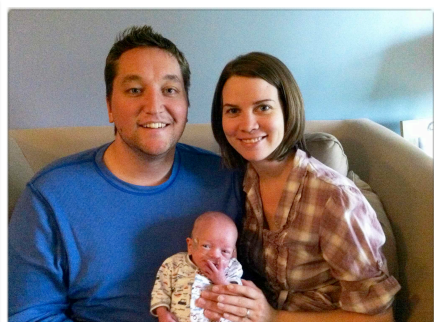


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Pray for the Smiths

- Pray for God to grow Erin and I in deeper intimacy as we take on parenting. Pray for us to enjoy one another and walk with Jesus.
- Pray for Harrison's health through cold/flu season. We are protecting him from large groups. If he gets a respiratory illness he could end up in the hospital rather easily.
- Pray for Harrison's appointments with specialists who will follow him for one year and track his development.
- Pray for Josh as he gets back on campus and picks up ministry. Pray for significant conversations with leaders and opportunities to connect with people God is pursuing.
- Pray for an outreach happening on campus Nov. 9 to engage with the issues regarding complaints against Christianity. (for example: hypocrisy, reliability of Scriptures, who Jesus really is)

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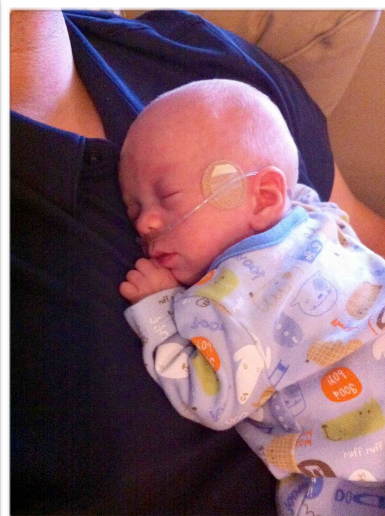
Welcome Home

As I write this, Harrison is sleeping at my feet in a bouncy seat in our living room. My heart cannot contain all the joy we've been experiencing while being home with him.

We shed many tears as we packed up our life out in CO. Many were joyful as we celebrated God's hand of provision in our lives. As all three of us drove away from the hospital tears were flowing down and my prayer was simply, "Thank you doctors, thank you nurses... thank you Jesus." There were also sad tears surprisingly. Saying goodbye to all the primary nurses was the hardest part of leaving.

Traveling home was a lot easier than we anticipated. Harrison slept 98% of the time while we were in the car and we were able to make it home in 3 days of driving like we planned.

This whole threshold we've walked through to become parents has looked a lot different than Erin or I envisioned. But we have seen God's fingerprints all over this story. Harrison had no surgeries during his time at the hospital, and has been issued a clean bill of health. Everyone is optimistic about his prognosis. We anticipate what God has in store for this child and how God will work in and through his life.



Thank you for praying for Harrison. God has sustained our son through your prayers. In the same way the skillful hands of nurses and doctors have brought him along physically our prayers have moved the hands of God and he has carried out His will for this child.

We are continuing to settle into a routine and learn to care for him on our own. He is still on oxygen, and we are currently weaning him more and more. He is over 6 pounds now and getting stronger every day.

We felt very loved and connected to so many as we were in Colorado for these 3 unexpected months. Thank you for your compassion, generosity and love. We hope you get to meet Harrison sometime soon.



