



There was no way this baby was going to be born alive.

Our teammate, Allyson, was on call at the clinic when a mom came in to deliver her first baby. Unfortunately the baby was breech (coming out feet first), and after the feet came out the head got stuck. After lots of maneuvering (we won't go into the details!) Allyson couldn't get the baby out, and now the baby had turned navy blue from lack of oxygen. Allyson consoled the mom that her baby had died, and they prepared for transport to the nearest hospital an hour away. In the meantime, the mom kept pushing with her contractions and the dead baby delivered, limp and completely blue.

Instinctively, Allyson checked for a heartbeat, and finding a *very* slow one began to resuscitate the baby girl. She prayed as she worked, asking God for a miracle. To her surprise the baby turned pink, and just a few hours later this little one went home with her overjoyed mama, breastfeeding and acting like a normal newborn! Allyson was able to share about Jesus with the mom, who knew that Allyson had been praying for a miracle the whole time. She suggested that the baby be named "Mira," short for miracle, because there is *no other* explanation for her amazing survival!



We thank God for...

- Our amazing daughters, who are such a joy!
- 76% of our monthly support is pledged
- Charlotte's and Mercy's passports arrived

Please pray for...

- Our team leaders, Shane & Allyson, as they accepted a new position in Kenya. We will miss them so much!
- Transitions in our team and new leadership
- The Arsi Oromo



**Mira and her mom heading home via donkey cart
just six hours after delivery!**

We can hardly imagine what it will feel like when we are the ones called to a delivery like this. No amount of medical training can truly prepare you for this, and no level of skill can save a dead baby. A feeling of panic creeps into our stomachs as we think about how inept and unqualified we are to do this and that there is no obstetrician or pediatrician to call for back up. Gulp. And then we remember that the hero of this story is not Allyson. The hero of this story is *God*. *He* brought life to little Mira. *He* performed a miracle. It's not about us.

This move to Ethiopia is not about us. It's about *God using us* to bring His healing and His hope to the Arsi Oromo people.

Thankful that **He** is in charge,
Matt, Kristi, Charlotte, and Mercy

people, that they would
come to know the love
of God

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