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Marine in Iraq sees new son

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Benjamin Gentry could not be with his wife, Connie, when she gave birth to their son, Maddox.

He had a good excuse. Marine Staff Sgt. Gentry was nine time zones to the east, at Al Asad Airfield, Iraq.

But on Wednesday morning, 22 hours after Maddox's birth, Gentry got a close-up look at his son during a 90-minute video conference set up by Brookwood Women's Medical Center and the Freedom Calls Foundation.

"It made my day. It definitely made his day," his wife said afterward. "It's awesome, I mean it's as close as he could have gotten to be here, and ... they were able to make that happen."

Along with Maddox and other relatives, Connie Gentry and the couple's 21-month-old daughter, Lily, were able to see Ben Gentry on a wide TV screen and talk

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