



## MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER

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### WELCOME GINNY!

It happened! On March 13th, 2018, our sweet first born, Genevieve Aileen came into the world. Six weeks later, Ginny officially joined the Lifeline family as I returned to work with her. Although this only lasted for a couple months, it was a wonderful way to transition back to work.

Before we had kids and even before we were married, Craig and I dreamed of integrating family and ministry. We wanted service to Christ woven into the fabric of our daily life. I wasn't sure how this was going to work out in reality. Although I was excited about having our first kid, I knew that it would change my work with Lifeline. I love Haiti and enjoy getting to travel and interact with our partners. Honestly, I thought that having Ginny would make ministry harder. She would be an obstacle. And, I was partially correct.

It is more difficult. It takes more effort. However, when we traveled with Ginny to Haiti in October, I realized that Ginny is not an obstacle to serving Christ. She is an avenue to minister to others. Our partners in Haiti cared more about me trusting them with Genevieve than anything else I have ever done. I was thanked multiple times for trusting them, for trusting Haiti, with my child. Thanking me for including them in my family.

### PICTURES

*Top: Craig praying with Haitian pastors for their congregation during the church dedication in Pignon, Haiti. In just two days, the small group of pastors that Craig was with performed baptisms, a double wedding, a church service, and church dedication!*

*Middle: At the pastors conference, the wives of the village pastors also have a teaching sessions just for them. These wonderful women of God engage in discussions on His Word and times of pray.*

*Bottom: Genevieve was obviously a hit! Anoline in particular (seen in the photo with Ginny) was taken with her. While I was working in the clinic or busy elsewhere, Anoline acted as a nanny. She even put her down for naps!*

## THE CONGDONS

This will be an interesting year for me at Lifeline as I am not sure when I will be traveling to Haiti again. I'm still settling into how my job is changing at Lifeline and there is less need for me to travel. However, I have loved working part-time and getting to spend the rest of my time with Ginny.

Ginny just turned a year old and I just can't believe it! She is very outgoing, energetic, and passionate. Although she isn't able to walk yet, she is still somehow into everything. I am really nervous for when she actually can walk!

Craig is still pastoring full time at Grace Bible Church and teaching a few classes at Cair Paravel. He has a lot on his plate as he also leads a division of HLM, the One Body Project, organizing church construction and pastors conferences. He somehow does this and takes care of Ginny, me, and both our pups.

Although our life is definitely crazier now with a child at home, this has been a wonderful year as a family of three! Thank you for your continued encouragement and support.



# PRAYER— REQUESTS



- I would continue to appreciate your prayers as I adjust to being part time and the new aspects of my job now that I am traveling less.
- That I would be patient and persistent in building my financial support at Haiti Lifeline. Raising money is not one of my strong suits and I need to focus on spending quality time towards this.
- Pray for Craig and I as we navigate this whole parenting gig. Also prayers that Ginny continues to grow and develop as she should.
- Our April medical team was canceled due to unrest and rioting in Haiti. The State Dept. issued a travel advisory which is still in effect so we are concerned about our summer teams. Please be praying that this level is decreased! Our ministry will look much different this year if we are unable to lead teams to Haiti.
- We have had a couple staff changes at Lifeline (more on that later!). Be praying for us during this time of transition and the inevitable growing pains and tensions. This is such an exciting time and we are earnestly praying for renewed purpose and focus as we pursue Christ together in ministry.