

So, with lots of planning & much help from family & friends the wedding was all set. Finally the day came, September 25th, & I became a King! About two weeks later we were packed up & ready to start our 28 hour drive down to NC! About half a week later I started at my new Arthur Murray home. I am greatly enjoying the studio & staff & already have many new students. Alex & I are doing fine down here. We are learning lots about being married & lots about each other. We are excited about what 2011 will bring to us & have already seen Gods' hand in it. 2010 would not have happened without Him & all the miracles, big & small. He has blessed us time & again already. We are working on keeping our ears open to hear His directions. 2010 was a lot about change & I believe 2011 will be about transitioning. We are excited to see what He will do!

### *JONATHAN & MELODY'S MUSINGS*

2010 what can we say... what a crazy year in Las Vegas!

The year started off interestingly enough when we found out on Christmas Eve of 2009 that Melody was pregnant. What a Christmas gift! In January I started working night shift, which was hard for Mel because of morning sickness, trying to work on her Masters & attending Doctor appointments every week. It was pretty stressful (major understatement). But soon, in February I was put back on the day shift - a huge prayer answered because Mel needed the support. Another amazing prayer was answered: our car broke down when we moved to Las Vegas & we went without one for four months, until a friend & old neighbor from Washington offered us a free car! All we had to do was go get it. So, I jumped on a plane & drove it back!

We went back home to the Midwest in April for Simons wedding. I was the best

man & Melody sang. The year was getting better with every week... until May.

We went to one of Melody's routine Doctors appointments & found that she was starting to dilate. She wasn't due until the end of August. The doctors sent her immediately to Sunrise Hospital, & she was put on bed

rest. We prayed that God would keep Nehemiah in

the womb for as long as possible. At one point, Melody's body was trying to give birth, but to our surprise, during an ultrasound, the Doctor saw Nehemiah sitting cross-legged preventing his early birth! Within two weeks of Melody's arrival at the hospital, Nehemiah decided that it was a good time to meet the world.

He was born weighing only 11lb 6oz at 12.5 inches; so small, but now the biggest blessing to our lives. We thank God for the medical staff who worked diligently to take care of him. To read the full story you can go to [www.caringbridge.org/visit/nehemiahmconico](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/nehemiahmconico). It was one of the hardest things we have gone through. I slept at the hospital for the two weeks after Nehemiah was born because Melody was deathly sick. We worried at times, but knew that God had us in His hands & that everything was going to be ok - for through great struggle, comes great strength. Nehemiah stayed at the hospital for 3 & 1/2 months while he played catch up with the rest of the kids - after all, he was born at 24 weeks & 5 days. During his stay he gave the Doctors a run for their money several times, mostly when I was away with work. He had a big target on his head because Satan knows that Nehemiah is going to shake the gates of Hell, that he has a great calling on his life & is going to be a history maker. He came home on August



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