

Growing Up

In the past couple of months we have watched our girls grow before our eyes. Not only are they no longer fitting in blue jeans that were long enough a couple of months ago, but they are learning new skills, trying new things, and moving on to new ages.

5-Year-Old Bliss

In February, Elena turned 5 years old! She wanted a girlie party this year and, along with five friends, spent her birthday decorating cookies, painting fingernails, and making Valentine's cards. She loves lots of activity!

Prayer Requests for Elena:

- That her energy would be channeled in positive and encouraging ways
- That she would listen to her parents and other adults about right and wrong and not have to always "try everything"
- That she would "ask before she does"

Stunned with a 7-Year-Old

It seems like just yesterday we were watching Kayla fight for her life in the incubator in Sacramento, California. Seven years later, she is the life of the party! Kayla chose to celebrate with "all her friends," which turned out to be over 30 kids! Yikes! She is very social and friendships are very important to her. This is why she wanted to invite all her friends from school and the neighborhood to her birthday bash!

Prayer Requests for Kayla

- That she would be a good friend to others and that she would keep social time separate from school work (i.e. not talk so much in class)
- That she would become a strong reader in both English and Spanish (and that mom and dad would be disciplined enough to read with her every day)

Summer Swim

Kayla and Elena started swimming lessons in March. They are enjoying lessons three times a week during our summer season. They are both learning a lot and seem to be advancing. We are so thankful for this opportunity!

Proud Parents

We love these new stages with our girls! It is such a joy and a privilege that God has entrusted us with the care of these two!

Prayer Requests for Mom and Dad

- That we would model Christ's love as we parent our children
- That we would encourage our children to seek and know Christ in their own personal ways
- That our lives would draw them toward Him and not hinder their journey



Kayla and Elena ready to break the piñata.



Kayla blowing out her candles.



First day of swimming lessons.

The Stiffs