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**email from**

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“Surprise, Surprise!”

Hello All,

Well, much to our surprise, the baby came a bit early - 20 days early to be exact! He was born on Monday, June 29th, weighing 6lbs. 6oz and measuring 51 cm - between 20 and 21 inches long. The baby and I are healthy and back at home adjusting. Unfortunately, Omar was in the US for the birth for emergency gallbladder removal. He is on his way back to Guatemala right now. Fortunately, God has placed many special people in our lives, and the baby and I were well cared for,

especially by Marcia Towers - another mission co-worker living in Antigua. And, yeah, my mom arrived today.

We don't have to have a name for the baby until we register him with the government later next week. Since he came so early we hadn't settled on one. We'll let you know once we do!

Thank you all for all of your help and well wishes during the pregnancy. In some ways I still can't believe he's here.

I'll send pictures soon.

Blessings,

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