



Mom & New Baby at Mount Carmel East Videoconference with Dad in Iraq

On Tuesday, March 20, Mount Carmel East hosted a live videoconference so that Rebecca Wukich could show her husband Robert, a Marine sergeant currently on deployment in Iraq, their new son, Joseph, for the first time. The videoconference was made possible by the organization Freedom Calls, a New York-based charity that provides free communication services for military personnel and their families via a satellite network linked to four different facilities in Iraq.

Rebecca temporarily moved from her home near Camp Lejeune, N.C., to her parents' home in Pickerington, Ohio for the duration of her pregnancy. When it came close to the time she was to have the baby, she contacted Freedom Calls so that her husband could see his new son. Freedom Calls contacted Mount Carmel East so that arrangements could be made with the Mother/Infant unit and technological preparation could be made. The day after Joseph was born, Freedom Calls notified Mount Carmel East and plans went into action. The family had an hour-long visit and was truly grateful to be able to see and interact with each other in real time. Rebecca and Robert have two other sons, Frank, 8 and Robert Jr., 2. Robert Sr. is due home from Iraq in October.



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