

PRAISES

- Tobias' safe arrival and Stephanie's speedy recovery
- Helpful, supportive friends and family as we adjust to life with a new baby (Many thanks to you all!)
- Gifts to our overseas setup fund have paid for our first year's rent in Indonesia.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- That God will teach us how to be good parents to Tobias and how to balance ministry with family life
- For opportunities to speak with people about our ministry
- For healing for Jonathan's mother and grandpa

Tobias Edward Has Arrived!

On February 13, at 12:15pm, we met our son for the first time. We named him Tobias which means, "Yahweh is good." Yahweh has indeed been good to us through the pregnancy and childbirth. Stephanie's labor was mercifully short and fairly routine. Tobias was in good health from conception to delivery. Thanks to all of you who have been praying for our family.



Tobias Edward at 1 week old

Having our first child makes us think about many things, and our plans to serve overseas are no exception. Here are a few of the questions about bringing our son overseas that have gone through our minds:

- What if he gets sick? Will the vaccinations be enough?
- Will he become better at speaking Indonesian and not be able to speak English when we come back?
- If we're so far away from the grandparents and other relatives, will he still grow to know and love them?
- Will we be able to find the balance between work and giving our son the attention and love he needs?
- Will we be too strict? Not strict enough?
- Will he grow up to know God and serve Him?

Those of you who have children may have asked some of these same questions at one time or another. Families working for the Lord overseas face challenges common to what all families face, along with a few uncommon challenges and opportunities. Having our own little MK (missionary kid) forces us to think and pray about these challenges carefully.

As I think on these things, two points stand out clearly. First, we are even more dependent on people praying, encouraging, and giving to us than before. Without a strong team of partners like you working with us, we can't succeed.

The second point is that just as we are dependent on our partners at home, we will also be interdependent with various workers at our destination: doctors, youth leaders, friends, translators, nationals, other teachers, and many more. Through working together as a community, we can all see the work of Bible translation go forward far more effectively than any of us could dream of doing alone.





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ABOUT US

Our vision: To support Bible translation by meeting the educational needs of missionary kids (job descriptions to be finalized upon arrival)

Our destination: Hillcrest International School in Sentani, Indonesia

Our goal: To begin language school in Indonesia by July 2009

Our needs: We need a solid team of monthly financial partners and prayer partners. We also need advocates to introduce us to others who would be interested in our ministry.

To Partner with Us Financially

Please mail contributions and commitment forms to Wycliffe Bible Translators, PO Box 628200, Orlando, FL 32862-8200.

- 1) For contributions to our general support, include a separate note saying, "For the ministry of Jonathan & Stephanie Compton, acct. #200268."
2) To make a one-time gift to our overseas setup account, include a separate note saying, "For the overseas setup fund of Jonathan & Stephanie Compton, acct. #200268-71."

Thoughts on the Economic Crisis

"Our financial security comes from the Father alone."

Some of you may be wondering how the current economic crisis has affected our ministry. We are happy to report that our monthly giving has increased 6% in the last month, and that we now have 15% of our overseas set-up fund! We praise the Lord for enabling many of you to continue giving, even in these difficult times. We know

that others of you have not been able to help as you would have liked. Thanks so much to all of you who join with us, whether through finances or through prayer.

Yet this economic crisis has me thinking. It doesn't matter whether you are a missionary or a blue-collar worker; our financial security comes from the Father alone. Being in the ministry is sometimes scary because you don't know where

your next paycheck is coming from, or how much it will be. Yet many of those who trusted their job or IRA for security were sadly mistaken.

Jesus said, "You cannot serve both God and Money." (Matt. 6:24), and he also told us not to worry about such basic needs as food and clothing (Matt. 6:25-34). This financial crisis should remind us of Christ's teachings so that we place our full trust in the Lord.

Help us get to Indonesia! Your monthly financial partnership is the wind in our sails.

