



April 15<sup>th</sup>

Steve Vinton, April 5, 2008

The doctors have an opening for Jonathan on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Susan and the boys were supposed to be in California so they'll fly back to Houston on Monday night, a couple of days earlier than we had planned. I'm teaching the Perspectives course Monday evening in Iowa so I'll fly back to Houston early in the morning Tuesday and then meet them at the hospital.

There has certainly been a lot of medical progress in the last eleven years since Jonathan was born and he and Dr. Ing had their first rendez-vous together in the operating room at Texas Children's Hospital. They meet again after all these years!

There has also been an awful lot that has happened in our personal lives as well in these last eleven years since Jonathan was born. We think of the many of you who prayed with us back in 1997 and who have been a part of our lives these past years. We want to take this opportunity to thank you for your help, for your prayers, for the many things you have done to encourage us along the way. We would certainly appreciate the prayers of all of you, our friends and family, in these coming days and weeks as Jonathan has his surgery and his hopefully speedy recovery, and as we continue our preparations to return to Tanzania on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks so much,  
Steve & Susan