Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.james.iv

Hello Friend,

Meet Baby Kalel Nathan! His name means "Vessel of God" "Given by God" respectively. The birth was a wonderful memorable experience. My husband, Charlie, was able to catch Kalel and hand him to me. Unfortunately hours after we got home, Kalel started having difficulty breathing. We rushed to the ER where they put him on oxygen and antibiotics. We were then transferred to the best Children's hospital in Los Angeles. We spent more than a week in the NICCU where the doctors tried to find the cause of the problem however they were never able to conclusively say what caused Kalel's breathing trouble. After being on oxygen Kalel's breathing improved and he has shown no further signs of trouble. We are now grateful to be home safe and healthy. My parents stayed with us two weeks to meet Kalel; they were a great help.

I am excited to share with you that I have been invited to join a team of evangelists! The author of the book God's Not Dead, Rice Brookes, which inspired the movies has been traveling the nation, as well as the globe, sharing apologetic presentations as to the existence of God. My role on the team will be to follow up with individuals from these presentations and further share the gospel and disciple them. Additionally, I have the opportunity to train upcoming evangelists while staying connected to students I mentor locally! I am thrilled to expand my reach and to continue my work of spreading the gospel with people locally and across the nation. In this role I have flexibility to work mostly from home so I can be present for Kalel. I get to be an evangelist and a mother!

Last week I received a text message from someone I met in passing yet with whom I had a meaningful conversation about God. Two years ago Daril had just sold a script to Netflix which comedically bashed God and religion. He told me of the cult he had grown up in which was abusive and controlling. Out of this and other life experiences he became an atheist. Knowing where I stood he challenged me to read the Bible more closely to see how it depicted God as sinful. In turn, I challenged him to ask God where God had been when Daril felt abandoned with the cult. He agreed and weeks later told me he never heard God speak to him. Daril's recent text was curt and he angrily challenged God. This text shows me the Holy Spirit continues to weigh on him. I'm praying that God continues to draw Daril and that he responds to God's voice.

Blessings,

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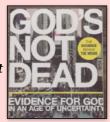
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