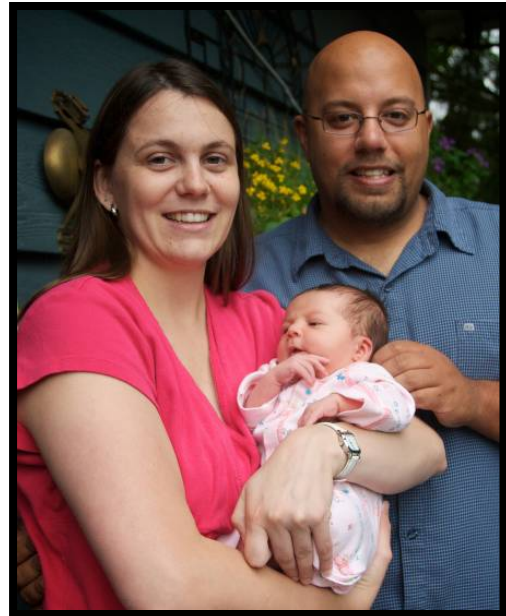


Dear Friends and Family,

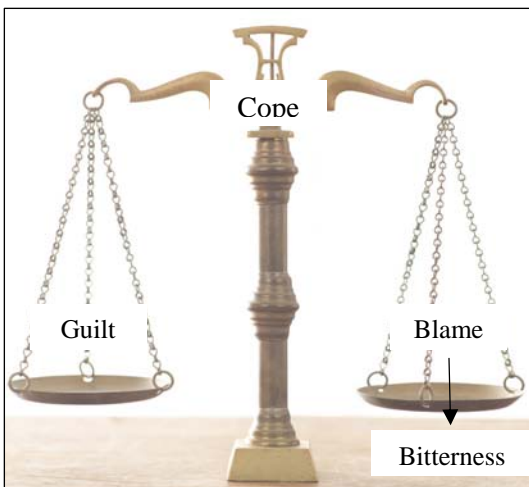
I have lots of things to share with you since my last report. I guess first and foremost, as most of you know, Jennifer and I had a baby girl on August 14th, 2008 named Kyra Monisha Whims (7lbs 15oz). She is settling in nicely at home and we are enjoying our time with her. She was born with a dislocated hip but they caught it early so we have her in a brace for 3 months to strengthen things. Supposedly I had the same thing as a child.

On the adoption front our paperwork finally left the Ministry of Families in Haiti and has one hurdle to complete, which is legalization by the courts before the boys are legally our children. Looking at past adoptions it seems this process takes two to three months which would be an October/November timeline. We are planning another mission's trip there in January. So we are praying and would covet your prayers that we can bring the boys home with us in January.



In ministry, I completed a three month Spanish emersion class at UBC this summer so I can now share a bit in Spanish with you. Dios le bendiga y su familia. (God Bless you and your family). I will be continuing in September as I prepare for a mission trip to Guatemala in December.

I also went through the Basic Life Principles training program over the summer. It is a week long program on what principles the Bible teaches on everyday living. The area that I learned the most on was bitterness and the consequences of it.



Like in this diagram on the left most of us when we do something wrong or have been wronged feel guilt so in order to cope with it we blame others. Well this coping is not freedom or dealing with the real issue, it still affects us and the more guilt we feel the more we sense a need to blame until that blame and coping turns into bitterness and anger. The emotional draining of dealing with bitterness will result in things like anxiety and depression.

Now the biblical answer is so simple yet so difficult. It is forgiveness. Without forgiveness we waste

away because there is not true restoration with God. With forgiveness the weight guilt holds on our life is eliminated and true healing begins. See Luke 15-18-21. Obviously I can't share all that was discussed on the topic but it was definitely something I needed to hear at the time and will help me in dealing with students in my discipleship classes.



Also, over the summer, I got to spend time in one-one discipleship with a couple of new Christians going through the book of Matthew. I am always amazed by the insights and questions these new believers have.

Discipleship classes start next week. I will be leading three during the week and one on Sunday mornings. Jennifer continues to lead her Spanish class on Thursday nights. My Thursday class just graduated so that leaves me home to play Mr. Mom (Fathering).

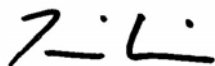
We have two mission trips coming up in December and January. I will be leading a team to Guatemala Dec.1-15 and Jenn and I will be going to Haiti from January 6-20, with a team, to the His Home for Children orphanage.

I am continuing to learn the roles as Provincial Director and giving leadership and support to our leaders. I am enjoying meeting with many of them one-one or in groups to discuss struggles in their groups and lives as they disciple others.

We have a new staff member Jason Shellborn who is has raised his support and is starting full-time with us. He will be a great asset to DI as he brings a real heart to disciple and desire to be a servant of God. He and his wife, Stephanie, are involved in Foster Care as well so are both active in serving the Lord.



Blessings in Christ,



Travis Whims

Praise

- The healthy birth of Kyra.
- Jason raising full-support and coming on full-time.
- 14 new classes starting in September.

Prayer requests:

- Classes beginning in September.
- Valdemar & Ishmael and their work in Mexico.
- New leader's starting groups for the first time.
- Mission trips Dec.1-15 in Guatemala and Jan.6-20 in Haiti.
- That God would move things in the adoption so we can bring our boys back from Haiti in January.

In November our Director of DI Mexico, Valdemar, and his Provincial Director, Ishmael, will be coming up to Vancouver for a couple of weeks for a time of training and rest. They will then return back as part of mission's teams going to Mexico and Guatemala. Pray for them as they come and experience Canadian life, for Valdemar this will be his second time in Canada and for Ishmael his first.

Upcoming events are: Leader's Meeting (Sept.6), Discipleship class start-up (Sept.7-13), UGM (Sept.19).