



Allison Newsletter

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The Allison four with the Reagans after Melanie's birth

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Melanie Joy Allison is Here!

Our doctor, Dr. Suppachai, at Chiang Mai Ram Hospital induced our little girl on May 16th because the placenta had become so old and calcified. After 5 hours of labor, our little joy arrived, bright-eyed and beautiful. We enjoyed the wonderful medical skills of Dr. Suppachai as well as the individual care and skill of the nurses in the labor and delivery ward. With the delivery going so well and Melanie testing perfectly, we were able to pack up and head home the day after she was born. This was a particular blessing as Maggie was awakened all night by routine monitoring of the baby. We are so grateful that God placed us in Thailand where such good healthcare is available. We are also very grateful to our supporters for providing us with the funds to relax and revel in the wonder of this new life rather than spend time concerned with financial issues.

Melanie Joy's arrival has dawned a new era in our lives as parent. We are enjoying sharing the experience with Maggie who has taken everything in stride and made having another daughter all the more fun and exciting. We praise God from whom all blessings flow and are trying to honor Him by raising our girls to know and love Him.



"Partnering to rebuild the broken foundation of Cambodia on the solid foundation of Christ!"



Meet Bon: Chris' soccer friend and a visitor at the Christian Zone; Please pray for the team and ministry in Chiang Mai!



Melanie all set to receive antibiotics (above); Andrew Hayes holding Melanie



Please Pray for Our Health

A few days after Melanie was born, Maggie became feverish. When we took her to the doctor, we found out she had an ear infection. We again found ourselves so thankful that God had provided such good physicians and medications right here in Chiang Mai.

The following day, Chris became very ill with a fever, achiness, and pain behind his eyes. Always the strong one in our family, he resisted a doctor's visit. Two evenings later, we both were almost completely incapacitated with the same fever. Knowing the next morning we would be incapable of caring for our children, we called our good friends, the Allens. This wonderful couple took us to the hospital where we found out we did not have anything serious like malaria or dengue fever. We praised God and accepted the Allen's generous offer to keep us in their home. Our sweet Maggie stayed with

the Reagan family and had a blast while her mommy worried about and missed her terribly.

The day we left the Allen's for our home, Melanie contracted a fever of 102 degrees Fahrenheit. We took her to two different pediatricians who both told us she would need to be admitted into the hospital for two weeks, undergo a lumbar puncture, and began a series of antibiotics. We followed these good doctors' advice, and the results of the lumbar puncture revealed Meningitis. We are on day six of our two week stay at Sripot hospital in a special ward. Melanie is daily improving and gaining weight. We trust the Lord and his will for her recovery.

Please pray for Melanie to recover fully and to have no long-term effects of the infection. Praise God with us for His faithful presence, comfort, and provision.

Meet the Hayeses from Cambodia

Andrew and Natalie Hayes have been living in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, now for just over one year. They went there to join Nathan and Cheryl Wheeler in their work. If the Lord permits it, we hope to join this wonderful team in the near future and work with them to help the Cambodian people form relationships with their Lord and Savior.

Deciding to join a team will be a long process of prayer, consideration, and time spent with team members. We are excited to begin this process and looking forward to how God will work through the time we spend getting to know the Hayeses and Wheelers and dreaming about how we can join hands and minister to the Khmer people.

The Hayeses and the Wheelers are overseen by the North Brevard Church in Florida. They have continually told us about how much they love and appreciate all of the leadership and support of that church family and eldership. Please continue to pray that God will place Cambodia on the heart of another congregation who will be able to lead and support us in bringing the gospel to the people of Cambodia.

Please also pray that God will bless this last week we have to spend with the Hayeses in Chiang Mai despite our current health situation.

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Paragould, AR 72451**

Thank You!

Prayer

Requests

- **Melanie's full recovery**
- **Witnessing opportunities in the hospital**
- **Team building for Cambodia**
- **Praise for generous gifts from the Walker family and Amy Greek**
- **For God to place Cambodia on the heart of a church that can oversee our work**

**His Gifts
for
His Glory!**



From Maggie

Ear infections are no fun, but I love going to the doctor to get that tasty medicine and stickers. Nurses are really fun to play with, too!

I love my new baby sister! I help Mommy burp her (Daddy just taught me how to burp, too!) and clean her belly button. I also love to kiss her and tell people her name.

I am so happy to get the great new things our friends in America sent us. Now I have clothes that are cute AND fit! I especially love my new baby doll from my friend Elise Walker and my gummy bear vitamins from "Aunt" Amy Greek.

From Melanie

I have been so busy since I arrived two weeks ago. I had to get my picture taken, to have my birth certificate translated into English, and to apply for my very first passport at the American consulate. Life is exciting!

I was not feeling very good for a while, but now I am much better. I love all the attention I get from the nurses at the hospital. I am trying to smile and coo, so I can get even more attention!

Kids' Korner



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