

Our Family of 3!

This year has been an exciting one and only proves to continue in that same rhythm all the way to the end. Deby and I have a deep joy in our hearts as we communicate with you of Deby's pregnancy! Yes, you read that correct. God has given us the precious gift of our first child.

Here is our sweet little peanut due June 4th, 2019. It was an emotional experience being able to hear the heart beat for the first time.

All is going well so far as Deby at the moment is 11 weeks pregnant. We have been learning how to work as a team during this new phase of seeing what it means for Deby to be pregnant and the early stages of being parents. This has been an exciting time for us to dream and seek God for wisdom on what his desires are for our family in ministry. When thinking about having a child one of our main points was that our child is not something extra as in separate from our life in ministry or seen as an obstacle to our life in ministry but 100% a part of it all.

One of the first obvious questions we had to tackle is where is the baby going to be born. As we processed our options and prayed we believe that the best option for us is to have the baby in a private hospital in Jinotepe. There is only one public hospital in Bluefields and the medical attention there is not ideal plus I am not allowed to be in the room with Deby during labor. These factors amongst others lead us to believe that Jinotepe is our best option. Jinotepe is on the Pacific side of Nicaragua and close to Diriamba where Deby's family lives and the ywam base where we did our DTS is located. Depending on how much time before the due date we need to be in Diriamba it is possible we will spend up to 3 months before baby is born and estimated 2 months after baby is born in Diriamba.

The time after baby is born will be used so Deby can recuperate and also so we can go to the US Embassy in Managua to apply for our Baby's US citizenship. During those dates I also need to renew my residency once again. Our plans are fairly open but we estimate a maximum of 5 months total of being outside of Bluefields. Since Bluefields is so far away from Managua and Diriamba its not plausible for us to travel back and forth and simply more practical to get all the legal things done after birth before traveling back to Bluefields.

Next year is going to be a different kind of year for us and we know God is going to give us his wisdom and lead us through the process. James 1:5 states that if we are in need of wisdom our generous God is more than willing to give of it. One thing that we will do during the time in Diriamba is find ways that we can get involved with the YWAM base in Diriamba. In general, we are walking one step at a time and waiting to see what the doctor in Jinotepe has to say as well as see how Deby and baby are doing during the pregnancy.



**Faith is an epic
journey of obedience
and continuously
knowing God more
intimately
Psalm 32:8**

Prayer & Needs:

Besides the doctor and where baby will be born we have several other things we are praying for and looking to be purchasing. One of those things is the possibility of renting an apartment in Diriamba for the months that we will be living there before and after the birth of baby. We recently discovered a possibility at \$160 a month and a friend of Deby's is willing to lend furniture to completely furnish the house at no cost. Other purchases will be things such as: a crib, clothing, and other items needed for baby.

One other large expense we are praying about is the purchase of a vehicle. With baby on the way our eyes have been opened to the difficulty of getting around in taxis. We have found good options ranging from \$5,500 - \$9,000. This is our biggest financial need at the moment that we don't have the capacity to purchase. Please partner with us with financial provision and prayer for this need.

<u>Prayer needs</u>	<u>Praises</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Baby's development and for Deby• Financial needs for purchases (apartment rent, car, doctor, hospital, crib, baby clothing, etc.)• Bibles in Miskito language• YWAM Bluefields property• Wisdom as we continue forward as a family	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Baby is healthy and growing properly• Deby's friend who is willing to help us with house rental!• Next years DTS has 12 possible students! 4 of them being from Bluefields. (Rene and Migi will be leading the DTS)

Thank you!

We are really thankful for the way that you partner with us as we walk together with Jesus in faith and obedience. As you can see in the praises the DTS next year has several possible students. Even though we won't be physically present the whole time we will see how we best can serve and involve ourselves. We are feeling challenged in this new stage but God has been so good and reminding us to look at all the times he has provided for us and others we know. He is worthy of our trust and obedience! We will miss all of you in Minnesota as this year we won't be making a trip to visit but anticipate the next time we get to visit with you again. Have a wonderful Christmas and end of year!

“But then I recall all you have done, O Lord, I remember your wonderful deeds of long ago. They are constantly in my thoughts. I cannot stop thinking of your mighty works.”

(Psalm 77:11-12)