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Friends:

Only blessings to share! Hadassah has passed the 17 lb mark. She uses a tiny chair for support as she scoots around the house (video attached). Her last EKG surprisingly revealed that the hole between her ventricles has diminished from 12 to 7 mm – most clearly a “God thing” since this supposedly doesn’t happen in children like her! Hadassah is only on oxygen when she sleeps, and is now able to spend Sundays in the church nursery.

The adoption process continues slowly but surely – Stephen and Hannah are awaiting the official home study report which, once complete, will be forwarded to US Immigration. If and when all is approved, there will be an official, word by word translation done into Portuguese, and the process will begin in Brazil. It could still take a year (or more) to be finalized. For that reason, Carol Sue and I have stopped almost all outside ministry, until everything is resolved. We continue deeply grateful for the support and prayer of people everywhere. May God continue to be praised for this small and fragile but precious life.

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