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FUNDRAISING IN FLORIDA AND MISSOURI

### THE GLORY OF GOD IN A NEW LIFE

Phoebe Joy McCown has been doing great since her birth on July 19th. She spends most of her day sleeping and has a very content and mellow disposition. We find ourselves in constant awe of her creator for giving her life and breath and knitting her together so wonderfully and beautifully for his glory. May you join us in praising God for who he is and what he has done in our family. Please pray that one day she would believe the gospel and be greatly used for the glory of God among the Japanese people.



### DEATH AND NEW LIFE IN THE FAMILY

Society teaches us not to think about death. Think positive! So we ignore death. We engage ourselves in entertainment, in work, in friends, in education, in anything but thinking about death. We cover our aging faces to try and hide its effects. But then we receive that dreaded phone call. A loved one just died. The great enemy of humanity has shown himself once again. This past month death wielded its power over Jenelle's grandmother. Death came unexpectedly and invasively and powerfully and made its authority strikingly real. Real enough for Jenelle's cousin to start thinking about what happens after death. Real enough to start asking questions. Is it the end? Is death final? In what way does life exist after death? It was at this sovereignly arranged moment that Jenelle shared the good news of the sin-atonement death and life-giving resurrection of Jesus with her. We gave her a copy of the gospel of John, which she read through in a single sitting. We praise God that by his grace she began believing in the death of Jesus as the atonement for her sins, and his resurrection for the guarantee of her eternal life. Would you pray that God would continue to grow her faith as we help her to find a good local church in her area?

### MEANWHILE IN JAPAN

The same grief that Jenelle's cousin was struggling with is the same grief that all people of the world struggle with. In Japan most people are dealing with the loss of loved ones as the population in Japan ages. A Japanese friend recently shared with us how her mom is struggling with her own mother's death. Her mom is considering traveling hundreds of miles away to a phone booth where she hopes she can talk to her mother who recently died. The phone booth has no service and inside it is just an old rotary phone. Please pray for us to get to Japan so we can share the real hope of the resurrection that is guaranteed in Jesus.



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