

Living Free...

A special announcement in the Carlson's life.

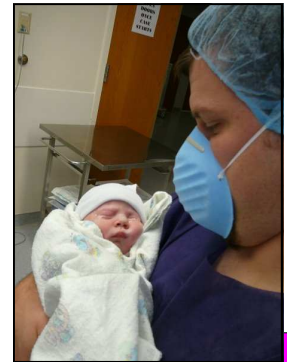


The miracle has arrived!

On December 19th, 2008 at 11:27 am Annika Lynn Carlson made her grand entrance into the world. Her name is pronounced in the Scandinavian tradition of Awn-ni-ka (like the golfer Annika Sörenstam). She weighed in at 7 lbs 5.5 oz and was 19.5 inches long.



Laura recovered well from the c-section. However, she did develop Post-partum Preeclampsia. Thank God that her blood pressure is under control with medication. We do not know how long she will have to be on that, but God willing not long! Otherwise, everything is going great. We are getting enough sleep, as Annika is also a good sleeper. Emily is absolutely loving being a big sister and she is very good at it. She is more than willing to help change diapers (non-poopies) and to help feed her sibling.



As I write this Annika is 6 weeks old and starting to make attempts at communicating. We will start her passport paperwork to prepare for our new lives overseas. On our next scheduled home-service in five years, Annika will really experience America for the first time. That is a shocking thought!



Déjà Vu

This all seems so familiar! Preparing for a new ministry and traveling with a six month old?! Just like when Emily was born, we are heading into a new ministry with a new member of our family. We are still trusting God for a summer departure (at the latest). We will be in Chicago for a fundraising banquet on March 21st. We are still needing volunteers to open their homes and introduce us to new friends by hosting a Borscht Party. Also, if you have any ideas on ways to help raise our remaining \$10,000 in outgoing costs, we would love your input. (309-338-2995 / livefree@carlsons.info)



Walking by faith,

Daryl and the Carlsons

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