Megan writes: Dear family and friends

Firstly thanks to all of you for your beautiful messages of congratulations. We've enjoyed reading everyone of them and sorry its just one big reply but as you all know getting to do anything apart from feeding and sleeping is hard in these first weeks.... which has now become nearly 2 months! We heartily thank you for letting us know you were 'with us' in this joyous time!

John was delighted that Megan didn't have a name worked out when our son was born. He wrote 'He is so wild and not yet connected in any way to the world of human languages and names, his vocabulary of sounds is immense, it highlights how shrunken I have become as I was squeezed into this social mould. Inevitably this will happen to him of course but these first precious weeks of immensity, why would we narrow things down too early?' What a perfect husband for the likes of me, heh!

But by his one month birthday we felt the time had arrived and we named him River Wallace Seed

River for Megan meaning a place of great peace, a place of reflection and insight, of love and laughter, healing and harmony. For John, River is a nickname for 'River of life' as in Don McLean's "Tapestry":

Every pulse of your heartbeat is one liquid moment that flows through the veins of your being.

Like a river of life flowing on since creation.

Approaching the sea with each new generation.

River of Life! That's what a child is, flowing unbroken from the beginning of time. Unbowed. Undefeated. Undammed.

And for Megan, like the Hermann Hesse novel 'River of Life' about the Buddha

This is his 'naming song' -"God is a River" by Peter Mayer.

So welcome RIVER WALLACE SEED, may you know you are loved by all in this beautiful community and we thank all of you again for your support and well wishes.

Photos of the first 2 months. Doubleclick top left photo, click on "slideshow" top middle, move cursor to bottom of screen and hit play.

Megan and John xxx