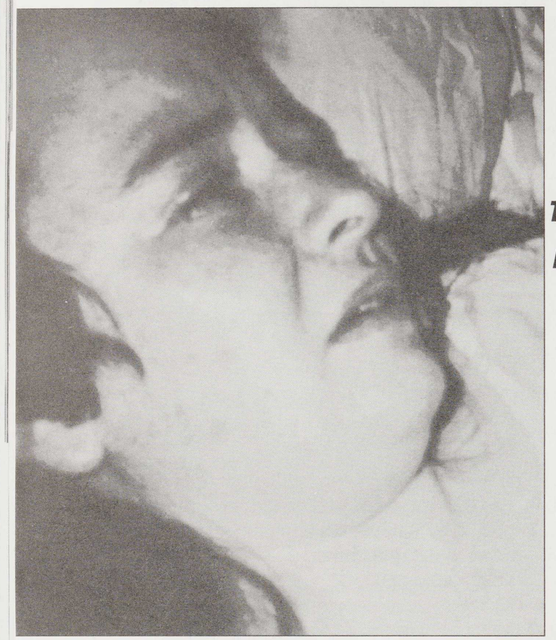
A journey to be with Jesus

by Patti Salazar

Jasmine Stephanie Arvizu was born on April 6, 1994.

When only five months old in the womb, her mother Connie was told that Jasmine was a dwarf. Through ultrasound the doctors also discovered a problem with the development of her chest and an extra toe and finger on each appendage. The cause, they said, was a genetic chromosomal disorder. Because of the disorder that the baby suffered from, Connie too would have complications such as an enlarged uterus and abnormal swelling in the abdomen during the pregnancy. The doctors were also concerned about the high probability of severe hemorrhaging if Jasmine were to be delivered normally.



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What occurred during the pregnancy was a witness for God as he used Jasmine's life to touch Connie and Louis and all who knew them. Louis's faith was strengthened and Connie rededicated her life to the Lord during this time.

The Lord instilled in the family a hope in His will, and total trust in His care. Connie had a beautiful desire to not interfere in His plan for Jasmine's life. She believed strongly that Jasmine had a purpose for being here and that every moment of her life on earth in or out of the womb was precious. So, Connie remembers that when doctors told her they could induce labor and "let her die inside of me," she would have no part of it. She accepted the fact that if the Lord's will was to take Jasmine, then according to Romans 8:28, it was, "for the good of those who love Him." But, she decided to let God have control and not try to interfere.

Throughout the pregnancy the Arvizus continued to pray for Jasmine's healing. When she was born Connie said they were able to look right into her eyes, and she into theirs. Jasmine died a short time later.

"I believe her daddy was holding her when her spirit or the angels took her on that journey to be with Jesus. I would gladly go through everything I did again, with having all the excess water and hardly being able to walk and being sick most of those nine months, just to have that memory of Jasmine's beautiful blue eyes, and to know she's waiting in heaven for her family that loves her so much," said Connie. "I just have to wait a little while to hold and see Jasmine again." ■

A New Girl In Heaven

There's a new girl in Heaven today
With her dark hair and her smile
And Heaven is richer by far today
Since she has walked that long, long mile.

And Jesus was there to welcome her in
And to hold her tight in His arms
To keep her from being lonely or sad
To acquaint her with all Heaven's charms.

She's happy and joyful in Heaven today
And watching for dear ones to come
But here on earth we are lonesome today
For our beautiful darling gone home.

Yet we praise our Lord with lifted voice
That our darling knew Him so well
So when she left her family here
She'll be happy in Heaven to dwell

And many another child is there
Who left their home, oh so soon
And all are out of the trials of life
Perhaps saved from some terrible doom.

Though Satan comes to kill and destroy
Yet Jesus is Lord over all
And to trust the decision He did allow
Brings peace, as before Him we bow.

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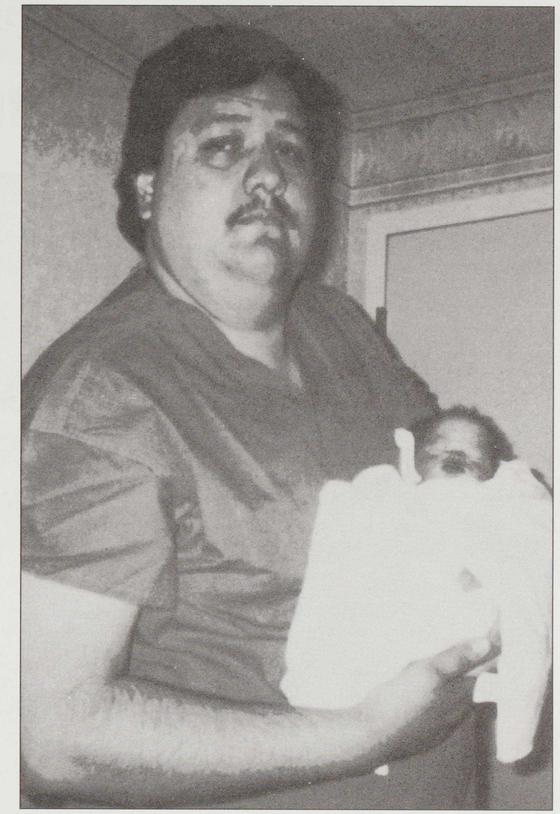

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