The Three

Katy couple raises their triplets, Londyn, Lance, and Layton with lots of love and laughter

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Lauren LeVrier always knew her call in life was to be a mother, but after a devastating miscarriage when she was ten weeks along, she wondered if that dream would ever become a reality. A few months later, when she was seven weeks along in her second pregnancy, Lauren got the most exciting news of her life alongside her husband Tim that they were expecting not just one baby, not even two, but three.

Preparing for Three

High school sweethearts, Lauren and Tim jumped into full force planning mode to prepare for their new bundles. Lauren admittedly has a "type-A" personality and made organization a priority, while Tim made sure to support his wife wholeheartedly. "She was an incredible mom-to-be", he says. "She never initiated a complaint."

Minus frequent contraction monitoring and doctor's appointments, Lauren's pregnancy was quite uneventful and the babies were model patients. During the course of the pregnancy they found out they were having two boys and one girl, and with Lauren's teaching background she loved the idea of alliteration. So the "L" names were born. They named their little girl Londyn, and the boys Lance and Layton.

The Big Arrival

Without ever being forced onto strict bed rest, almost a mandate in a multiple pregnancy, she miraculously

carried the little ones to 34 1/2 weeks. On August 10, 2011, the "L" triplets made their way into this world, with all but Londyn weighing over 4 lbs. With the exception of Lance, who needed some oxygen intervention, the rest were deemed perfectly healthy despite their prematurity. Even more astounding, after just eight days in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Londyn was sent home, and three days later, her brothers followed. For parents who had prepared for weeks or even months to have their babies in the NICU, it was an amazing blessing to have them home so soon.

Home Sweet Home

Once the babies arrived home, Lauren and Tim were immediately surrounded by family and friends who were eager to help the new family of five. Friends created a care meal calendar and family members began rotating in throughout the days and nights. At times it even seemed like there were more helpers than babies according to Lauren's mom, Carole



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Goddard even moved in with the family for three months and helped take care of the babies during the week, with Tim's family taking over on the weekends. "Those first few months definitely had their challenges, but they were also filled with lots of joy for these precious miracles," recalls Goddard.

Lauren is deeply grateful for their families' support and has been amazed how the babies have strengthened their bond. "With our family, it's like God knew we needed more than one baby," Lauren says. "They truly have reinvigorated both sides of our family and blessed each one of them." It's a sentiment her mom echoes, "Lauren has always been a bundle of energy and enthusiasm. When she and Tim found out they were having triplets, I kidded with her that God knew one or two babies wouldn't be enough to keep her busy, and so He gave her three!"

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How Do They Do It?

All help aside, Lauren and Tim have still faced challenges in raising triplets. Tim works full-time to support the newly expanded family while Lauren stays home with the children. Bath time for the triplets is Tim's daddy duty, so Lauren can rest in the evenings and it's a role he relishes. "When I walk in that door after a long day of work it's the best feeling in the world to see them light up when they see me," shares Tim.

Lauren keeps the brood organized by color coding everything, down to the bottles and pacifiers. She's careful not to go overboard. She really tries to maintain a laidback home lifestyle for the children and laugh as much as possible. "This very well may be our last opportunity in raising babies," Lauren says wistfully.

Now the challenges have transitioned from getting babies fed and dressed to starting to take the babies places on her own, a feat in itself. Through it all, Tim and Lauren have remained a strong team, even allowing Lauren to go back and substitute at her beloved Kilpatrick Elementary once a week.

They still have the support of their families all the way down to siblings, grandparents, and great grandparents. All take turns watching the little LeVriers so Lauren and Tim can enjoy one weekend a month to themselves. "My life is a lot different than a lot of our friends and that can be hard sometimes," Lauren says. "But I get three times the hugs, three times the 'mamas' and three times the kisses. I feel so gratified and I'm doing exactly what God has planned for me and equipped me for." KM



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