

Stovers to Germany



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PRAYER REQUESTS:

- * God to use us in our September and October meetings
- * Health for Lena and Simeon
- * Churches to take us on support
- * Lena's green card application: scheduled for Oct. 27
- * Safety in travels
- * Vehicle/trailer maintenance
- * Survey trip in December: to allow travel to Germany

PRAISES:

- * Healthy delivery of our son!
- * Two new churches took us on for support
- * Green Card meeting scheduled

Baby makes three!



We are excited to announce the birth of Simeon Matthew Stover! Born August 31 at 3:04 a.m., weighing six pounds and six ounces at 19 inches long, we are blessed to have a healthy baby boy! We praise the Lord that none of the doctors' fears came to pass, and the birth was relatively issue free. We know God worked because of the faithful men and women who were praying for us.

In July, we had only a few meetings in Pennsylvania, but

we had a good time of fellowship with the churches there. With our August left open intentionally for baby watch, this left our summer very sparse. We used the time to work on scheduling churches for next year. Fortunately, God is good, and we came to the end of August with two more churches supporting us! We are getting ever closer to our support goals! Praise God!

Unfortunately, it looks bleak for our survey trip in December. We had fully expected the coronavirus shut downs to be over by this time, but it doesn't look like Germany is going to be opening the doors to visitors from the United States any time soon. Of course, God can work in the heart of their president to allow travel, but it will take a work of God to help in this regard.

September sees our schedule resume again. We will be in Pennsylvania for all of our meetings; all of them only a few hours of travel. We are going to be relatively local for the first two months before hitting the road for farther travels, but we are still going to be traveling with a newborn, which will be a big adjustment for us. Pray for us to have wisdom; we are new parents, and there are a lot of things that we don't know how to do, or even what to do! With family far away, we feel a little like Adam and Eve must have felt caring for Cain. But God is good, and living in a technological age allows us to keep in touch.

Thank you again all of you for your prayers for my wife and son! I know God allowed the pregnancy and birth to go well because of all of your prayers!

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September Update:

I do apologize for the delay of sending out our regular prayer letter. While after the birth, mother and baby appeared fine, Simeon was jaundiced pretty severely, so that we had to stay in the hospital for three days, and then take him back to the hospital to be readmitted a day after being released. After phototherapy, we are praising the Lord that this issue is under control now. We had some other issues regarding his growth and weight, but again, praise God that these seem to have normalized. We also had some issues with Lena's health. During the delivery, her blood pressure started to rise. We rejoice that it was not preeclampsia, but it was still a grave health issue. About a week after birth, she had to go into the ER for postnatal hypertension. The doctor's put her on medicine, and it is now under control. We expect her to be weaned off of that at the six-week doctor's check-up. We have had other issues with Simeon feeding properly, but we seem to have come to a resolution on that front. All-in-all, September has been a stressful month, but God is good, and all of our hospital bills should be covered by insurance! Praise God! Thank you for your patience with me in getting out our prayer letter; we know the importance of prayer and keeping you updated on the things we need prayer for.

In Christ,

*Jon & Lena
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& Simeon