



RICHARDS REPORT



Being a Missionary Has Its Blessings

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The picture below left, shows Adelyn, age 8, and Everly, age 6, receiving instruction from “Papa J” about their baptism that was to take place on the following Sunday. The church here in Des Moines allowed me to baptize my two granddaughters as they had 11 baptisms in 4 different services. What a blessing to now have been able to baptize grandchildren on two different continents, Europe and now in North America. The picture to the right shows their baptism which took place in the 9:30am service. Adelyn is standing in the background after her baptism. So that the crowd could see them, I had to hold them up to the microphone. When asked if she had accepted Jesus, Everly, leaned over real close to the microphone and yelled, **“YES, I HAVE!”** which got a laugh from the congregation. Even though Pam and I would have loved to have been here for the birth of Jason’s children we were



always serving in Wales at the time of their birth. We remember Everly’s birth because we were at BBF Camp in England and I had just laid down on my bunk to try to get an afternoon nap before the long night of teenagers at camp and the phone rang. A phone ringing at camp is hard to hear because of all the noise of activity or the phone is off during the services, but God had it quiet enough that Jason’s phone call came through and we heard the announcement of Everly’s birth. Now this year God has allowed us to be here for their baptisms and even more than that I was able to do the baptisms. God is good and greatly to be Praised!!!



Speaking of teens and trying to reach them, this week at Ruth Harbor Ministries, I had the opportunity to witness to two of the teenagers, R and S, as I drove them back from High School. Both are Pregnant and are working through our 10 programs to help them have “Life Change”, of which one of the programs is coming to know Jesus as their Savior. The seeds have been planted, pray they grow in the knowledge of Jesus and accept Him this Christmas Season.

Another Son is Born

The picture to the right is of Jason and Sarah which was the first family picture with our 8th grandchild. On December 5th at 3:02am Rafe Isaac Richards was born, he weighed 7lbs 13 oz and was 20 ½ inches long. Wow to hold a newborn is such a blessing, but to hold probably the last grandchild right after they are born that is a blessing from God. We had that privilege with two of Jaime’s children in Wales and now here in the USA with Jason it is a blessing God had planned for us, but we never expected to happen. Colwyn, in the picture to the left, is showing his joy at getting to hold his little brother for the first time. He said all morning long, **“I love that baby!” So do we Colwyn!** As we remember Christ’s birth this Christmas time, we wish



you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for your prayers and support!!!!

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