Big News (in a Tiny Package)

In our last letter, Alecia shared her heart for orphans and God's plan for us to become a foster/adoptive family. This time it is my privilege to tell you that God has confirmed his calling again, and given us charge of not one, but two beautiful baby girls. Many of you have heard, but on Friday, September 17, a DHS resource worker called to ask if we could take ten-day-old twins, the first of which would be released from the hospital that evening. Since our final paperwork had only just been completed, we didn't expect to receive a call for a placement for at least several weeks. The resource worker told Alecia that two sets of twins (that's right, four babies!) were placed in state custody that morning. She was searching for families that could take the children, and decided to look at the file that had just been placed on her desk. She immedi-



ately realized that our family was exactly what she was looking for. "Could we bring you one of the twins tonight?"

What has followed since is what every parent of newborn children is familiar with: rows of bottles, stacks of diapers, and frequently interrupted sleep. Of course, when we picked up the second bundle of joy, it all doubled... and sleep went out the window!

A Few Itty Bitty Details...

As foster parents, we are expected to protect both the children in our care and information regarding their family and situation. Therefore, we won't divulge too many details, but here is what we can share:

The "Muffin Twins," as they are known on Facebook, were born a little premature, at approximately 34 weeks. The twins had a condition known as twin to twin transfusion, which means one twin got all the "groceries," leaving the other with a few leftovers. So their birth weights were very different: one was 4lbs. 3oz.; the other 2lbs 11oz. That is why we received Mini Muffin on September 17, but didn't get Micro Muffin until October 6. Micro was just too small to be released from the hospital! God's hand was always on them, as they are both completely healthy, and do their best to keep our arms full!

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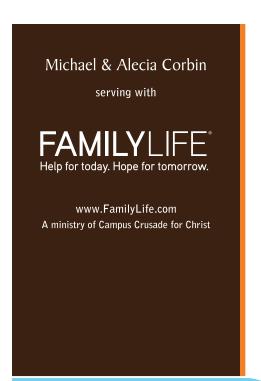


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Please Pray...

- FamilyLife for continued impact through the Weekend to Remember getaways, and for useful feedback from The Art of Marriage beta events.
- Corbin Family for strength and energy for this new phase of life: taking care of foster babies! Please continue to pray that God will provide us with a minivan or similar vehicle for our growing family.

We are praying for you daily! Please call or email us with your prayer needs.



Weekend to Remember Update

The Fall season of the Weekend to Remember is in full swing. Already, we've seen 6,579 in attendance with 233 of those guests starting their walks with Christ. Here are some truly powerful testimonies from recent weekends:

"It convicted me to re-evaluate and re-value my wife as my partner and friend. I have so taken for granted her presence in my life that I started to overlook her as a person. Now she will forever be viewed as the gift she is." (Salt Lake City, Utah)

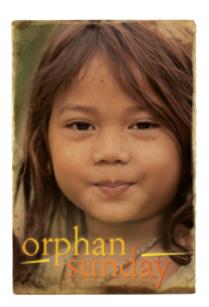


"My husband told me 2 wks ago he wanted a Divorce. Although we've been in an unhealthy 20yr relationship, the past 3 yrs has been the worst, the past 1 yr = unbearable.

The 'D' word is no longer an Option.

A miracle happened this weekend - my prayers have been answered. Staff kept asking us all weekend if we were having fun: Although humorous moments & our dates were 'fun.' This was hard work. This was raw and painful. It was gut wrenching. I wouldn't change a minute. The Holy Spirit Changed us - I welcome the Journey ahead." (Memphis, Tennessee)

"I had already told my husband if things don't change, I want a divorce. I came here so I could say, "I TRIED" and to get my husband fixed. But I found my own heart changed and humbled and look forward to supporting my husband in the godly rebirth and growth of our Family." (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma)



November 7

Orphan Sunday is your opportunity to rouse church, community and friends to God's call to care for the orphan. A great video has been developed specifically for this event. For the video, event resources, a national map of events, and more, visit: www.OrphanSunday.org

If you're considering fostering, adoption, or starting an orphan ministry in your church, please call or send us an email.