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the SPYGLASS *baby edition*

MEET EVANGELINE AND FIND OUT ABOUT OUR JOURNEY TO BELIZE



Evangeline Rachel Bjorgen

Born January 16th, 2009

Weight: 6 lbs. 10 oz.

Height: 20 inches

Baby Evangeline

The journey to parenthood was a learning experience, but not quite as difficult as actual parenthood. No one could prepare us for the sleepless nights, worry, and self-sacrifice. Even so, this new addition to our family is worth it all.

A DIFFICULT DELIVERY

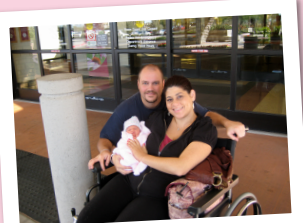
After being nine days overdue Mel went to the hospital to be induced. Before being given pitocin, her contractions started. Within the next twelve hours the baby's heart rate dropped four times. The decision was made to have a c-section. What an amazing experience it was to meet our new baby for the first time. The overwhelming love we had for

her came in an instant. The following week was filled with sleepless nights and the trial and error of nursing. Soon



though, the baby learned to nurse very well and is a champion eater and she is now on an awesome

schedule. We actually get sleep! Praise the Lord for His protection!



The Desire to Go and Serve- Still There

Since becoming parents, some people have asked us, "Are you still going to Belize?" Our answer is an emphatic "Yes". In fact, we are more anxious than ever before to leave for Belize. We consider it home and are excited to be raising support again after taking a short break when Evangeline was born.

The need for us to be in Belize is great. Vera and

Basil still desperately need our help. We are praying that God will send us there in His time and are trusting that His timing is perfect.

With that being said, we have seen an increase in our support and we are thrilled to report that we are more than halfway there. Praise the Lord that God is proving to us and everyone that He is bigger than a failing

economy, His bank has no deficit, He still owns a cattle on a thousand hills, and He is using us to prove it. Thank you Lord!

Every week it seems like we are hearing more and more positive things coming from the village in Gales Point, Belize. There is still much work to be done. We are ready to roll up our sleeves and do it.

Do we get scared at the prospect of raising a child in the Belizean bush? Many times. But the Lord says in Isaiah 41:10, "Don't you be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. Yes, I will help you. Yes, I will uphold you with the right hand of my righteousness." We will rest in that promise and continue to obey

Looking to the future...

APRIL
Church
visiting in Az.

MAY
Belize dinner
for friends.

JUNE
Trip to Belize

JULY
Continue to
raise support.

AUGUST
Goal for being
in Belize.

We are more than half-way to our goal. Praise God that even during this economy He is providing for our needs! We need about four and a half more sea turtles to make it to our goal. Will you consider partnering with us so we can see the remaining sea turtles get their color? Go to www.thebjorgens.net and click on "How do I become a ministry partner?" to help us get to Belize.

Support-o-Meter

