

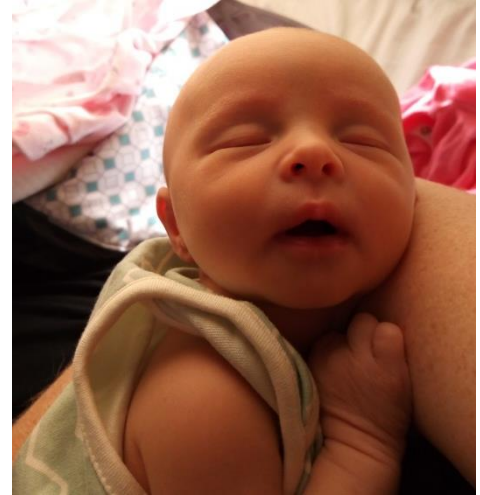
## Answer to Prayer

Dear friends,

**Martin and Elizabeth Barley** would like to formally introduce you to **Arabella Joy Barley**, our third child and first-born daughter!

Arabella was born at 6:08 pm on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August. Lid was relieved that the labour was short, even if it was intense. The care at the hospital was very good, even if there were some cultural differences - for example, we assured them we really were OK with not bringing the placenta home!

Arabella was born healthy; weighing 2.56 kg (5 pounds 10 ounces) and measuring 50 cm long (19.6 inches). Her length is very similar to her brothers at birth, but she is by far the lightest! (They were both 7 lbs and a few ounces each!). We've had family who think she looks like Elias & others say Simeon - we'll let you be the judge!



We have had the name **Arabella** in mind for a girl from the time Lid was pregnant with Elias. We understand that it comes from Latin and means "prayerful" or "answer to prayer". We hope that our little one grows up to be prayerful, like her mother, and we definitely see her as a wonderful answer to prayer!

**Joy** is a fairly common name for Nigerians from a Christian background and, not only do we have joy in our little girl, we also pray that she will grow up to have joy in our Lord Jesus and be a joy to others!

Elias and Simeon are both happy to have a little sister, they take turns in holding her and will check that she is OK from time to time!

**Thank** you for praying along with us during this pregnancy, particularly when we had to make the decision about where to give birth. We **praise** God that Lid is recovering well and that even during a pandemic we can have hope and joy in God our Saviour!

Blessings and love to you all,  
from Martin, Elizabeth, Elias, Simeon & Arabella Barley.

P.S. The pronunciation of Arabella's names are standard Western pronunciations - which, of course is unusual for us!



**Chillin' with her big brudders!**



**First family portrait!**