



Welcome Eliana Joelle

On September 15th at 5:03 pm, the Lord finally answered all our prayers for a healthy baby girl to join our family. We say "finally," because she was due August 29th, and 2 ½ weeks is a long time to carry an 11 pound baby! "Eliana" means "the Lord has answered me," and we often wondered during those weeks why the Lord was not "answering" our prayers. He taught us many lessons in longsuffering and trust as we waited for His answer. Her middle name brought us the answer: "Joelle" means "the Lord is God," which meant to us that He wanted to prove that He is God, and we are not. We are so blessed every day with her precious smiles and coos. Jaren and Esther adore her and can't ever get enough cuddles and kisses. We're excited to see all three of them grow up together.



WE'RE MOVING to New Tribes Training

Boxes are already piling up in our garage as we begin preparations to move to Roach, Missouri to attend New Tribes Mission's **Missionary Training Center (MTC)**. We are very excited about all the things we will be learning over the next year, as we take **nearly 40 different courses**, all pertaining to missionary life.

We are also looking forward to campus life at MTC, where we'll be living in a community of believers, who all have given up a life of relative luxury in the US to serve the Lord in remote tribal areas. It will be encouraging to be surrounded by other families with the same passions and goals as ourselves. We know we'll be making life-long friendships with future coworkers.



We'll be moving right at Christmas time, so as you gather with your family, if you remember: please pray for us! It'll be a stressful time as we try to celebrate Christmas with both sides of our family and move all at the same time!



This semester we'll be studying things like:

- Church Planting
- Time Management
- Child Protection
- Culture & Language Acquisition
- Love & Respect
- Phonetics
- Communication Skills
- Teamwork

* { your gifts will not be tax deductible until we finish this year of missionary training }



Farewell to Compass



While we are excited about this next phase of preparation for service with New Tribes Aviation, we are also sad to leave Shelby, NC. The one year we expected to be here turned into nearly four, and we are now more connected to the ministry of Compass Aviation, and to our local church in Charlotte, which is commending us to the Lord for this next step.

If not for those in our local church and at Compass who have invested in us with their time, wisdom, advice and resources, we would not be prepared for service. Jamin is going to miss his friends and mentors at Compass, who have taught him so much about aircraft maintenance, flying, and spiritual maturity. They will also miss him, not only for his humor, but because after so much investment, he was able to be productive in the shop.

This is what Compass Aviation does: they invest in future missionary pilots; forging a link in the long chain of individuals that allows the most remote souls to be reached with the Gospel.

These last few months at Compass, Jamin has had an exciting project to work on. Compass Aviation has recently been able to purchase a wrecked Cessna 206 for less than the engine alone would cost. Their plan is to renovate it and make it available to anyone who needs training in this type of aircraft prior to serving in missionary aviation. Jamin has had the privilege of heading up this project from the very start: evaluating the aircraft prior to purchase, arranging for its shipment from Miami to Shelby, and now, giving the plane a new skin. He'll be sad to leave before it's finished, but he's thankful for the opportunity he has had to invest in future missionary pilots.



The rest of the family will miss friends we've made in Shelby, our nice house in the country, the familiarity of the town, and the preschool Esther and Jaren attend for Mother's Morning Out. Believer's Bible Chapel in Pineville, NC, though an hour away, has become family to us as well. There are so many special brothers and sisters in the Lord who gather there and who have welcomed us into their hearts. We are sad to leave our many friends and dozens of playmates at BBC!

Pray for . . .

Health, safety, and low stress during the move

An ever-increasing burden for the lost, especially for tribal people

Teachable spirits as we learn from veteran missionaries

Strong bonds to be forged with others we meet at MTC who will be our co-laborers in spreading the Gospel

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and many blessings in 2012!

~ The Pecks ~

Jamin, Elizabeth, Esther, Jaren & Eliana