

# Introducing: Kezia Faith Wyma



Our very first GREAT grandbaby! On the morning of December 1<sup>st</sup> Sean and Jennifer presented us with precious, little Kezia Faith! She was their second wedding anniversary present! WOW! What a gift! Of course, our son Todd and his wife Chelle are understanding that wonderful state of being grandparents and to have a little girl (after having five boys) makes it super special!!! We're all SO excited and just wishing that they were closer! Sean and Jen are in San Antonio after graduating from the Bible Institute last May and plan, Lord willing, to enter the Missionary Training Center here in Missouri in August. We are praising God for this precious little life!

This morning we woke up to a dark, overcast, wintry kind

day and I was talking to the Lord as I tried to get my bones moving --- thanking Him for the new day and telling Him that I was going to need some extra grace for this day and that I was going to have to lean hard today ---- and then ---- I heard it! The clear, sweet chirping of one, solitary bird outside that seemed to almost be yelling at me "...it's a GOOD day (chirp) ...it's God's day (chirp, chirp). And I had to say to the Lord --- okay Lord --- I heard it! It's YOUR day and I will be happy and rejoice in it! I just LOVE the way God encourages our hearts, aren't you?! Even on a dark, wintry day!



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And something else that brings us great encouragement and joy is that we can be involved in ministry here at the training center, enjoying the challenge of training our young missionary candidates. Paul has totally enjoyed his part in the 52 hour module on Teamwork and Conflict Prevention and Resolution. It is a joy for him to be able to draw from his years of experience and usually about the hardest part of preparing for his classes is to decide WHICH story to tell that best illustrates the points he is teaching! There are 43 first termers this semester and they are an alert, warm-hearted group of young people.

Paul has been limping and limping about after injuring his knee a few months ago and after x-rays show irreparable damage he is going to have knee replacement surgery the 30<sup>th</sup> of December! Because there is no enrollment in January we have decided that the best time for

him to do this is now during the “dark, wintry months” (smile). He’s talked with a lot of people that have had this done, and is encourage with the success of it but knows that there will be some pretty intense re-hab involved. We are so thankful that we have three very able and strong and WILLING grandson’s living next door to help when needed, especially during those first weeks. Now it’s MY turn to serve him after surgery --- and I’m going to have a real challenge to live up to the standard that he holds after helping me through all my surgeries! How neat that I can return a little of what he’s done for me! :-}

And speaking of surgeries --- it’s been almost eight months now since my back surgery and all the screws and rods are holding up! :-} I know it’s still early to pass judgment on the success or failure of it --- but I KNOW that I am now able to sit comfortably for MUCH longer than I was before surgery and my posture is much better as I can now pull my soldiers back and stand straighter than I could before. I know I will never get rid of the pain --- and I accept that as what my loving, heavenly Father has for me. I don’t say that in a defeated way --- because I KNOW that God has used and is using this in my life and in the ministry He has for me in this place and at this time. It is a sacred place, and God has entrusted me with it.

Thank you, dear sweet friends for your very special place in our lives! Thanksgiving was a joyous time of remembering you and praising God for you. Thank you for your support financially and for your prayers! We lean heavily on them and want you to know what a huge blessing and help it is to us! God bless and keep you and we’ll take this opportunity to wish you a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!!! :-}

Lovingly in Christ,

Paul and Faith Wyma