

A fireside featuring the experiences of Rachele & Reggie Morgan

Rachel Morgan gave birth to six children: Macy (died at age 6), Isaac (died at age 2 I/2) of undiagnosed problems. They lost a baby boy who died at birth. Daughters -- **Samantha**, now 18, **Rochelle**, and **Ella Macey** did not have any health problems.

Macey, their second daughter's eyes would not track and would not focus. Primary hospital detected a heart problem. An MRI indicated that Macey's brain was not growing. She had problems that doctors were unable to fix. She was severely handicapped. All of their dreams for their second daughter evaporated. Still this daughter was a go-go child. She enjoyed life. Macey was a fighter but she grew weaker until she could not attend her special needs school. When she was six her family took her to the Draper Temple open house. They had a wonderful experience in the Celestial Room. Macey looked around and was able to enjoy the spirit. The family felt God's presence. She was in hospices for 75 days and then died.

Isaac was 2 days old when Reggie noticed this baby had no soft spot. He had the same problems as his sister. Needy kids require a lot of work from everyone in the family. There were seizures and bowel problems. However, neither child had to be hospitalized and there were good days. Rachel was caring for two children with undiagnosed illnesses when she became pregnant again. Rachel delivered another son but he died at birth. Isaac was a peaceful child and was only in hospices for nine days before he died on Valentine's Day at age 2½...

Lessons learned: We never stop being parents." Macey was grateful to have a body. She stayed on earth in order to understand the Atonement. Even though Macey suffered physical pain she chose mortality because she loved and trusted the Savior. Josie asked why she had to leave. Rachel answered, "There is a reason but we don't know what it is. It's part of God's plan for us."

They prayed that Isaac could go fast and would not suffer. He died after nine days in Hospice on Feb. 14. Having these special needs children was part of God's plan for us. We are an eternal family. Isaac and Macey were cared for and loved. They taught us many lessons and strengthened our faith. "God made it possible for me to give up my children."

"Remember that the Lord will shape our back to bear the burdens placed upon us" **Thomas Monson.**