



## Royal Life Ministries

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Spring is the season of new life! I don't know anyone that does not enjoy spring. Even those who suffer with itchy eyes and a runny nose can appreciate the beauty in this season. With the season of spring come many changes to the Royal family. Harper James Royal was born on March 27<sup>th</sup> to Jason and Katie. He weighed 8 pounds and 5 ounces and is growing like a weed. Even the doctors were amazed at the size of his hands and feet. He is definitely going to be a big boy. We love the new role of being grandparents.



Much to all of our surprise God brought another addition to our family. My nephew and niece, Frank and Danah, found out they were pregnant right after Jason and Katie. Their due dates were only one day apart.

Andrew Robert Winfrey was born on March 24<sup>th</sup> weighing in at 7 pounds and 10 ounces. It feels like we have twins in the family. And we all love it!



Christen is preparing for her missions trip to Kenya, Africa in June. She is busy raising her support and learning about all of the endeavors she will experience. Have I ever mentioned to you that when Christen joined me on a mission trip in 1999 that she vowed to never leave the country again! It's been amazing to watch what God has done in her heart. Only God could give her the amount of excitement she has to go to Africa to partner with International Christian Fellowship and to also help run a camp for students and to bring resources and knowledge to a third world orphanage. Tim and I can't wait to see what all God does in and through her on this trip.

Tim and I are also so happy to share with you that Royal Life Ministries, Inc. has now been approved for non-profit. Watching God birth this ministry has been exciting. This means

we can now accept tax deductible donations for Royal Life Ministries, Inc. We continue to partner with Grace Ministries International, as well as, Grace Life Family Ministries through counseling and teaching. We are praying about Tim retiring early from his job to join me full time in our ministry. We will keep you updated. It “feels” like its right around the corner but we will wait on definite confirmations from our Heavenly Father. We continue to see hurting couples in our home under Royal Life Ministries, Inc. and are awaiting more opportunities to present the marriage conference that God has given us. We will be teaching our marriage conference at GMI in Marietta this coming August. We’d love to have you join us.

In December I had some test on, what we thought was an enlarged thyroid. It ended up being a cyst on top of the thyroid. I had a biopsy done and the fluid was drained. The test was inconclusive but the doctor feels confident that it is not serious and decided to wait and re-check it again in 9 months. I appreciate your prayers for my health.

### **The Exchanged Life**

Did you know that Hudson Taylor coined the phrase, “Exchanged Life” in 1869? The following is an excerpt from a letter to his sister. I thought this may be of an encouragement to you. Hudson Taylor was struggling. He said to his sister, “I felt the ingratitude, the danger, the sin of not living

nearer to God. I knew that if I could only abide in Christ all would be well, but I could not. To will was indeed present with me, but how to perform I found not. Then came the question, “is there no rescue?” Must it be thus to the end – constant conflict and, instead of victory, too often defeat? Instead of growing stronger, I seemed to be getting weaker and to have less power against sin; and no wonder, for faith and even hope were getting low. All the time I felt assured that there was in Christ all I needed, but the practical question was how to get it out. A sentence in a friend’s letter opened my eyes. He said, “But how to get faith strengthened? Not by striving after faith, but by resting on the Faithful One.” As I read, I saw it all! If we believe not, He abideth faithful! He said, “I will never leave you.” Ah, there is rest! I thought. “I have striven in vain to rest in Him. I’ll strive no more. For has He not promised to abide with me – never to leave me, never to fail me? I saw that not only would Jesus never leave me, but that I was a member of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. Oh my dear sister, it is a wonderful thing to be really one with a risen and exalted Savior, to be a member of Christ! Think what it involves. Can Christ be rich and I poor? Can your head be well fed while your body starves? The sweetest part is the REST which full identification with Christ brings. I am no longer anxious about anything, as I realize this: for He, I know, is able to carry out His will, and His will is mine.

### **Praise:**

I had the honor to lead one of my counselee’s to faith in Christ.  
For the lives changed daily through God’s ministry.  
For the beautiful additions to our family.

### **Prayer Request:**

Please pray for Christen as she ministers in Africa in June.  
Please pray for God’s timing for Tim to enter full time ministry.  
We would also appreciate your prayers for new financial supporters.

**Presently, Rebekah continues to raise support through GMI. Contributions can be made to GMI, 131 Village Pkwy. NE, Building 4, Marietta,, GA 30067. Add a note saying it is for the support of Rebekah Royal. 770-690-0433 [rebekahroyal@bellsouth.net](mailto:rebekahroyal@bellsouth.net) cell 678-333-5407**