

We just let God take over.

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Ruben Gonzalez joined Laci and I on a construction team in October to Rustenberg, South Africa, where we worked on the [Global School of Theology NW](#). Little did he know that when he would return home from this act of service, he would find God had granted his heart's desire.



Ruben on the Job (far left)

Ruben and his wife Marlenee have been married nine years. In this time, they struggled to have children. Marlenee has faced sickness and they have tried multiple treatments and doctors, to no avail. After many tears and questions, Ruben said, "**Finally we came to the point where we just let God take over.**"

The week in South Africa, Ruben felt God had given him this scripture:

Psalms 30:11 -12:

11 You turned my wailing into dancing;
you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
12 that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent.
Lord my God, I will praise you forever.

Ruben arrived home to find this....



Welcome home, Daddy!

Marlenee surprised Ruben with the good news, she was 7 weeks pregnant! What an amazing welcome home.



Baby Eliana Alyza.

When we travel and work to serve others, there is an unspoken assumption that we are there to "help them." The more I travel and see what God is doing around the world, the more I realize that it's not about what we do, but why we do it. More often than not, team members return home realizing they received far more than they gave.

Looking back at 2013, what do you have to be thankful for?