

Another bonny baby for Bassie

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UNDER WRAPS: Basetsana and Romeo Kumalo say they won't have a picture released of little uShaka before he's three months old Picture: OBED PHASHA

Former Miss South Africa Basetsana Kumalo and husband Romeo welcomed a new baby boy last week.

Romeo told the Sunday Times that uShaka Kgositsile Emmanuel Kumalo was born at Mediclinic Sandton in Johannesburg.

Basetsana, 38, said: "To be blessed with another son is an awesome and beautiful gift and we give all praise, glory and honour to God."

Romeo, an executive commercial director at Vodacom, who turned 40 in February, said: " It was the best 40th birthday gift."

He said mother and baby were resting and doing well.

Basetsana said no pictures of the baby would be released as it was against the family's culture.

She said: "You know with our culture, a picture is a no-go area ... I am observing the three months of him being at home and not seen, as per amaNtungwa's (the Kumalos) ways of doing things. For me it is important to respect the clan I am married into."

The couple wed in 2000 and have another son, Nkosinathi, who was born in 2003.

In 2007 the former beauty queen and businesswoman suffered a miscarriage but, this time round, Romeo said their "warrior" uShaka fought his way through.

"We had disappointments in the past, but uShaka fought hard and was determined to conquer and bless us," said Romeo.

The proud father said he was in the delivery room and cut the umbilical cord.

He said the baby is not keeping them awake at night. "He is a good-tempered lad. He doesn't cry much," Romeo said.

Although Basetsana won the 1994 Miss South Africa title and was a runner-up for Miss World that year, Romeo insists uShaka has his looks.

"He looks just like me. Both my sons look like me but my wife reckons they look like her," joked Romeo.

Basetsana said she is breast-feeding even with her busy schedule.

"Nkosinathi was breast-fed for a year and I plan to breast-feed uShaka for a year, if not longer," she said.