



PUERTO RICO

The Spear Family
Missionaries to Puerto Rico

Sep-Nov 2011

Dear Pastors, Prayer Partners, and Friends,

What a privilege it is to serve the Great Physician! We had some great meetings this fall, but we mostly spent our time in hospital rooms. We were able, as many times before, to see God's mighty hand in all that we experienced.

As you know, our son Zachary has been through quite a lot for a one year old. **On October 11th he had tubes put in his ears** to help prevent his reoccurring ear infections. Then the surgery on his **skull was performed on October 28th**. It was such a comfort to know we had hundreds of people all over the world praying for our family during that time. **The surgeries were both very successful** and the surgeons are pleased with the results. I believe as an answer to those prayers and ours **he is recovering very quickly and even went home from the hospital after his skull surgery two days earlier than we expected**. He is back to playing and acting as if nothing really happened. He has a really big scar, but boys think that scars are cool, so I think he will be just fine.



Once we finished that hospital stay we anxiously awaited the next. I am of course referring to the birth of our daughter. Well, the wait is over! **Sara Danielle Spear was born on November 8th** (her due date, believe it or not) at 2:47 A.M. and **weighed 9 pounds 15 ounces and was 20in long**. Kristen is recovering well from the delivery and Sara is healthy. Because of the **need for recovery and adjustment as a family**, we will not be traveling far from home the rest of this year, except for a short "test run" to Maryland, but will begin full speed again in January.



Before all of the surgeries and the baby, **I did spend about three weeks of October in the beautiful northeast**. Even though I had to travel by myself, the meetings went very well. We **received many promises of new support** starting around the first of next year and one new supporting church immediately. **I preached and taught my first "official" faith promise Sunday** and had a good response. The Lord really moved in some of the invitations as I shared his Word. I am encouraged lately to see many churches increasing their reliance on God's provision and stepping out on faith to help fulfill the Great Commission through their giving! I was able to visit one church in New Jersey filled with Puerto Ricans, even two men from Rincón who are already planning on coming and helping us when we get to the field. **In fact, we continue to have families interested in visiting us for mission trips as soon as we get there**. Please continue to pray that God will meet our support needs using these wonderful churches and many like them. Thank you all for your prayers, encouraging words, letters, and financial support.

Prayer Requests

- Health of Sara and Zachary
- Wisdom concerning a vehicle
- Next years meetings in cold climate
- Increased monthly support

In Christ,

Alexander Spear

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*"But if our gospel be hid,
it is hid to them that are lost:"*
II Cor. 4:3