

November 22, 2010

We are glad to report that after a very long day, we are all finally home!!! We will have to take it very easy this week and Sophia will be on sternal precautions for six weeks. Her lungs still need to clear a bit and we will have a follow up appointment next Monday, but overall, we are so glad to be home and that everything is fine.

Thank you all so much for being there for us and for praying for us and reaching out to help us. We would not have the strength to endure all of this if we didn't have such great comfort and support!

Thanks again so much, we are so grateful to finally be home!

Love,
Samuel, Benita, and Sophia

November 20, 2010

Hallelujah! Thank you all for the prayer. Our gracious God has answered mercifully, and after four days Sophia is finally fever free!!! As long as her fever remains gone we can go home tomorrow or Sunday.

She is up and about in her crib and playing and seems back to normal mostly.

Also, we truly cannot express our gratitude enough. So many of you offered solutions to not having a place to stay and a family from Orangewood, Samuel's work, were so generous and got us a hotel room for the weekend, so that is just one less thing to worry about!

We really cannot say thank you enough for all your prayers and offers to help. Even now, almost two years later, you all are still with us and have just been such a great source of comfort and hope and we are so blessed to have so many that we could reach out to for prayer and help!

Sophia's lungs are still damp and there is still fluid, so she still has to get pretty aggressive therapy for it and of course this still causes great anxiety, but we are praying that this all heals up.

Please continue to pray for her lungs to clear and that the fever totally stays away.

We can't wait to get home and celebrate thanksgiving and hopefully have a good update from home in a couple of days. We certainly have so much to be thankful for and this whole experience has made us so grateful and appreciative of what it means to

always have a home in Christ and a home with his body of believers no matter where we are.

We are so happy to see God at work and how God has used all of you to gather together to pray for Sophia and bless us tremendously.

Thanks again for everything. We will update you soon and are praying everything continues to get better.

Love,
Samuel, Benita, and Sophia