



# God is full of Grace!

Monthly Feature: We have a baby! Happy New Year!

October was three months ago? Unbelievable. November, December, and now January have been a blur of activity, anticipation, and travel. God has been faithfully sustaining us and bringing us through the many circumstances facing us as we live our lives to the glory of His name. I'm reminded of 2 Thessalonians 3:3, "The Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one."

**Looking Back:**

**November came quickly** and was filled with baby preparations, hospitality, and drafting support raising letters. **Kairos Nathaniel Johnson was born** at



1:33AM on Sunday, November 17th! He weighed 8lbs 6.7oz and was 22 inches tall. Kairos (kye-ross) means "appointed time" in Biblical Greek. **We had prayed for the Lord to give us children in His timing and He answered by giving us Kairos at the perfect time.** Our niece Anneke Trimble flew out immediately following the birth to cook, clean, and help with the baby for one week. It was such a huge blessing for us as tired new parents.



Thanksgiving was low-key for us. We ate a lot of food and spent the afternoon with a family from church.

**December started** with a passport

application for baby Kairos before jumping into our small, loud Ford Fusion for a multi-day trek west to visit family in Kansas and Nebraska. We spent Christmas with Rebecca's family in Kansas. Our celebration was slightly marred with sickness that changed some of our gathering plans, but we are grateful for the blessed times of fellowship we still enjoyed.

We ended 2024 by traveling up to the Nebraska sandhills to celebrate the arrival of 2025 with some of Andrew's family. Sickness struck once again and several folks got sick!



Andrew was unfortunate enough to catch both bugs! What a way to start the year! After a sweet time of fellowship, we returned to our Ohio home on January 7.

**Looking Ahead:**

**January finds** us raising support and preparing for another Ghana survey trip! We have been in conversations for the last three months with a couple named Armand and Rebecca Nyakpo. We mentioned them briefly (though not by name) in our October update for prayer as they are considering serving in Ghana. In February, we plan to visit Ghana with them so they can decide if the Lord would have them join us in Ghana's Volta Region. **Please pray that Kairos' visa arrives before the trip!**



We are excited to announce that we are in the home stretch for raising our financial support! By God's grace and provision, we have reached 76% of our regular monthly support. This means, **we have \$1,600 left to reach 100%.** This is even with adjustments due to the arrival of the baby! We are earnestly praying and anticipating that the Lord will provide this amount before spring! Our goal for 2025 is to finish out our required trainings and obtain the clearances ABWE requires. We plan to take ABWE's Departure Readiness and Security Training in April 2025. For our clearances, we just need a medical clearance (approving we are healthy enough to go), financial clearance (having our support raised), and our executive director's approval. **We are hoping and praying to leave for the mission field in June or July of 2025.** Will you please pray with us that God will raise up the financial support that we need for our

departure to Ghana? **Would you also seriously and prayerfully consider helping us achieve our financial clearance** by taking us on for regular monthly support? We only need 16 people who will commit to giving \$100 a month. We are so thankful for all of your prayers and support for us as we serve the Lord.