

Give Thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever



Eric, Jennifer and Ruby (16 months)– continue to renovate their 1914 vintage home. Eric recently changed jobs and is now working for Armada Hoffer, a commercial real estate development company as Development Coordinator. Jennifer is the Children's Ministry Coordinator for their church and is able to work from home part time and be a full time mom. We were delighted to keep Ruby for 10 days in June while Eric and Jennifer vacationed in Costa Rica and Nicaragua. She'll be visiting us again in January while Mom and Dad do some snowboarding at Tahoe.

Kyle – joined Eric and Jennifer on the Costa Rica/Nicaragua “gnarly” surfing experience and will also enjoy the snowboarding trip to Tahoe. He is currently in the application process for the police academy in Virginia Beach. I guess a desk job is too tame for him. While fulfilling his duties as Best Man at a friend's wedding, he became reacquainted with a young lady he knew at Messiah College. He's now cashing in all the frequent flyer miles he can get his hands on to make trips to New Hampshire. We're delighted that Delia will be spending Thanksgiving with us.

Kelli – in May she started a 3 year Masters of Nursing program at Virginia Commonwealth University. Her plan is to sit for the Nurse Practitioner's exam at the conclusion of the program. The highlight of the year was a trip Kelli and I took in March to Ireland and Wales. We enjoyed the local color and low budget of youth hostels, although it was quite a surprise to me when I awoke the first morning in Dublin to find 2 men in our room. I was unaware that mixed gender rooms are the norm. Kelli did a masterful job of driving on the “wrong side” of the road and shifting with her left hand. Gardens, castles, gorgeous scenery (Ireland really does have 44 shades of green), the breath-taking Cliffs of More and witty Irish humor were some of the things we enjoyed. Other than being pelted with eggs by some Liverpool hooligans while riding a bus, the locals were charming. In fact, we fell in love with the Irish.

Jodi – I continue to enjoy gardening and delight in seeing my garden mature during these past 5 years, a luxury I haven't experienced before. A personal milestone for me this year was completing the 30th Marine Corps Marathon, along with 30,000 other participants. Tim had to be in Africa, but Kyle and Kelli came up for the event and were able to cheer me on at 5 different mileposts. High-fiving Marines at the finish line was an emotional experience, to say the least. I'm still enjoying the role of mentor at MOPS, serving on the Missions Committee (along with Tim) and singing in the choir.

Tim – continues to stay extremely busy at World Relief. He is on the road a lot, recently returning from Congo and Burundi and will be visiting the various programs in Indonesia and Cambodia in the near future. While he puts in long hours, he feels privileged and grateful to be working with an organization that has such a life-changing impact on individuals experiencing extreme poverty and suffering.