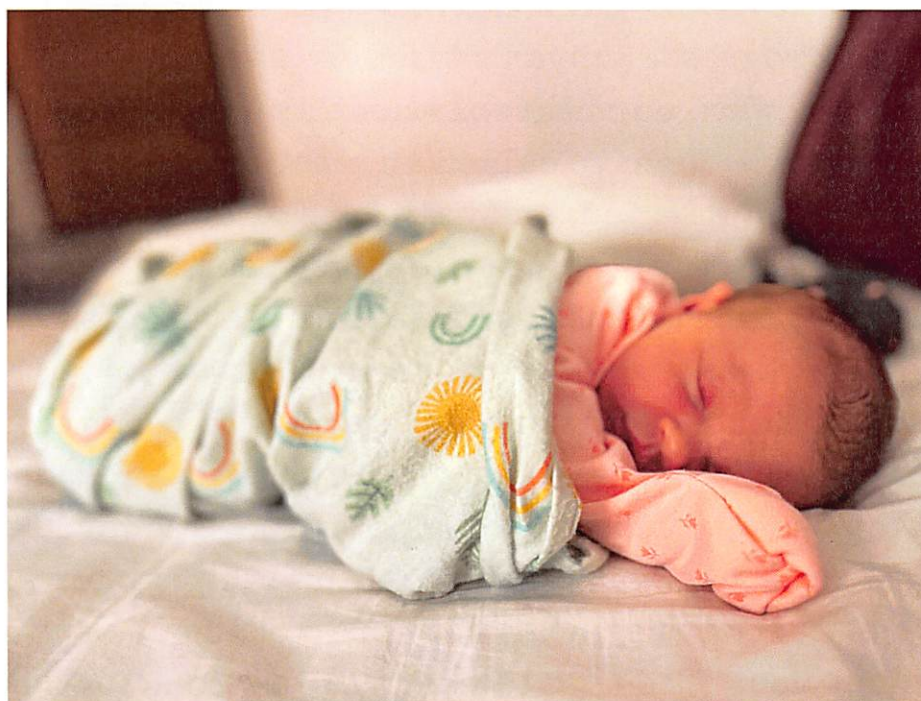


Another addition!

Dear friends and family,

It is with great joy that we introduce the littlest and squishiest member of our family, Madelyn Ann Goddard! She made her arrival late on October 7th. We had been praying that she would be born in time for my brother Anthony and his family to see her, as they were there visiting us in Manaus for a week. Well, she was born two and a half hours before they left for the airport! We're thankful that God answered our prayer, and that Maddie and Joanna are both healthy and doing well. We especially praise God for our very good friend Tabitha who came a couple of weeks before Maddie's due date and has helped us ever since with our kids and around the house especially during the birth and recovery process.



Moving Forward!

Some of you may have heard are exciting news in our last update that we just received permission from the X people for our church planting team to move back in and keep doing ministry! This is such an answer to prayer, after three or four months of uncertainty. Praise God with us! We are currently back at the Puraquequara International School until December or January, at which point we'll be moving back to Manaus in preparation for moving into the tribe and building our house between February and March of next year!



"Here we have no continuing city"

Hebrews 13:14

For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come.

One of our kids' favorite books currently is a children's illustrated version of Pilgrim's Progress. Bunyan's timeless analogy of our Christian walk as a pilgrimage toward our heavenly home is a timely reminder for us in this season of our life. We have called at least 5 different places "home" in the 5½ years we've been married, and with lots of transition and lack of permanence comes a desire for stability for most people. We as a family have felt fatigued and worn out from not being in one place for very long and not being able to invest very well where we are. But, we know that the Lord allows various seasons on our journey, and we seek to be faithful at whatever stage of our pilgrimage we may find ourselves. But most of all, we seek to take as many people with us on our pilgrimage towards the everlasting city as possible. But please continue to pray for us in this difficult stretch of our journey, that the Lord would grant us some permanence soon, but most of all that we would look to Him at every step.

Praises

- For the Lord's hand in reopening the X people group to our missionary team
- For baby Maddie's safe delivery and that both she and Joanna are doing great.
- For our friend Tabitha who has helped us so much with day-to-day life over the last month.

Prayer requests

- For wisdom and faithfulness in all the house building planning and prep.
- For our kids and us to cling to the Lord in the midst of many transitions.

Thank you so much for keeping up with us and for your prayers and support!

Please

reply to this email and let us know how you are doing and how we can pray for you, as well!

All for His glory,
Spencer & Joanna
Abigail, Gabriella, Judah, and Madelyn
1 Thess. 5:16-18



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