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Updating You on the Benekes' Ministry to Students in Kobe!

Dear Friends,

Thank you for praying for Jungshin's delivery! She made us wait 5 days longer than expected, but **our daughter Lela Jinhee Beneke was finally born at 12:50 PM on September 19th. She was 19 inches long and weighed 6 pounds 5 ounces. Both Mommy and baby are healthy and doing well.**

Why Lela (LEE-la)? Well, it was the name of my Great-Grandmother, Lela Campbell. Jungshin and I were praying about baby names from the Bible when we read 2 Timothy 2:5: *I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.*

As I read this, I thought, why not choose an example of "sincere faith" from my own family? That was my Great-Grandmother. She passed away in 1996 when she was 101, but I can remember her always reading her Bible whenever I visited. She prayed for me to serve the Lord before I was even born, and so I am honored to name my first daughter after her. I pray that our little Lela will also grow to be a woman of sincere faith like her Great-Great-Grandmother.

"Jinhee" (pronounced "Genie") is Lela's Korean middle name, and it means "True Joy." That is what we felt when we learned we were going to have a baby, and that is also what we pray she brings to those around her as she finds her own true joy in Jesus Christ.

We have a *lot* to learn about being parents, but thankfully our own parents will be visiting this month to help us get started. Please keep us in your prayers as we learn how to do life and ministry with a newborn this fall. Praise God for his precious gift to our family, and thank you so much again for your partnership. Have a great month!

Yours in Christ,

Ryan & Jungshin



Mommy, Daddy, and baby at the hospital after **Lela Jinhee's** birth



Daddy holding baby's hand while she does what newborns do best: cry!

PRAISES & PRAYERS

- *Praise* God for a smooth delivery and the birth of our daughter, Lela Jinhee!
- *Pray* for Jungshin's recovery and Lela Jinhee's health and growth
- *Pray* for Jungshin's transition to full-time Mom and for me learning how to balance family and ministry this fall

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