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Christians passionately dedicated to impacting our world with God's love, one person at a time.

Vicki and I are proud grandparents of identical twin boys! Henry and Lucas were born Monday evening, and by early Tuesday afternoon we were holding little Lucas. Henry was in another room in another "neighborhood" of the NICU (they have neighborhoods for the babies) than Lucas. Henry was having a little more difficulty breathing on his own and was still using the breathing apparatus (whatever it is called). However, we did get to touch him and tell him how much we loved him. Pretty awesome feeling for grandparents!

On Thursday we received a picture of Henry and Lucas together. They had been reunited in a room together, and were sleeping soundly head to head in their mother's arms.

Having spent the past nine months together, I wondered what it was like for each of them not to be touching the other or even near the other. I wondered if they sensed this as an unnatural feeling, and had a longing they could not even identify, but felt deeply – a longing to be back together.

Seeing Henry and Lucas together again in that picture reminded me of being brought back to God. Every one of us was created to be with God. We have this deep empty feeling, this nagging sense that something is not right, when we are apart from God. This emptiness is what moves us to all sorts of activities or pastimes we believe will make us feel better – shopping, eating, or other activities we know are apart from God and not pleasing to God. This feeling that something isn't right, this longing, is also the feeling that, when not fulfilled in God, draws us further away from God.

Seeing Henry and Lucas sleeping together shoulder to shoulder is a beautiful reminder that my true place is with God. Nothing else can give me the security or the peace that being with Him can.

And when I am secure in who I am as God's son, I can then also confidently face whatever situations and circumstances come my way. And I can do so without fear, for when I am with God nothing will ultimately harm me.

Vicki and I are proud grandparents of identical twin boys who are already reminding us of great Biblical truth!