

## The Baby is Coming!

Maria was getting her prenatal care at the clinic and I would be there to interpret for her appointments. She asked if I would interpret for her when she was going to have her baby; I told her that I would love to be there for her. She said that they were planning on leaving their other children with family when she had the baby, and then come to my house to follow me to the hospital.

It was a cold winter night, and she started getting contractions in the early morning. This time she wanted to wait a little longer before they went to the hospital, since she had long periods of contractions with her other children. Then later that morning she woke her husband and told him it was time to go to the hospital. So they dropped the kids off. After they dropped off the kids, her water broke and she felt like she could have the baby anytime. So they started following me to the hospital. I called the hospital and told them that she was in labor and she felt like the baby could be born in the car. Only a few minutes from my house, her husband was dimming his lights so I slowed down and then he dimmed his lights again and I stopped the car. He got out and said “the baby is coming” and he started to panic. Within a few minutes the baby was born. I took the baby and told them that the baby was going to be fine because it was breathing and crying. Maria hadn't packed any blankets or clothes for the baby, so her husband reached behind his seat and pulled out an old shirt that was actually a rag. I took the shirt and wrapped it around the baby. I rubbed and patted the baby's back so it would cry. The baby was quiet for a bit, and then I rubbed the baby's back again to make sure it was crying and the baby seemed to be fine.

The placenta stayed inside her uterus. I called the hospital again to tell them that the baby was born and that we were on our way to the hospital. We got to the hospital and they were waiting for us at the Emergency Room. The doctor delivered the placenta. It turned out that the mom and baby were doing great! Now that baby is a healthy, beautiful little child! This is something I enjoyed doing!!! I thank God for my job. :)

