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THE BLESSINGS KEEP FLOWING “When it rains, it pours”

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Friday the 29th at noon, the family judge that was on call contacted Tom on his cell phone, asking if there was room for a 7 month old girl. While in the judges chambers signing the required papers, she explained that an 18 yr. old girl had walked into the DA’s office, handed over her 7 month old little girl, and signed an affidavit saying she could not care for her on her own. That’s about all we know regarding the background of Camila Nicole (right w. Michaela). It’s then the family court’s responsibility to further investigate and come to a decision regarding the baby’s future, but for now she’ll be safe and lovingly cared for. While in chambers the judge mentioned another case pending, a newborn boy who’s mother at birth had



told the Dr. at the hospital that she was going to give the baby away to anyone who wanted it. The Dr. followed procedure by notifying the DA’s office, and hence the judge was in turn awaiting the hospital to release the baby into protective custody, she told us she’d more than likely be calling us when that happened. We were hardly through afternoon tea time with two couple’s we’d invited over to the house, when that call came at 7:00 pm, “Please come get the baby boy.....NOW!” The beginning of the long holiday weekend had everyone scurrying to wrap up loose ends and get home for the celebrations that will run through Tuesday. The mother had changed her mind and a very dramatic scene ensued at the hospital, but at least until court opens Wednesday and the judge changes her ruling, little Mateo will be at Star. He as



yet has no birth certificate, and hence no official name, but that’s what his Auntie Carol decided on for now. We made a stop at the grocery store for diapers and formula, and then drove out to Star to drop him off, along with Josi, Lucy and Michaela, who were reveling in the novelty of babies to care for and so have spent the last couples of days out there helping Koki & Margarita adjust to the new additions by baby sitting. It looks like we’ll close out the year with three of our four available spots filled. Thank you so much for your continued prayers as we continue on under the Lord’s wise direction and guidance.

HAPPY NEW YEAR