

June 27, 2024

**The Saint Family, Chile**

Dear Prayer Partners,

I tried to get a formal prayer letter out this week but didn't get it to our mailer in time. We'll try again next week.

In the meantime, I'll let you know that David Elliot Saint was born on June 22. He weighed 9 pounds, 7 ounces and measured 21.5 inches. He's as healthy as can be and his siblings are completely in love. Praise the Lord for a smooth delivery and that Nana (Christine's mother) was able to be here and help us with the rest of the kids.

The prayer request is now for Christine's health. She seemed fine for a few days but then two nights ago (Tuesday night), she developed a strong headache. We didn't think much of it. She took the prescribed pain meds and made sure to hydrate. But, as the day progressed, the headache didn't respond to the medication and only grew. She rested as much as possible (which is notably hard with six kids to take care of and I had a few errands to run during the morning) but it only got worse and included blurry vision. In the evening, she took her blood pressure and it was high (I forget how high, but easily something like 145/92). We recalled that she had similar symptoms after Nate's birth and, at that time, was diagnosed with postpartum preeclampsia and needed several urgent MRI procedures due to a suspected blood clot in her brain. So we reached out to her obstetrician who recommended she go to the ER.

We cancelled church. The man who would have handled the services in my absence (Felix) came with his wife to take care of our other kids. They ran some bloodwork and did a CT scan. They gave her some pain medication and, after a few hours, her blood pressure had dropped (although it was still higher than normal). The CT scan was normal and the bloodwork didn't show anything out of the ordinary so the doctor said that maybe she just needed different pain medications (the pain had elevated her blood pressure) and rest (since she was able to get away from the rest of the kids while at the hospital). She has her regular follow up appointment with her obstetrician on Friday and he might be able to better diagnose and treat her health needs.

To make a long story short, while Christine slept as well as could be expected, she woke up with the same symptoms. I (Nathan) have kept the kids downstairs while she tries to rest upstairs, but the symptoms persist. Please pray for healing and wisdom for us to know what to do (running to the ER isn't all that simple when you have 6 young children) as well as for the doctors to know how to help her.

We have some single ladies coming to help us with our ministry and family needs. They'll be here for about three weeks, but they won't arrive until mid-July. A week after they leave, my parents arrive, so we have help coming, but need to survive until then.

Thanks for your prayers,  
The Saints

