

## Coming soon to a crib near you *the art of multiplication*

There was nothing I was feeling that couldn't be explained by the dry weather, high altitude, or dining hall food. Dizziness, tiredness, and a slight nausea after meals. But then I took a test, and sure enough, I was pregnant! 1007 Durward Hall in Fort Collins, CO proved to be a very pro-creative housing arrangement for us this past summer!

When we found out, I felt some strange emotions. Ambivalence, excitement, fear (mostly of doctors and hospitals!). But now we are both very excited for the arrival of our little one, around March 29.

Last Friday, the reality of our baby came alive to us. At the doctor's office, he listened for a heart beat: 150 beats per minute. An hour later, we watched the sonogram. And there we saw our little peanut. He is four inches long and weighs but four ounces, yet he has functioning organs and bones. And then we saw that our baby is a boy, James.

We would be deeply grateful for your prayers as we transition into this new stage of life. Our financial support has decreased recently but our needs have increased. Please pray that we raise up a number of new ministry partners by the time of the birth. Also please pray for our marriage, that we would

grow deeper and stronger in character as we love each other through many new circumstances. And please pray for our intimacy with the Lord and for times of solitude and reflection.

## Relief from Disaster *good news, good deeds*

During the recent tragedy of Hurricane Katrina, Kelly's office (The Office of the President) stepped onto the front

lines coordinating provisions and labor to help those affected by this disaster. Global Aid Network, a ministry of CCC, has supplied provisions, while the Campus Ministry has supplied the laborers. My office connects the hoses of provision and labor, so far sending over 2,000 staff and students with over 53 truckloads of supplies. My office also funded the production of 500,000 "Higher Ground" brochures distributed amongst the evacuees. As part of the Christian Emergency Network, we joined with a California based organization called Foundation for Hope, to help in relocating displaced hurricane evacuees.

The relocation process goes like this: Churches around the country offer to "sponsor" a family or individual for three months, providing a furnished apartment and covering basic expenses while helping enroll the children in school and helping the adults get jobs. This tragedy has offered thousands a new beginning. So far 94 families have been relocated and a little over 200 are in process to be placed. Please pray for these families as this may be the hardest change they've ever made.

Yours in Christ,

*Ben & Kelly*



*the photogenic face of our fifteen week fetus*



*here is James' first baby picture*



*yes, it's true. it's a boy*



*Alex, his mother, and 3 siblings were relocated to Texas with the help of a church*



*this New Orleans couple is moving to Little Rock. He swam 5 miles to retrieve his wife's medicine after the hurricane.*

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» three buildings comprise 300,000 ft<sup>2</sup>

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» we serve over 226,000 laborers worldwide

» every day \$2,000,000 in donations are processed

» 1,300 rolls of toilet paper used monthly

» 285 acres were donated to build the Lake Hart campus