



THE GUARISCO'S REPORT

Testimony from Danielle Flores, 4th year student

My name is Danielle Flores. I am a 4th year fine arts student at the University of Michigan. A couple of weeks ago I took a HUGE step in my life and was baptized! It has been an exciting time since I first starting seeking God back in January (yup I am a baby Christian!) but I think that it has been the best decision I could have ever made for myself.



A lot of people that know me were shocked by this idea. They thought I was the last person they would see baptized. It is true that I did lead a very self-centered lifestyle. I surrounded myself with things that I thought would make me happy but ultimately still felt a void in my life. It wasn't until I started opening my heart to the Word of God that that void started to be filled.

Going through the Bible study, "The Journey" was a big help. My pastors Tammy and Nino were awesome! I had SO many questions and they were both very patient and took time to help me understand the things I was learning. Ever since I took that step I have been able to feel God with me. I look at life with a more positive attitude and have a desire to learn more about Christ. I also have the desire to understand people more, and to lead a life centered around Christ.

On the Homefront

He's here! Little Matthew Ian Guarisco was born at 11:30 pm on November 14th. As you can see from the picture, he's a big, healthy guy. He weighed in at 8 lbs 12 oz, and measured 21 inches long. He has a bunch of brown hair, and his eyes look like they will be brown, just like his sister's.

Mom did a great job, and everyone was so proud of her. She went into the hospital at 10 am for an induction. After 8 hours of potocin she still had not begun to have regular contraction patterns, since her body would not respond to it. The doctor decided to break her water at 7 pm, and that finally got things going. Unfortunately she was not able to have any pain medication because of her irregular contractions, which made for a very painful labor. This was compounded by the fact that little Matthew decided to come down the birth canal face up. His positioning caused immense lower back pain for Tammy during the critical last hours of labor.

Tammy's doctor, a very sweet Indian woman named Dr. Menon, kept reassuring us with her thick Indian accent, "I'm telling you. As soon as that baby turns, he's gonna come right (trill the "r") out. I feel a lot of pressure (trill it again on "pressure")! Well, our sweet Indian Doctor was correct. Matthew eventually did turn to the face down position. By this time Tammy was more than ready to get this baby out of her. She pushed with such power that I thought the baby was going to shoot across the room. Luckily he did not fly out like a canon ball, but he did come out after only 5 minutes of pushing. What a woman!

Mom and baby are home now and doing well. We have been blessed with a baby who seems to be rather quiet, which is a blessed change from our other two, shall we say, "not so quiet" kids. In fact, his cries are more like squeaks, rather than the blood curdling screams of the typical baby. His quiet disposition has led us to affectionately name him "Our Little Squeaker". May God bless our little squeaker, and pour His love upon Matthew's life.



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November Highlights

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- Our first student led Cell Group is doing great. They have set February as the date when they will multiply into 2 new cells
- Two students who were recently converted to Christ received water baptism in November (see Danielle's testimony)
- Our weekly attendance has remained up from last year. It is consistently 100% higher than last year.
- We are currently doing a 3 part series called "Purity in Dating". Nino is teaching the students what the Bible says about sex and dating. See web site for more details.

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