

# The Shull Family

*Missionaries serving the people of Cambodia*



Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

November 9, 2017

## **"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me"**

We are so thankful to know that Christ gives strength to us in our weakness! On Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, we found this verse to be very true in our lives. On this day we were to drive our motorhome up to Sonora to prepare for the arrival of our baby girl on November 9<sup>th</sup>. At 5 am, Naomi began experiencing some minor contractions. At 6:15 am, upon the recommendation of our midwife, we began the 1.5 hour drive to the clinic through the winding roads of the rural Sierra Nevada foothills



with Naomi lying down in the bed while I drove. As we drove, the contractions grew stronger and stronger. At 6:45 am, while passing through the town of Hornitos, (population: 75) Naomi cried out for me to stop. Immediately I pulled the motorhome over, and to my great surprise I discovered the baby crowning. And so, at 6:54 am, with the midwife on speakerphone, I was able to bring our little Joy Anna Shull into this world in the back of a motorhome in Hornitos, CA. After making the remainder of the drive with mom and baby nursing in the back, the midwife found a perfectly healthy baby and a shocked mommy and daddy! Joy weighed 8lbs, 8oz. and



measured 21 inches long. Naomi and Joy both continue to amaze the caregivers with their good health and quick recovery. We know that it is God who gave strength, grace, and protection! We know that He doeth all things well!

## **Deputation News**

We continue to see God's hand of blessing on our travels. We have just come through a busy season of meetings this fall where in a 45 day stretch, we were in church all but 15 days. While being on full-time deputation since January, we have spent all but 4 weeks in CA. It has been a great blessing to see God raising up new churches and strengthening already established churches. Currently, our monthly support is at **64%**! In the first half of 2018, we will be traveling in AZ, NM, and TX before finishing our deputation trail in July. **We are looking forward to leaving for the field in August of 2018!**

**Please pray for a smooth and safe Cambodian election in July.**

**Please pray for our support and start-up expenses to come in full by next August.**

**Please pray for continued safety for our family as we travel.**

Thank you for your prayers and faithful support!

Please make support checks payable to **Valley Bible Baptist Church** and write **Shull Family** in the memo line.

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