



Cower in Fear? or Trust in God! - by *Elsbeth*

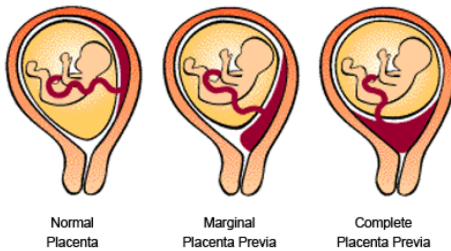
At our ultrasound it was revealed that I have placenta previa. The placenta is a pancake shaped sack, passing nutrients from my body to the Baby through the umbilical cord. In a normal pregnancy it is located at the top or side of the uterus. Mine is at the bottom, completely blocking Baby Mae's exit. This occurs in about 0.5% of pregnancies. (CONTINUED BELOW)

We bought 5 tickets to Seoul, Korea departing on 27 April 2017! It has been a long journey up until this point, and we cannot express how excited we are. We are now working on getting our visas, finding a shipping company, arranging an apartment in Korea, **and taking one last trip to say goodbye to everyone.**



Ideally, as I stretch and grow the placenta will move out of the way and I will be able to have a normal delivery. If nothing changes, I will have to have a scheduled c-section in the last month. There is a chance of bleeding,

especially as I start my third trimester. **This can be dangerous for the baby and me** and if it were to happen I would be put on complete bedrest until Mae was large enough for safe delivery. As of right now, we (and our doctor) are going to treat this like a normal pregnancy, but with careful monitoring and some restrictions on my activities.



Count it all joy, my brothers when you face trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.
James 1:2



It is a healthy GIRL!!! We will give her the name **Mae Liliana** in honor of Elsbeth's grandma, Lois Mae, Jeremy's great-grandma Ida Mae and grandma Lillian.



How will this effect our travel to Korea?

In God's sovereign plan, exactly one week ago today, we purchased non-refundable tickets. He knew that we would receive this information only after we were committed to the date of April 27th. We don't think this order is coincidental. In fact, we had an earlier appointment that had to be pushed back to this date because of factors completely outside our control. As such, **we view this crisis as a direct spiritual attack.**

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We are pleased to introduce Deanna Reed, who will join with our family for the first three months of this journey in the role of a nanny/mother's helper. She was introduced to us through a mutual friend before we even knew about the complications with the pregnancy, highly recommended for her maturity and experience with children. Even more now than ever, we see God at work, orchestrating all things around our transition to Korea so that we would have extra hands at the time when we need them most. She purchased her plane tickets to be on the same flight with us.



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In every crisis, there is also opportunity. This is a clear opportunity for us to give God glory. We know our calling. We have been praying for the day we would go to Korea for years. Countless others have joined in us in those prayers and rejoiced to see those prayers answered last week! We can trust that all of these pieces falling into place so smoothly are God's plan. **He has always taken care of us and we don't doubt that He will continue to do so.** Trusting in God's plan, and surrendered to His will, we continue to plan our move to Korea.

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We are at 90%! That means we just need about \$630 more in monthly commitments to be fully funded. This goal could be accomplished by just 9 more people at \$70 per month. This chart shows another breakdown of how these needs might be met. Everything helps!

To help us reach our monthly goal, use the slip enclosed with this letter or go to jeremyrodgers.wol.org

God has entrusted us with a unique opportunity here. This story is much bigger than just our family. In fact, many of the words you just read came out of the mouths of support team members over the past weeks. **Of course we pray, and ask everyone to pray, that the placenta would move and all would be well with the second half of this pregnancy.** There is a follow-up appointment on March 20.

Most importantly, we pray for **God to receive the glory**, that people would see His worthiness, love and goodness, and that faith would be built up. Faith is worth more than the riches of this world. As we step forward in faith, there is 100% chance of God being glorified!

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.
2 Corinthians 4:7-10, 16-18

