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Technology at its Best:
Skype Used in Delivery Room to Unite Dad Working in Iraq While Mother Delivered Twins.

Uniting families during the miracle of birth has always been the mission of the North Valley Hospital Birth Center. Never did we think that someday using Skype would master bringing together a distant husband to watch the birth of his twins. Jon Zimbelman is stationed in Iraq working on communication systems for the private sector. Tragedy this summer brought him home to attend his mother’s funeral, making it impossible for him to come back again for the birth of his children. That’s when NVH Birth Center Manager Cindy Walp said, “let’s bring the birth to him” and made arrangements for a camera and video screen to be present during the delivery.

At 12:38 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, a tearful dad was the first one to see his new son Braylon and soon after at 12:39 p.m., also be the first to see his new daughter Brielle. With the help of technology and a little innovation, the NVH Birth Center was able to join parents for their babies’ births. There wasn’t a dry eye in the room.

From 12 to 2 pm, Monday, Oct 1 at North Valley Hospital, you are invited to interview Erin Zimbelman and photograph/video her with her children while we join the family again via Skype. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Naomi Morrison at the information above.