



H.O.P.E.

So what will her name be? Should it be sentimental, and sweet? Should it be strong with confidence? Should it be unique or carry heritage? We follow no rules or systems when it comes to names, so the choices get thrown in and out on a whim by Bekah, Dakota, Kate and I. With the doctor's hunch of a girl at fourteen weeks, we had some time to think specifically on what her name should be. Dakota was trying to persuade us that "Nemo" would be the best name if she ended up being a little girl, but we told her to save it for when she was married and had a child. By the time we arrived at the confirmatory ultrasound, scheduled to plan for the issuing garage sale, we had a name in hand. Unbeknownst to us this precious girl had her name plastered to every prayer letter and is as much a part of our mission to Kenya as the four of us. So if you haven't guessed and do not have fore knowledge on the subject her name will be ____.

_____ is doing well and has recently inflicted less nausea on her mother than the first months of pregnancy but remains quite active. As I write, the train whisks me back to Modesto in a small step in the transition and travel season that is now upon us. You can pray that our training at Mission Training Institute in Colorado finishes well and the two weeks of family good byes leave us with a healthy and holy ambition to start while recognizing that we are leaving and will be sad. Please pray specifically for our little girls, as they have forged strong relationships and will not understand the good byes. I have recently been reading in Philippians and have gained a new understanding of the fervent prayers that Paul brings for his friends and fellow believers that he also had to leave. Bekah and I have been overjoyed with the friendships that we have with all of those around us and simultaneously lament at having to stretch them across an ocean, because a skype hug is just a bit more robotic than we like.

Robotic or not we still would love to communicate in whatever way the Lord allows for that to happen. We are hoping to use our Magic Jack and have a California number for those of you calling from the states. Ready your cell phone rolodex, you can put **Hope Sammons new number as 209 589 2102**. As we explore more options for optimal communication, we will keep you up to date.

We write with hearts of overflowing joy and gratitude as we look at the team of people that has displayed true love to us. To each one of you we want to say thank you, and feel as though we have over used that word and it does not hold the true gratitude that we feel. You have dredged through our dirt and junk with us, especially those that packed our house, and are still our friends, thanks. You have truly blessed us and we love you.

Prayer Requests:

- **Please pray for logistics of our house and transition.**
- **Please pray on the night of Oct 27th and following day for sleep on the plane and luggage arrival in Kenya**
- **Please pray that our family would be strengthen in our faith and bond together as we begin this season**
- **Please pray that we would establish good routines and habits to keep us in the word as we transition.**

Blessings,

Troy for Rebekah, Dakota, Kate and Hope.

P.S. Our numbers are changing a little if you would like to reach us before Departure on the 27th of October please call Bekah at 661 444 8333 or Troy at 661 292 0224. Or email at bekahsammons@yahoo.com or ttsammons@yahoo.com.



Dakota and her best bud, RJ



Rebekah and Kate

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