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WE'RE GRANDPARENTS!!!



On March 28th, at 7:23am, Jude Michael Griffis, finally made his highly anticipated appearance into the Haddix/Griffis family! And the weirdness of becoming something associated with being really, really OLD (we remember what our grandparents looked like) immediately melted away into an overwhelming, heart-melting joy. The meaning of Jude's name is significant. After trying for a while to get pregnant and then having a miscarriage, when Lindsay and Jordan found out they were pregnant again, they were just overwhelmed with joy and praise and thanks. And that is the meaning of "Jude" in Hebrew. Praise and thanks! Then our family has a tradition of passing along middle names. John's middle name is Michael and Lindsay wanted to keep with this tradition. And Michael means: who is like God? Of course, Jude, like his name, is perfect. Really. And we couldn't be more proud of Lindsay and Jordan for the ways we've seen them respond already to the call of parenthood. There are really no words when your first baby has her first baby. (We still have the prayer letter where we announced Lindsay's birth to our supporters!) God is so good!

Thankfully, we've already gotten to spend a good amount of time with Jude in his little 2-week-old life, (as we write this). And seeing his dependence on his parents for every little thing reminds us of how dependent new believers are on godly models and mentors to help them grow in Christ. This is the heart of ministry – helping each other grow up in Him. (Col. 1:28) And that is the heart of our ministry with A.C.T. Int'l. also...helping people grow into maturity in Christ through arts ministry and equipping other artists to do the same. We're so thankful for your partnership that enables us to use our gifts and experience in ministry.

This month we're excited for some opportunities to lead worship over Easter and then a quick trip to Orlando, FL with Keynote. I (John) will be playing with a Keynote band as we lead worship for a day of prayer at Campus Crusade's world headquarters. We're both are so thankful for Crusade's ministry in our lives over the years and owe much of our growth, from "babyhood" to maturity, to Crusade's ministries. So we're thrilled to continue partnering with Keynote. ***Please continue to pray with us for other strategic partnership opportunities to reach people for Christ.***

Next month we will share more on some other big family news...Krista and Ben have responded to God's call on their lives to be missionaries to the Caribbean Christian Centre for the Deaf in Jamaica! Many of you are familiar with CCCD and we're looking forward to sharing more about Ben and Krista's call there.

Thanks so much for your continued prayers and investments without which we could not serve our God as we do. We pray often for His hand of blessing on you as a result. And we look forward with great anticipation to what He has ahead for us!

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably beyond all we can think or imagine!

In His hands with you,

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