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Dear Prayer Supporters,

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 says, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven. A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted." This verse truly explains how God is working in all seasons of our lives these last months.

A Time to be born

Abigail Cathleen Riffel was born on July 9, 2008. She is our very healthy, brown-haired, blue-eyed bundle of joy. Thankfully April has completely recovered from labor and the C-section, and we have already traveled to meetings in Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Minnesota, and California. Abigail is our little nation-wide traveler and is learning she has to be in that car seat a lot! Each church has been so sweet to us and to our newborn. The Lord is already using her to help open up many conversations with people as we travel. She is such a blessing from the Lord.



A Time to Die

On July 19th April's grandma Shelton went to be with the Lord at nearly 97 years old. The Lord's timing was perfect, as April's mother was already in the States for Abigail, and was able to see grandma before she died. Grandma Shelton was a strong Christian lady and a great prayer warrior who will be greatly missed. Yet it was neat to see how the Lord took her home exactly 22 years to the day after her husband passed away. God's timing is perfect. Please pray for the family.



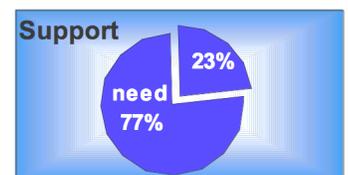
A Time to Plant

In July we were home for about a month, because of Abigail's birth. While we were home, the Lord gave us opportunities to witness to our neighbor's children for whom we have been burdened. The children did not receive the Lord right then, but they listened intently and said they would pray on their own later. That very day the children had to move away because they had been evicted out of their home. Praise the Lord they could hear the gospel before they moved.

A Time to Pluck Up

We praise the Lord that at the end of July we could help in VBS at our home church and were both be able to lead some children to the Lord. The church also surprised us by giving us the offering for the week. God really blessed during our meetings in California with April's parents and we saw four children get saved in Sunday school and Junior church, and one in day camp chapel.

To everything there is a time. Right now God has us here in the states raising our support and ministering in churches, but we are so looking forward to the day we will be serving the Lord in Japan. God is teaching us much these days and it is so exciting to see His hand working in each step of our lives. Thank you all so much for your prayers and support as we continue our deputation trail to Japan. We also want to especially thank Fellowship Baptist Church, Mosinee, WI and First Baptist Church of Bay City, MI for their new support. Please continue to pray for us as we book meetings and share our burden for Japan.



Sincerely,

Michael, April, and Abigail Riffel