

Paul and Kaelin

Prayer Requests:

- God to continue to give us connections with people who need Jesus
- Clarity from God for our next steps
- Unwavering faith in God as provider

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So apparently I am a "pastor" now, legally sanctioned by the EFCA. Although I strongly champion the priesthood of all believers - meaning everyone partakes in ministry - it is still exciting that I qualify to be a full-time minister of the gospel. A woman asked me the other day: "Are you a pastor?". I replied, "Umm... well yes, I am". She then asked, "Where do you preach?" I replied, "well, I don't really have a church yet...". :) It is a work in process, hopefully within this next year!

I am excited to see more people come to know Jesus! Not just because Jesus is awesome and being in relationship with him is the most satisfying and joyful part of life. I want to see lives transformed by the Holy Spirit. In the past few weeks I've heard and seen a lot of stories of brokenness and sin: a father of six in the park with his kids buying drugs from someone in front of those kids, a single woman in financial trouble getting solicited for sex in exchange for rent, a couple married over 20 years getting divorced for 'irreconcilable differences' although it is not clear what those differences really are, a young man with bright future coming out with a hidden drug habit. Sin is everywhere and it leads to death. I know, I've been there. Easter is a celebration of when Jesus conquered sin. Sin is the problem, Jesus is the answer.

Top: Kaelin is 7 months pregnant

Bottom: Luke on Easter. When we got up we first ate breakfast. While eating, I asked him: "Luke, did you know it is Easter?" He looked up at me with a grin and said "CAN-DEES!" He had a blast finding eggs and eating candies.



Happy Easter

A man rose from the dead! That's a crazy story, especially considering it has been proclaimed for 2000 years! It either *really* happened or - as Paul says - "our faith is in vain" (1 Cor. 15:14). It is a story of resurrection and transformation. For me, the evidence of the resurrection is in the transformation that the message brings. We have experienced it in our life. We get to witness it in dozens of other's lives. We can be transformed because Jesus conquered sin and death when He rose!

Kaelin had a great idea this year: bless our neighbors with Easter baskets (see picture at the right)! Easter is a great holiday and a wonderful opportunity to share what Easter is all about: the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We gave them candy and a card with a verse, 1 Peter 1:3-4: "**3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4** to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you"

Just a reminder: the truth of the resurrection means we get **NEW BODIES**. We get an imperishable, undefiled, unfading new life in Jesus Christ. Whatever we suffer here on earth, this is the worst it gets... it only gets better for those who love Jesus.

We Love you all! Please let us know how we can pray for you. Or feel free to call or e-mail us to hear how we are doing. And please visit our website: <http://www.paulandkaelin.com/>

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