



Joshua & Kelsie Steele

July 2012

Little One

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On May 8, we learned of our unborn child's terminal genetic illness. We learned that our child was a girl on her birthday, June 26. The following article was posted to our blog that evening.

The journey that we began four months ago in Ukraine ended today in a quiet family birthing room in Houston. Our day started at 5am when we checked in to Hermann Memorial Hospital and Kelsie was given her initial dose of induction medication.

As anticipated, the first several hours were fairly uneventful, but as time passed the contractions increased their intensity. While labor is never easy, God gave much grace and Kelsie came through with flying colors. Kelsie's mom, Cindy, was with us along

with our amazing medical staff – Dr. Berryhill and his nurse Ruth.

Our baby girl was born without incident at 3:37pm. She was 9 inches long and weighed 1 lbs. 8 oz. There were many tears mingled with words of comfort and relief. When everything was over, we all gathered around the bed, and I held Kelsie's hand as we said a final prayer to the Lord, thanking Him for His gift of life and affirming our trust in His providence.



To all of you who have prayed for us, thank you. Words are inadequate to convey our gratefulness to the multitudes of God's saints who have stood by us during this trial. We love you and we pray God's richest blessings upon you for the kindness you have shown to us.

This has been a sad chapter in our lives, and yet we rejoice that the story does not end here. Jesus Christ has conquered death and because He lives, we will meet our daughter again.

Farewell, Little One. Be at peace in the glory of His presence and know that Mommy and Daddy love you. Wait a little while, and we'll be home.

Listen to Joshua's message, "Patient Faith", by scanning this code, or by visiting the link below.

www.OFReport.com/2012/07/patient-faith/



CMO 2012

As of July 1, Carpathian Mountain Outreach is underway! All of the men have arrived safely and the ministry is moving forward. Already the team has been active in distributing Bible literature in L'viv, and we've shown *Courageous* in two different Carpathian villages!

Although I am currently in United States with Kelsie and the kids, I will be heading over to join the CMO project on July 21. Please keep our ministry in prayer over the coming weeks. From now through the end of the project, we'll be posting weekly reports on the ETO web site: www.euroteamoutreach.org.

Vasyl

At the end of May, I had the wonderful privilege of introducing one of our English Club students to Christ. Vasyl had shown interest in the things of God on many prior occasions, and one day he came to my house to talk. During that conversation,



Vasyl professed his faith in Jesus Christ on May 30 of this year.

he understood the Gospel for the first time and professed his complete trust in Jesus as Savior. You can read a more detailed account of his conversion on our blog: www.OFReport.com/2012/05/sinner-home.

Since his conversion, Vasyl has demonstrated the fruit of a true believer. For example, the very next time he came to English Club, he found Jessie and asked excitedly, "Did Joshua tell you what I did? I trusted Jesus!" Even though I am in the US right now, he and I are keeping in contact through Skype and email. Please remember Vasyl and his family in your prayers.

How You Can Pray

- Praise God for the grace and strength He gave during the illness and passing of our fourth daughter.
- Pray for a speedy recovery for Kelsie. (She's already doing very well!)
- Pray for healing for our family during this time of sorrow.
- Pray for the CMO 2012 project which began on July 1.
- Pray for my upcoming trip to Ukraine on July 21.
- Pray for spiritual growth and provision for Vasyl.

To God be the Glory

