

Word on the Street

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Summer is here and we are busier than ever as we prepare to travel to Colorado for six weeks of seminary classes and meetings with Here's Life Inner City and Campus Crusade for Christ!

Today, **Matt** is finishing up the installation of Internet at one of our Here's Life partner churches. Now their computer lab will be ready for summer youth outreach programs. This afternoon he'll be meeting with Tyshawn, one of his interns from last year, to help him search for summer employment. Tyshawn will be off to college in the fall, and is looking to save money for the school year.

Anna is busy making preparations to move our family out to Colorado, where we'll be living in student housing near the campus of Colorado State University. She's also making the necessary

preparations for our daughter, who is due to arrive just weeks after we return. She's also touching base with all our neighbors and friends before we go.

Thomas just celebrated his second birthday with all his friends. He is blessed to have such a loving and diverse group of buddies who live right here in the neighborhood. One of his favorite activities these days is singing. We joke that he's our little evangelist, as he loves to sing "Jesus Loves Me" at the top of his lungs wherever we go!

Please be praying for us in the months ahead. We're excited about our upcoming training but it's a hectic time. We hope to get our next update to you in September once the baby is born. Until then, here are some prayer points:

Safe Travel – We will be traveling from June 17-20 and then again from July 31-Aug. 2

Health – Please pray especially for Anna and the baby as they are now in their third trimester with a due date of Aug. 25

Thomas' Adjustments – Pray for a smooth transition into childcare in Colorado; pray that he would stay healthy; pray for his adjustment to being a big brother

Learning – Pray that our time in classes would be fruitful and that we would grow in both our knowledge of and our love for the Lord

Community – During summer we always see an increase in violence in Crown Heights. Please pray for peace and protection for us and our neighbors

Church – We've decided to regularly attend a Nazarene church in Crown Heights but continue to pray that God would lead us to a church that is more in line with our hopes and dreams for a community church

Tech Bridges – Pray for our Here's Life partner churches who will be using computers and technology to minister to their communities this summer; pray for a smooth transition back into leading this ministry for Matt once we return

Thank you so much for all your prayers and support. We are so grateful for you!

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Please call or email us for our address while we travel and we'll give you the current one!

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