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Dear friends,

Our beautiful little girl is here! We would love to introduce to you Ottelie Joy Bayford, born on Saturday 22 April, weighing 3.3kg/7.34lbs, which surprised us all as she had been measuring very small throughout the pregnancy! Ottelie Joy means “rich in joy” and so far she’s made us just that.

We absolutely love being parents and feel incredibly privileged to be raising a little person in this world. Ottelie is almost three months now and she loves to feed, smile and is a chatty little lady (like her mummy!) and joins in whenever she can. As with lots of little ones, sleep isn’t her favourite so prayers for energy for us are always welcome, but the joy of having her in our lives more than makes up for the tiredness!

We had Rosie’s parents staying with us for a few weeks when Ottelie turned two weeks old. All three of us loved having them here and it helped especially as Stu went back to work during that time. Sadly, we all took it in turns to be ill with colds and stomach bugs, but we were still able to enjoy a largely restful time indoors – which was probably best for Ottelie given her age!



Ottelie Joy Bayford, born 22 April here in Recife

Market

We have lots of things going on with the market too! Exciting news to start: a few of the ladies that have started going along to Agua Viva church through the connection with the market were baptised a few weeks ago! We praise God for this and pray that he will continue to work through the market to enable people to find out more about Jesus.

Some sad news is that another one of our ladies, C, died. She was young but had various physical and mental difficulties. It was a shock to us all – please pray for her family and the teenage children she has left behind.

Our long-standing relationship with the supermarket Quitandaria has been increasingly less reliable with a change of staff and it’s meant that recent markets have been reliant on donations from a different warehouse called CEASA, dry goods from CESC, and bread and things from the bakery. We occasionally get fish from a different store too, but what we are missing is the reliability.

However, Stu is in the process of putting together a formal document with photos and info about the community market to try new supermarkets and see where it goes. Please pray for this.

The market has moved to a new room which needs a refurb, so this is in process too. From furnishings to paint, there is still a lot to do, and with it being rainy season it’s hard to plan when to get these things done because flooding makes travel very difficult.

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With each other
To the edges**



ReVive

Lots going on at ReVive as always! It's been quite intense the last few months as a number of the little ones have been in and out of hospital with respiratory illnesses. In rainy season everyone is more prone to picking things up, but it's been particularly hard on the ReVive staff as each child needs someone with them if they are in hospital. As I write, H (three months) has just gone back in again and is in a bad way, having just been incubated. Please do pray for a full recovery soon.

One of the ReVive girls, T, turned 18 earlier this year which means she's "aged out" of the home but as she has such significant learning difficulties, she has moved to a residential home which has in-house carers to look after her. Please pray for her in this transition and for good, kind, and caring staff at the new home.

A few of the children have either been adopted or reintegrated back into their biological families. Praise God and pray for loving homes. We have also taken in new children, young and old. Pray for them as ReVive becomes their home for now, and for long-term families.

We ran a pop-up shop for ReVive back in April, which was a success! ReVive will have this opportunity again in October so please pray for more footfall and people to find out about us.

Stu is doing a lot for ReVive on the tech side – developing the website further and looking at the digital marketing too. There is a lot to do, much of it time consuming, so please pray for his workload – that he is able to get done all he needs to do in the time he has, and on little sleep!

Meanwhile I am continuing to do some of the ReVive comms work – the sponsorship programme and newsletter. I also have my online personal training and nutrition course which I hope to use in Aguazinha once Ottelie is a little older. All of which means getting the hang of typing while breastfeeding!

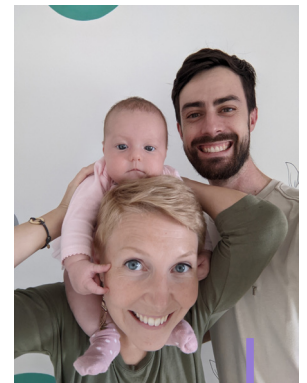
We are ever grateful for your love and support and appreciate every prayer. Thank you.

Sending so much love from us three, Rosie, Stu and Ottelie x



Prayer points

- ▶ Give thanks for Ottelie and pray for us as we adjust to being parents!
- ▶ Pray for the market families, the women recently baptised and the family of C who died
- ▶ Pray for more supermarket donations/waste food
- ▶ Pray for the market room refurb
- ▶ For a full recovery for H and the other little ones who have been ill
- ▶ For T's transition to the residential home
- ▶ For those who have been adopted or reintegrated
- ▶ For those who have recently come into ReVive's care
- ▶ For Stu and his workload with ReVive and the market



Photos from top to bottom: Some of our market ladies being baptised at Agua Viva church; a typical market day food supply; prayers especially for the little ones who have been in hospital with respiratory illnesses; our family of three



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