



The Shirkmans

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It was a dark and stormy night in the early hours of September 15, but labor's intensity gave way to a bright, sunny morning and the arrival of a precious baby girl.

Selah Mae (pronounced SAY-luh MAY) was born at 3:42 a.m. after a successful home birth, assisted by two wonderful local midwives.

The name Selah means to pause or praise and is used as a musical instruction throughout the book of Psalms. Our prayer is that she will grow into a woman who pauses to praise her Heavenly Father throughout her life and inspires others to do the same. She shares her middle name, Mae, which means beloved or lovable, with two of her great-grandmothers.

Our teammates, friends, neighbors, and church members have been quick to help us adjust to life as a family of seven. People have brought meals, flowers, and groceries, and have continuously offered assistance. Our older kids are in love with their baby sister and are eager to help both her and Niki in any way they can.

This September also marks 10 years of long-term ministry in Slovenia for us. There is much to celebrate, and we continue to trust the Lord for a movement of disciples who transform this nation through the love of Christ. We are deeply grateful for your continued prayers and faithful partnership with us in reaching Slovenes for Jesus.

We thank God for this good and perfect gift from above and for all He has done and continues to do in this country.

Jordan + Niki



Selah has been an absolute delight and a joyful addition to our family. We are incredibly grateful for her.



Our first photo as a family of seven.

Prayers + Praises

Praise God that both Niki and Selah are doing well. We are thankful for your prayers for a healthy pregnancy, safe and successful labor and delivery, and a healthy mom and baby.

Please pray for our family to continue to shine brightly for Jesus in this new season. Pray that the Lord opens doors to spiritually open people around us, and that we adjust well and steward this season well.

Pray for God to raise up disciples who will make disciples across Slovenia. Pray that the Lord draws people far from Him and uses them to reach others for Christ.

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