

The Davis Update

Dear Friends,

April 22, 2008

Several weeks ago I came home from work and was talking with Julie about what had gone on that day. In the midst of the conversation she said that she felt like something was poking her through her clothes and asked me to look to see if I could find what it was. When I started looking I saw what is in the picture to the right.

That picture may not mean much to some of you. It's a pair of "precious feet"...a lapel pin the same size and shape of a baby's feet at 10 weeks after conception. Julie had used this same pin to tell me that we were pregnant with our youngest daughter. My response? "Are you sure, and are you serious?"

Now I know what some of you are thinking...I thought Jarvis said they weren't going to have any more children. Well...what I actually said was that since our first two children didn't sleep through the night til they were almost two years old (and sleep deprivation is a very effective form of torture...even if inflicted by a small child), God would have to speak very clearly for us to have another child. Uh...well...God spoke.



Julie is currently 11 weeks pregnant, and we are still a bit shell-shocked. This little one is definitely a surprise. We are adjusting to the fact that our family size is going to increase around the beginning of November or so. It still hardly seems real except that Julie is experiencing the worst "morning sickness" that she has ever had. Speaking of that...has there ever been a bigger misnomer? "Morning" sickness? Please. I beg you...give us sickness that is just in the morning. This stuff is "24-hour-a-day-sickness." And it has been killing us.



For three weeks, Julie was so sick that she was essentially non-functional. It was everything she could do just to make it from the bed to the couch and back. We have seen significant improvement after asking several people to start praying for us, but the sickness is most assuredly still there. We could definitely use your prayers for her as well as me and the girls as we try to take on more of the household chores that Julie just hasn't been physically able to do.

If you would like, you can read more about our pregnancy adventure on my blog (web log...kind of like a personal website). You can see pregnancy related posts by going to: <http://verbalprocessor.com/tag/pregnancy/>

Very Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jarvis & Julie".

MICROSOFT MANAGEMENT SUMMIT 2008

The week of April 27-May 2, Jarvis will be in Las Vegas attending a technical training conference. This is the third year that he has gone to this event. It features direct access to the development team at Microsoft who are creating the products that he is implementing. This will be a great time for him to learn more about the best ways to implement these technologies that will enable our staff to have computers that function flawlessly.

One added aspect that Jarvis is bringing to the conference this year is that he will be leading a short daily Bible Study on the book of Philemon at the conference. It will take place Tuesday-Friday mornings before breakfast. There have been around ten men who have told Jarvis that they are interested in coming to the study. Among those ten men are two who are speakers at the conference. This will be good time for several of us who work with Microsoft computer management software to connect as brothers in Christ.

Please pray for Jarvis on a couple of levels. First pray for him as he leads this Bible study. It is an exciting opportunity to interact with these men on a spiritual level. Second pray for his learning time at the conference. This is the proverbial "drinking from a firehose" type of event. The majority of the time slots at the conference have multiple sessions that Jarvis would like to attend. Pray for wisdom for him to decide how to best utilize the insane schedule.

Also...please pray for Julie and the girls during that week...in particular that Julie's sickness will be manageable while I am gone. That alone affects everything else in the house.