



Dear Friends,

September 25—three days before Jungshin's scheduled C-section, and two weeks before her original due date. I was helping our teammates move when I got a text message: "Honey, I'm bleeding. I'm headed to the hospital." Jungshin assured me everything was fine and she would contact me if she needed anything. It was probably just a false alarm.

I loaded up the truck for one last trip and was on my way to drop it off when the phone rang. "The doctor says you need to come right away," Jungshin said. "It looks like we're going to have a baby tonight." Because the baby was still breech and her contractions had already started, Jungshin would have to deliver by emergency C-section. I arrived at her hospital room just in time to hear the doctor explain the surgery. An hour later, I was holding my newborn son in my arms.

We named him Micah because it means, "Who is like the Lord?" It is the Lord who heard our prayers and granted us a second child. Although He may not have granted Micah to us in the way or timing we expected, He was faithful to protect us through that process. For that, we give him all of the glory.

Since Micah's birth, there have been many challenges as we adjust to being a family-of-four on mission. Jungshin and I do not sleep as much as we would like, or have the free time we used to. That is why, after almost three months, I am only now finding the time and energy to write you this update.

Thank you for sustaining our family with your prayers in this busy season of life and ministry. Please remember our students in Kobe this week as we host our annual Christmas Party (12/14) and Coffee Time (12/20) outreach events.

May your Christmas be full of Christ, and please let us know how we can be praying for you, as well!

Yours in Christ,

Ryan & Jungshin



Lela Jinhee and her new baby brother, Micah Jiwoo Beneke (born 9/25/2018)



Ryan's mother and sister came to visit us in Kobe a few weeks ago (11/19-29)

PRAISES & PRAYERS

- Praise God for giving us a son, Micah Jiwoo, and his own Son, Jesus Christ!
- Pray for God's sustaining grace as we continue to adjust to being a family-of-four on mission in Japan
- Pray for Christmas Party (12/14) and Coffee Time (12/20) outreaches