

AMOS FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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IT'S A BOY!

We were blessed to find out this month that we are having a sweet little boy. We also got to see him moving all around and doing a fair share of kicking! Rebecca is still feeling great, with only a little bit of back pain, when she does too much. We are so excited about the next few months and the adventures we are about to go on.

Choosing a name is a pretty difficult task, but we are completely thrilled with Pete James Amos. We both love the name for many reasons and hope that our son does as well. More than anything else, we pray that God will give us wisdom as we raise a son in a different culture and guide our steps as we try to show him Christ in us and in the world around him. May he grow to love the Lord and share that love with others.

Rebecca continues to make trips back and forth to Lubbock to visit doctors to make sure everything stays normal. We will move back to Lubbock at the end of this month, to stay until we have the baby. She had a wonderful baby shower in Lubbock this month, in order to get things ready for the container. Thanks to everyone who so generously gave of their time and energy to make the day so special! Pete was blessed!

HEATH'S NEWS

Our team has continued to stay quite busy preparing for Rwanda. We recently took a trip to Lubbock, TX to meet with Mitch Monroe at Assist Financial. He specializes in helping missionaries budget their funds, pay taxes, acquire overseas healthcare, etc. This company has been a huge asset for our team. We also met with Willa Finley who specializes in developmental work in Africa. She spent a large part of a day teaching our team various techniques we could use to help the people of Rwanda.

In Fort Worth, we've been busy teaching various Bible classes at church, attending numerous seminars in how to be better missionaries, studying Kinyarwanda, meeting and planning as a team, etc.

The two highlights of the week for me both happen on Wednesday. At 6am every Wed. morning, a group of 15-



Trip to Lubbock for training and fun!

20 men have been meeting in the office of an auto body shop to pray and to study God's word for at least the past 15 yrs. We have been studying a Psalm each week and it has been a real blessing to be around these faithful men and mentors. Then each night at 8:30pm, the missions committee meets to pray, talk about business, and to hear from prospective missionaries. This group is clearly dedicated to missions and their missionaries. What a blessing to know this group has our back while in Rwanda.

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OUR CONTAINER IS GONE!

I can't tell you how happy our team is about today! Our 40ft container is loaded completely and leaves tomorrow for Houston where it will be shipped by boat to Africa. It'll arrive in about 2 months. Each family had a 7x8x11 foot area to pack their household goods in. We recently went to Houston and bought appliances at a 220V store. Rwanda's electricity is different than our own and appliances there are expensive. A missionary couple bought a simple toaster for \$60 while another couple bought a terrible (yet brand new) washing machine for \$700.

Moving our items has been difficult. We started this process when we first moved from Lubbock, packing all our items we knew we'd ship to Rwanda. Rebecca is such a great organizer and I can't imagine having done this without her! We had to make a packing list by labeling and numbering each box with its contents, weight, and value.

But my favorite part about the container is that we've already bought the next 2 yrs of clothes, toys, cloth

diapers, etc. for our boy even though he hasn't been born. It has been so fun planning for our son's arrival. Praise God!



REBECCA'S LOOK AT THINGS

As I look at the title of my section, I am beginning to realize just how different my perspective is becoming, now that I will be a mother. I look at things so differently. And even more so, a mother moving to Rwanda with a newborn. My mind often gets to wondering about what life will look like and how differently things will be for our family. Most of the time the changes ahead excite and amaze me. I have no doubt that the Lord will provide for our needs, even without a Walmart around the corner or a Target to stop by on the way home. These comforts I am sure will be missed on some days, but I am thankful to know that our Lord already knows our needs and will provide for them in plenty.

At church, we have been in a series on Sunday mornings called "American Idols," which has been truly convicting for me. This week Rick Atchley spoke about the idol of CONTROL. I was hit in the face with the fact that we are obsessed with control of things in our lives. A control that makes us feel safe and

secure, yet a control that we really do not have. I am daily learning to stop trying to control things on my own and sit back and see how God works out his wonderful plans for us. They are far more amazing than anything we could plan. As we go to Rwanda, we are forced to face the reality of how little control we have over things, but it is a message I know my Father wants me to live with each and every moment. HE is in CONTROL! Praise Him!

Prayer Requests:

- For the people in Rwanda to know healing and to have open hearts
- Praise God for the generosity of His people
- Shelby Fundraising
- That our container arrives in Rwanda safely
- Rebecca & Pete's health

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