# From the Hillside





Introducing

## Gabriel Nicholas Hill

Born Dec. 18, @ 7:07 pm

7 lb 4 oz 20 ½ inches

#### Greetings to all our Friends and Family!

Here is a big thank you to all of you who have joined us in prayer for this pregnancy and a safe delivery of Gabe! For those of you not following us via facebook or our website, a quick recap – in April we learned that God was sending us another surprise with a due date of December 25. It took us a bit longer this time to find a doctor/ hospital we felt comfortable with and we ended up going to Grants, NM, 1 ½ hours away (we weren't satisfied with the local hospital where we had Ben).

An ultrasound at 7 months revealed that Sarabeth had complete placenta previa which requires having a csection since a normal delivery would be life threatening to both mother and baby. At this point in the pregnancy the chances of the placenta moving enough for a normal delivery were very slim. PTL! God listened to all our prayers and the next ultrasound revealed the placenta had moved - twice as far as needed! The delivery went well with no complications. So far Gabe has been a great baby and his older siblings love holding him.

#### **Dorm Remodel**

WIM has launched a special project that we would like your help to accomplish. We are beginning a major remodel to turn our original chapel and Bible School into a much needed Dorm and Retreat Center. This will be helpful for hosting work teams, retreats, staff gatherings, etc! We need



work teams, and funds to make this a quality center! We want to find 300 people to give \$150 (all at once or in monthly donations). Would you join us? It would be a huge encouragement to us all.

#### **Prayer & Praise:**

- Pray for wisdom for Scott as he performs his duties as Engineer, Manager of the Bookstore, & Transitional Manager for the mission.
- **Pray** that we would see God's increase to our monthly support need.
- **Pray** for Sarabeth as she adjusts to having an infant in the mix of family and teaching school.
- **Praise** the Lord for our family's overall general health and resources going into the New Year!

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Daddy enjoying a snuggling Gabe.

Kara and Lydia decorating Christmas cookies.

#### 2013 Recap: Whether Planned or Not...

The many events of this past year have certainly been directed by our God to keep us flexible and learning as He prepares us for whatever He holds in the near future. We are sure that as God uses us as His tools to accomplish His Will, we will see the plan with 20/20 hindsight. *In February* – Our Strategic Planning Retreat helped us focus the whole mission on His call. *In April* – Scott Extended his knowledge at NAB which will help with Broadcasting & Scott's parents' celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. *In July* – Western Indian Ministries' 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary

celebration: we learned from the past and look forward to the future! <a href="In October">In October</a> – Experienced God's Generosity through our Radio Sharathon & Home Service trip to Colorado to visit churches and Friends. <a href="In November">In November</a> – Took time to get to know one another at our Staff retreat. <a href="And in December">And in December</a> – Enjoyed God's Grace and goodness through Gabe's birth and celebrating Christ's Birth!



Caleb & Ben having fun in a fort.

#### Kid's News

Matthew is 11 years old and in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. He enjoys playing Minecraft, creating Lego spaceships, and playing with his friends. Lydia is now 9 and in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. She is excited to have a new girl on campus that's her age. Kara (7 years old and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) continues to be interested in all things art related. Caleb, now 5, has started Kindergarten. Growing fast, he has caught up with Kara size-wise this year. Ben is almost 3 and wishes he were old enough to do everything the others do. He loves to help Mommy and Daddy with whatever they are doing. He is also very excited to be a big brother.

### Many Hats/Roles with WIM

Sometimes keeping up with Scott's many different roles is challenging. Over the last year he has changed hats a couple of times as things at the mission change. At the beginning of the year he took off the hat of Maintenance Director and settled into Engineer and Bookstore Manager. Near the end of the Summer some staffing changes created a new Hat for him "Transitional Manager". This is basically a "go to guy" to keep things running smoothly at the mission until God fills our staffing needs.



Western Indian Ministries celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a Bible conference (July 25-27). It was a wonderfully busy time of remembering the past, rejoicing in the present, and looking ahead to the future of what God might be doing through this mission. Despite an early monsoon season we still had quite a good crowd – the rains washed out the outdoor fun day though. What we heard from the people that were involved with the mission from many years ago was a great testimony to God's faithfulness and blessing and gave a better understanding into why He is not done with ministry in this area yet!