



Himes Herald

"A father to the fatherless... God sets the lonely in families"
- Psalm 68:5-6

**Scott, Courtney
& Noah**

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We hope you all are having a great 2007. It's hard to believe it's over half way gone already. We realize this Himes Herald is making its way to you a month later than normal however the first half of 2007 has been full of activity and life change on our end. We hope you enjoy and we would love to hear from you.

Our Son Noah



We traveled to Ethiopia at the end of May to bring home our son Noah! Noah was born on November 5, 2006 and spent the first 6 months of his life in an orphanage in the capital city of Ethiopia called Addis Ababa. Our trip to Ethiopia was amazing and reminded us of our love for the people of Africa. Noah has

adjusted well to American life, he loves being around people, and he is a very easy baby to take care of.

Thank you to all the people that made our trip possible by providing financial support, prayer, much needed travel and baby items and your



encouragement along the way.

As new parents we are having a blast. Being a parent while sometimes challenging is teaching us so much about God, our relationship with Him and how He views us as His adopted children. We are also learning how to be less selfish and love unconditionally in ways that we never have before.

You can find pictures of Noah and read more about our adoption journey at www.scotthimes.com.



Scott & Life Church

Since his senior year in college Scott has felt a call to full time ministry. Over the last five years God has revealed more about this calling and confirmed it in multiple ways through people, circumstances, His word and opportunities that have opened up.

On August 17th Scott will spend his last day at Texas Instruments and will start on staff full time at Life Church (www.lifechurchindy.com) where we have been involved since the church started in April 2006. This is an exciting time for us as it's something we've been planning for, dreaming about and anticipating for several years. This is a time where we are leaving our comfort zones, being stretched and having to rely on God like never before. This is the biggest step of faith we have taken, but we know God is directing our steps and that this is His will for our lives at this time. We both can recount times in the past where we have taken small steps of faith and how God has blessed us more than we could ever imagine, so we are excited about the challenges and possibilities that lay ahead as we take this large step of faith for God.

We would rather look back in 20 years and know that we pursued our dreams and God's call then to look back and realize that we played it safe, lived just to get by and tried only to obtain a comfortable life. God calls us to the extraordinary which is evident by the dreams and desires inside each of us (even though some of us have buried them so much that we have forgotten they're there.) Our culture says to play it safe, don't stand out, focus on yourself and just get by each day. God calls us to a great adventure where He wants us to live radical lives of pursuing Him, loving people and serving others.

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Our New House

In March we moved to a new house on the west side of Indianapolis. For those familiar with Indianapolis, we are now in the Avon school district but have an Indianapolis address. After we helped start Life Church we discovered that we were making the 40 minute trip to the west side several times a week and on Sunday mornings. We also discovered it was hard to build relationships and get involved in a community we were not a part of.

The process of moving was another confirmation from God that being on the west side and a part of Life Church was his plan for our life as our house was only on the market for a few weeks before we received two

offers and had a signed purchase agreement with people that wanted to move three weeks later! It all happened much faster than we ever imagined (the housing market in Indy has been slow for the last year.) The hardest part of being on the west side has been for Scott being further away from his little brother Eric. That will soon change though as Eric gets his driving license in September this year!

Our desire with this house is the same as our previous home, that God would use it as a place where people are loved, welcomed and can encounter Him. We are just the managers of this house, God owns it and it is His. We continue to declare as Joshua in the Bible declared, "But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."