

## **A Chronicle of the Acree Family in Ghana, West Africa**

Dear Praying Friends,

**A New Addition:** I've intentionally delayed this prayer letter a couple of weeks because I had something very specific that I desired to write about. That being the birth of our son, Benjamin 'Benji' Judah Acree. He was born on September 12th at 8:25pm. At 7lbs, 12oz and 20½ inches long, Benji is the smallest of our children at birth. Both mommy and baby are healthy, and our family is excited for this new addition that God has blessed us with.

Leading up to delivery, Benji struggled staying in the proper birthing position. Melissa went in for an ultrasound to check his position to find him laying transverse, and within twenty minutes, he had rotated back into the proper position. Because he would not remain engaged, we were encouraged to induce so that he would not be out of position when his water did break (which would have probably led to a C-section delivery).



**Returning to Ghana:** We originally had return tickets to Ghana for September 4th to begin our second term. However, shortly after our coming back to the States, we were delighted to discover that Melissa was expecting with our fifth child. We were told that the due date was for September 12th, but as you can imagine, the airline might frown upon a woman attempting to fly at 39 weeks gestation. The new tickets are for November 28th, and with Benji's birth on his due date, the clock began ticking on all we need to happen so that we can return to Ghana. We knew that we would need Benji's birth certificate before applying for his passport, but when attempting to schedule the appointment for his passport application, we were told that he would also need his social security number (which is a recent change in governmental requirements). A social security number could take up to a month longer to acquire than his birth certificate. Please pray that all of the necessary documentation is acquired in a timely fashion, because it will be very expensive if we are forced to change the tickets to a later date.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support,  
Seth Acree & family

**Praises:**

- Delivery of Benji without complications.
- Melissa and Benji are healthy.
- Safety in our travels over the summer months.

**Prayer Requests:**

- Wisdom regarding some upcoming ministry and financial decisions.
- Safety in traveling to meetings.
- Prompt acquisition of documentation needed to return to Ghana.

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