

The Messer Message
February 23, 2005

Dear friends and family:

This letter is a sort of a survey to find out who was praying for the Messer family (especially our children) yesterday morning. We decided to send you some photos for you to get the full picture (no pun intended) of our praise from yesterday (2-21-05).

Attachment #1 is what the nursery/office normally looks like.

And then this What is wrong with the ceiling in attachment #2?

Now look where the ceiling is now.....(see attachment #3)

I was downstairs in the basement and Becky was upstairs in the kids' room when the thunderous crash hit the floor in our baby nursery/office. The old plastered "heavy" ceiling for whatever reason pulled away from the crossbeams and came crashing down, along with lots of shredded insulation material. And yes, Prisca was in her crib (but not when the photos were taken). If you look close enough at the photo (middle of the crib), you will notice a space that has no ceiling materials. That was where Prisca was laying. Inside the crib to the right was a piece of the ceiling with nails sticking upward. Inside the crib to the left was a piece of the ceiling with nails pointing downward into the crib. Prisca laid crying between those pieces of the ceiling. She only had a tiny scratch on her cheek. O' the mercy and grace of God. As parents we often reassure our children that we will try our best to protect them. Then there are the moments (absent of all human intervention) when only the loving hands of God are there to protect them. Maybe one day we will hear from our Lord of all the times he spared our lives and protected us from danger. The incident above happened at about 11:45 AM on Monday morning. Were you praying? If you were, please let us know. If you weren't, we would like to ask you to start praying for us. As always, thanks for praying with us and for us.

In His utmost care,

Andy and Becky Messer

Leah, David, Nadia, Lexie and Prisca (and #6 sometime this fall)

