



## **U.S. Marine Serving In Iraq Meets New Baby By Videoconference from Mom's Hospital Room -- 05/09/07**

Christy Tipton was all smiles and tears when she introduced Christian Ty, not yet 24-hours old, to his father, Lance Corporal Jackie Tipton, stationed at Camp Fallujah, Iraq, on May 9, from her hospital bed at Huntsville Hospital for Women & Children.

Surrounded by overwhelmed members of her family, Christy excitedly shared with Jackie the details of her labor experience as Ty slept peacefully in his mother's



arms. Jackie commented of his brand new son, "He has more hair than I do," and when asked what he thought about being a dad responded, "It hasn't sunk in yet."

The effort to bring Christy and Jackie together while he's stationed 7,000 miles away was made possible by The Freedom Calls Foundation. Freedom Calls maintains a satellite network dedicated to providing state-of-the-art video conferencing, telephone and internet services to enable troops in Iraq and Afghanistan to keep in touch with their families and loved ones at home, free of charge.

Christy contacted Freedom Calls two days before her scheduled induction, and thanks to Huntsville Hospital's Information Technology department working closely with Freedom Calls to set up the technical aspects of the videoconference, the grateful family enjoyed a 45-minute reunion in cyberspace.

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