

NEWS FROM THE GLENNS



Samuel's Adventures

Samuel is also on the move! He's gone from taking his first steps just a few weeks ago to walking most of the time. He loves his newfound mobility and he can get into EVERYTHING.

He's also keeping busy, from playdates with other babies to his regular swimming lessons, where he swims under water and loves it! He also loves books, and regularly snuggles up on a lap to be read to. He enjoys a range of foods and is learning to feed himself with both spoon and fork. (But sometimes, eating directly from the bowl is faster!)

Bump Watch

Baby Glenn 2.0 is growing and moving! Now able to reach Mom's ribs, Baby is very active and energetic. Each week brings a shift in balance and centre of gravity for Anne, and she keeps bumping into things. Keeping up with these two is tiring, but so rewarding to watch them grow!

On the move again...

This time, just around the

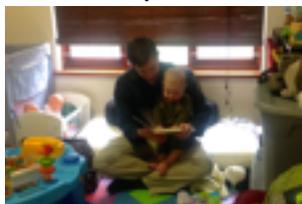
corner! As the church here has long had two pastors, they have had two manses, just around the corner from each other. The Smiths (who currently reside in the larger manse) have purchased a house in the neighbourhood and the church has decided to move us into the other manse. So after spending 8 weeks there (while renovations were being done on the second manse), and now just 8 weeks here in our house, we've stopped unpacking and are REpacking to move around the corner at the end of November.

Our new house has a large yard, a pool, space for a growing family and lots of room for guests! (Hint hint, nudge nudge) Have you considered South Africa for your next vacation?

Speaking of vacation...

We are looking forward to Christmas here. It will be Coleman's first summer Christmas, and a second one for Anne, but it is strange to see the 'traditional' Christmas decorations of snowmen with scarves when it's 30°C/85°F!

We are especially looking forward to the arrival of Anne's brother Andrew and sister-in-law Claire, from Toronto, and her parents, Scott and Beth, from Singapore next month. It will be the first Hurd family Christmas that doesn't involve a wedding in a few years!



Reading with Daddy / Snack time at the beach





Samuel loves to swim, and our new house has a pool!

Praise and Petitions

Praise God for his provision of housing. We are so grateful to have a place to call home, to have a beautiful property for our family to explore and grow on. Pray that we would remember and focus on these blessings through the work and stress of repacking and moving again.

Please pray for Coleman's next trip to Cape Town (Nov 22-23). Pray for safe travel, for good connections between Coleman and the group there, for deepening relationships, and please pray for Anne and Samuel at home without Coleman.

Please pray for Anne's health. Pregnancy has continued to be a strain on her physically, and while Baby is perfectly healthy, Anne has struggled to gain weight and continues to be sick. Please pray for strength and energy for her as she balances caring for Samuel and herself in the midst of still settling in.

Thank you for your prayers.

Ministry reflections and updates

Our youth are in the middle of final exams. Most of the fourth term is taken up with studying for and writing their finals. With different schedules in the different high schools we've been keeping youth group fairly low key and stress-free in an attempt to provide them with support, and a place to unwind. We held a 'Costumes and Candy' night on the last weekend in October (Halloween is not really celebrated here, and we MAY have been the only ones in costume...)

Coleman is preparing for another trip to Cape Town in November, where he will visit with some of the students there as well as offering a class and service for people living there. He is also leading a weekly 'New Church Foundations' class after church each Sunday as a primer for newcomers and refresher for those raised in the church.

Looking ahead

This month the Executive Bishop of the General Church Brian Keith and his wife Gretchen will be visiting South Africa and we look forward to our time with them. November also brings both Anne's birthday and Samuel's first birthday! We have decided to host an open house/drop in party in honour of the occasion, and so you are invited to join us on November 15th, anytime from 11-3, to celebrate his first year with us. Our move should take place the last week of November, and the week after that is a busy one for Coleman as the term wraps up at the school. Then before we know it, it will be December. Look for lots of pictures in our next newsletter!

To get a monthly mailing of our newsletter please send us an email and we'll add you to the list. For more details of our adventures visit our blog!



'Costumes and Candy' at youth group / A taste of home - Domino's Pizza has opened four locations in South Africa and one is just down the street from us!