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## GOD CONTINUES TO POUR OUT BLESSING!

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 " We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."



### CHAMBRI REUNION

What a tremendous blessing it was to be able to visit Chambri again in 2008. As my canoe came around the island the very first person I saw standing on the shore to greet us was my friend Gabriel. He, with a number of other young men in the village, had been baptized the year before and I was anxious to see him. It thrilled my heart to hear him talk about how God had preserved the life of one of his

sons in a miraculous way after having been accentually cut by a machete. He invited me to stay with his family in the house he had built since we were last there and we had some days of sweet fellowship. A special joy was when Gabriel made sure we shared the Lord's Table together with his extended family after our final meal the night before we left.



We also had the opportunity of doing discipleship and teaching with the believers we baptized last year. We met in the house of Henry Wapi (3<sup>rd</sup> from the end), oldest of the four chiefs we baptized last year, for several day teaching and practical application. We were privileged to give some practical training in God's Word and encourage the group of believers that the Lord is raising up in Chambri.

I love the way one of our recent graduates from the CPCP put it in his newsletter. "Watching the birth of a church is similar to seeing a child born. It is a beautiful thing to see, but it is NOT pretty. There were issues with praise songs to Mary and, since animism lends itself to syncretism so well, we took care to draw clear lines. Those who came to the meetings were intent on hearing the message and obeying the commands of Christ. Pray for this new group of believers that God will glorify Himself through them."

## PERSONAL MESSAGE

First we wish to Thank everyone for their prayers for Riley, She is doing awesome thanks to the grace of our LORD!

Riley had her update with Dr. Peters which is her GI Dr. She had a min. wt requirement of 0.5oz in a 24 hr pd., she gained 1.33oz in a 24 hr Pd!! She did not have to get a feeding tube inserted. She has to see him every 8 weeks for wt checks to make sure that she is developing properly and not in need of nutrition. He was amazed and shocked to say the least and did not expect her to do as well as she did. We work with a wonderful speech therapist who is involved in ministry work, as well as a wonderful physical therapist. Riley has something with her tongue that I am not even going to try and spell, but she doesn't know what to do with it when she eats, and does not have a coordinated breathe eat reflex. She is off of all her meds now except for 1 stomach med. Quite an accomplishment since at onetime she was on over 10!

She takes a long time to eat her meals but with God's grace we are patient. Patience seems to be the hardest lesson to learn I feel but we are getting crash course 101 in trusting patience and waiting.

She has made such an amazing turn around she smiles, and rolls over and has cheeks, and weighs 14lbs 15oz. That was her last weight which was done this am at the Dr. She tries to crawl and gets frustrated and face-plants into the floor. It's great to watch her, she who was so dependent on everyone for everything, is showing some independence like a normal baby. All thanks to God. It's sad and happiness all at the same time. You wish that during the newborn time it would have all been happy time to ohh and aww over a new baby, but we are just thankful to have had the experience and to have her.

God carried her through and will for the rest of her life. She has taught us to be dependent on God just as she had to. Funny how God uses things to teach you! Who would have thought that a pregnancy and a preemie could have taught so much?

As things progress and more answers are revealed, we will pass them along, in a more timely manner. My favorite verse and I must confess but the only one right now that I have committed to memory is Romans 5:3. Suffering leads to perseverance, which leads to character which leads to hope. (pardon the paraphrasing)

In Christ;  
Jeff, Steph, Tyler and Riley Conner

We want you to know how grateful we are for you. With the economic uncertainty that's affected so many people; we're reminded of your sacrificial gifts for our ministry. Whether we're filling up our gas tank, buying groceries, or buying supplies for mission trips, we can do this only because of your generosity.

God is using your partnership to bring the Gospel to scores of people around the world. One way He is multiplying our efforts is by providing more workers in Los Fresnos. We've seen our staff grow this past year with the addition of Ron & Margie Sanford.

Thank you for partnering with us to bring the message of hope to our next generation of missionaries.

For His Glory, Rod & Linda