

Ashley's

Letters from the Mission Field
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The Second Month with P

Babywearing. Have you heard the term? It's the practice of wrapping or carrying a baby in a sling or carrier. It's been used for centuries by mothers from around the world.

In my neighborhood, I see moms from all over the globe carrying their babies. I see mamas from Africa with their babies strapped to their backs, carrying buckets on their heads. I see the Burmese mama as she carries plastic bags in both hands and her son on her back.

It ties people together for a laugh at the grocery store. Miles was wearing P while waiting in line the other day. When a mother, who had her own son tied around her, turned and noticed P on her daddy's chest. She laughed out loud and nodded approvingly.

Or when I brought Penelope to the mission and Mahiya's mom reached out for her with both arms. Then took the scarf from around her head and wrapped P in it.

Having baby girl in "ups" makes my job so much easier! Putting her in the pouch is the only way I'm able to have two hands to type this now!

I can tell she enjoys going for a ride. I've taken her down town, I've worn her on walks at Stone Mountain, I wear her when I shop at the market or go out to eat. I'm most looking forward to wearing P like a little Koala bear this summer with the teams!

It also keeps her out of trouble. Already at two months she's holding her head up strong, kicking like a steam engine and bouncing around like she owns the place! She's curious and alert, constantly absorbing the world. At her check up I know the doctors going to ask, "Is this kid on vitamins?!"

"Have you worn P? It's the newest fashion!" Auntie Ashley laughed strutting with P proudly down the hallway at our house.

Well? "Have *you* worn P?" If not we need to make that happen! I want her to know you. Here's my number 404-358-6766. Let's do lunch.



Ashley, Miles & Penelope



