

March 9, 2007

Dear Friends,

Just a little note to let you know the news in our life. Three days ago, March 6, daughter Katrina presented us with our sixth grandchild. Eli Michael Warnemuende is well and quite content. He was a little guy, just 6 pounds 15 ounces, but he immediately discovered the joys of eating so we expect him to be outgrowing his clothes soon. Both mother and father are doing well too. We are thrilled to be able to be with them here in the Detroit area. We are visiting churches from this base for the next couple of weeks. That gives us lots of quality cuddling time, and we are enjoying every minute of it.

Ernie's check-up last month left us sitting on the fence. It was not bad news but not good news either. So we are continuing to monitor the situation until early June when we hope to return to Mali. Thank you so much for your prayers. We really depend on them.

News from Mali has been good. The biggest unknown is the presidential elections that are looming on the horizon in late April. This can be a very unsettling time in Africa where they are just beginning to understand free elections and multi-party systems. It is daunting for them if their candidate is unsuccessful, and the population often take to the streets to express their frustrations. Pray with us for continued peace in Mali.

Thank you so much for your love and prayers.
Ernie and Jan