

Isabella's Corner

Isabella Rebecca Boehm — she was born December 19, 2005, and she has been a special blessing to us in more ways than we could count. Many people come up to us and say that she is a blessed little girl, but we always counter with, *We are the blessed ones!*

Isabella has her own corner in our quarterly newsletter, and most people tell us that they especially like her section. Because she has such a huge fan base, we thought we would include all the ***Isabella Corners*** that we have inserted since she was born. You will be able to see how she has grown!

Spring 2006



After 3 miraculous months of waiting in Guatemala, **Isabella is Home in America!** Yes, *miraculous!* We have used that word frequently over the last few months as we have walked through this process. Allow us to chronicle some of them for you as a way to proclaim the *faithfulness of our God!*

1. So many of you graciously gave financially so we could do the adoption. We had all the money that we needed! **Thank you, Jesus!**

2. We prayed throughout 2005 that Isabella would come that year! We actually received the phone call on December 20, 2005 that she had been born on the 19th. Incidentally, the 20th was the 22nd anniversary of when Hal proposed to Lisa!

3. We also learned that her birth mother had named her *Isabella*. She did not know that was the name we would give her as well. Coincidence? We don't think so! Confirmation? YES!

4. Speed of the process in Guatemala! Even though we were there for 3 months, compared to other cases we saw down there, it was a short time. When we were at the U.S. Embassy, there were about 25 other parents there, and Isabella was by far the youngest in the group! Everyone was asking who our lawyer was.

5. We feel that meeting Mirella, our lawyer, was a miracle in itself. She is a Godly woman of integrity.

As you can see, we could go on and on with all the miracles! And, they continue even to this very day! We want to thank all of you who have stood with us in prayer and celebrated with us over this incredible miracle that the Lord has brought into our lives!

If you are believing God for something and you have His promise, then no matter how hard it gets, **don't give up!** When it seems something else has come along and you think God is taking too long, **don't give in!** So many times we have looked at Isabella and thanked God that we did not give up nor give in. She is God's promise manifested!



Isabella's Corner — How do you pronounce my name, "Isabella"? Glad you asked! My mommy and daddy have chosen to say it like they do in Spanish, which is the language of Guatemala. So, allow me to break it down for you. *Isa*— rhymes with *Lisa*, and *bella* is pronounced like *bay* in English and not like *bell*. Having said that, it's correctly pronounced, *ee-suh-bay-lah*. Thanks!



**Isabella Rebecca Boehm
Crawling**

Hello! I have learned a lot since I last wrote in my corner! I am now crawling all over the place and exploring all kinds of new things and places I never knew

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existed!

I am also waving “Bye-bye” and blowing kisses. AND I am giving kisses with all the sound effects. My mommy and daddy really like these kisses.

I am also jabbering all the time and “singing”! I especially love praise music, and I raise my hands to worship Jesus.

I also went on my first missions trip to Dominican Republic. Eve-

rywhere I went people were calling my name! It was like I was a celebrity! They wanted to hold and touch me! You know what? I really enjoyed the attention! It was a bunch of fun! Thank you for praying for me!

I love you and look forward to writing to you in the future!

Love ya! *Isabella*



Summer 2007

Hello, Everyone! Guess what? I am just about ready to take my very first step without any assistance! I can't wait!

Also, I just got my third stamp in my passport! And, Mommy and Daddy are telling me that I will get a fourth one before the year is out!

I really enjoyed going back to Guatemala, the land of my birth! The people are so friendly, and I loved all the attention I got from our team. There were 22 people, and they kept me busy all week. Or...urr...should I say that I kept them busy?! Smile!

I also had a chance to see Mirella, the lawyer who made it all possi-

ble for me to be adopted by Mommy and Daddy. She now has an orphanage which we visited and my future brother may be there!

Well, I had better run or, I mean, crawl “lickety-split”.

Love ya! *Isabella*



Winter 2008

Hello, Everyone! Guess what? Since we last conversed, I have learned to walk! Yippee! Up on my feet! And a-way I go!

Mommy and Daddy joke that I went from crawling to running and skipped the walking stage. Hey, I have things to do and places to go! I figure, "Why walk?"

I now have 4 country stamps in my passport, and we are planning on going to about 4 or 5 new countries this year! Wow!

Also, I just had my 2nd birthday, and it was right before Christmas! It felt like we were celebrating all month long! I really love opening or should I say "ripping open" my presents. It was so much fun!

And, speaking of Christmas, I love "Snowmen" and all the beautiful lights!

Well, I guess I had better run and find something new and interesting to play with!

Love ya! *Isabella*



Spring 2008

"**Hey, Guys!**" That's one of my favorite greetings. When we drive into our neighborhood, I also love to say, "**We're home, Mommy!**" It seems that every time I say things like that Mommy and Daddy always smile really big!

Another thing I love to do is sing and dance! I especially like to sing when I wake up in the morn-

ing or after my nap!

Some of my very favorite songs are *The B-I-B-L-E*, *Jesus Loves Me*, and *The A-B-C Song*. I'm not really sure which one I like best!?

I also love to yell out whenever we pass McDonald's, "**French Fries!**" Or, when we pass our favorite pizza place, "**Pizza!**" Funny, that too makes Mommy

and Daddy smile!

Another of my favorite things to do is to make Daddy chase me! I am working hard at keeping him in shape! *Smile!*

Well, I guess I better go!

Love ya! *Isabella*



Summer 2008

Thank you for reading my corner each time you receive this newsletter! Many of you tell me that you come to my corner first! That makes me smile!

One of my very favorite things I have been doing this summer is swimming in my blow-up pool in our backyard! I love splashing and throwing balls and running in and out and in and out of the

pool tracking grass in the pool (much to Mommy's dismay).

I have 2 favorite stuffed animals. One is "Minnie", you know "Mickey's" girl, and "Chile". He is a penguin Daddy brought back from Chile for me. I love to cuddle with them in my bed. If you come to one of the church's we minister in, you might be able to meet one of them. They always travel with

me.

Oh, boy! You wouldn't believe how many words I am saying now! Bunches! Way too many to list here!

Well, I guess I better go!

Love ya! *Isabella*



Fall 2008

Hey, Everybody! It's me, Isabella, here again! I am so glad you came to my corner *first!* At least that is what most of you whisper to me when I see you!

Umm, let's see . . . I have a few favorite things I need to tell you about! I love the color purple. I think it is my favorite color. I also have a favorite friend! His

name is Isaiah, and he lives in West Virginia. We are buddies. We love to play, sing and dance together. After church we will run to the stage and grab our microphones and start singing *The B-i-b-l-e* . . .

For some reason that always makes all the adults stop what they are doing and smile real

BIG! You know, it doesn't take much to make adults smile!

Mommy says I am her little *helper!* I try to help her anytime I can.

Well, I'm off to play . . .

Love, *Isabella*