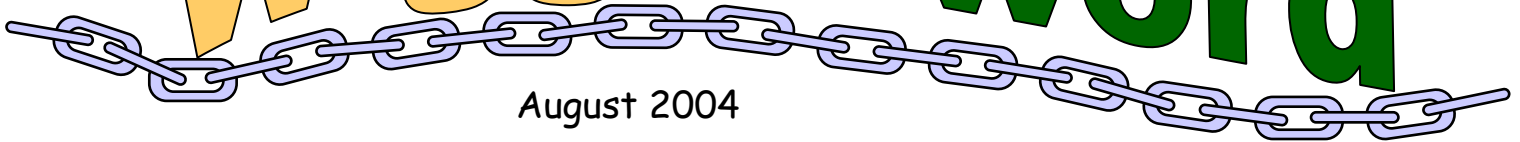


The Wigglesworth



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Greetings!

It has been way too long since we communicated with you all, many things have been happening, unfortunately, some of those happenings involved the computer and internet being disconnected.

Anyway, we're back up and running again, and I've got a procrastinating minute set aside to write a little update.

Brief version:

Jobs:

Kevin and AmandaEve have both been looking for work since April. Three weeks ago, AmandaEve started working at Rocky Mountain College (her alma mater) as an administrative assistant in the music department. Kevin is still looking for full-time work. (see below)

Wedding:

Wedding plans have been coming along steadily since we got engaged in April. The planning itself ebbs and flows, but all said, it's coming together nicely. The major things are booked, many decisions have been made, and now it's race to finish line with all the little details. The wedding date is October 10/04 so we're just shy of two months away now. It's coming fast. (see below)

School:

AmandaEve: I am still working away on my masters in linguistics. As far as I know (and this has been confirmed by my advisor), I am currently taking my last class. Which means this will all be finished soon, hopefully by Christmas. This final class is a minor project. My project is a study of the language transfer between Slavonic to English in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada within urban Alberta parishes. It looks at social and linguistic factors in the transfer process. This project should prove to be useful overseas since I hope to be involved in having Scripture and liturgical books and services in the mother tongue.

Moving:

AmandaEve has moved once already and is preparing for another move in a few weeks. This has meant living out of boxes, unpacking and repacking certain items, and eating lots of produce since the non-perishables were packed for a couple weeks!

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The reason for the moves are a) Her roommate Carmen bought a house, therefore they all moved into the house; b) We get possession on September 1st for the suite where we will be living. Since AmandaEve is packed already, and Kevin's not, she's moving in first, and then Kevin will join her after we get married.

Other developments:

In July we attended the Assembly for the Canadian diocese. This was a good time to meet with some friends from across Canada, make new friends, including good connections for future missionary plans. There were some very interesting sessions, and some business sessions (which always seem to border on interesting!). It gave a nice overview of what's going on in the diocese as well as international relations.

We've been going for private dance lessons, which provides us with a nice night out once a week and we get to learn how to dance "together". This is very helpful!

A new church year is coming up and this year it seems like AmandaEve will be the main person in charge of the youth group. She is still one of two music leaders as well. This year, they hope to get a small choir started. She is looking forward to this. She anticipates that once wedding plans, moving, and school is done she will be able to devote more time into the music and youth. But right now, the fall's looking a little tricky.

Kevin's currently involved with the potluck lunch team, grass cutting, candle maintenance, and our church membership/involvement surveys.

Enhanced Version

Jobs:

AmandaEve: So what does AmandaEve actually do at work? Good question. Does the word department gopher mean anything to you? Just kidding. There *is* a defined job description, but it is quite lengthy. To simplify things a bit, she is the one in charge of making the bookings for the small touring groups, course registration for music majors, preparing and providing necessary forms to private music instructors for the students about all sorts of things, booking rooms for recitals and juries, acting as the main liaison between students and faculty... the list goes on. But that gives you an idea.

Kevin: What has Kevin been doing? Also a good question. Since he finished at Wycliffe, he has been back in the office finishing up some loose ends of projects; working at Stage West Theatre Restaurants during turn-arounds (when one stage gets taken down and the new set gets put up); mowing the lawn for a friend; working the election; doing renovations for a church house that was recently purchased by some church members for the new deacon and his family, and doing renovations (sanding/painting mostly) with a few guys on two old houses before they go up for sale. I think I got everything in there.

In the meantime, he is still looking for full-time steady work, preferably in his field of geomatics (or surveying) engineering. He's finding that he's stuck somewhere between been overqualified and underqualified for all the job postings he's seen. But as different leads come in he has been pursuing them. And in the meantime we need to trust that God

been over-qualified and under-qualified for all the job postings he's seen. But as different leads come in, he has been pursuing them. And in the meantime we need to trust that God will provide a job in his timing, and the finances we need until then.

Wedding:

Let's see... what are the common questions?...

Attendants: we each have one person standing up for us, no flower girl or ring bearer.

Location: The ceremony is taking place at St Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Church. This is because our home parish St Peter the Aleut Orthodox Church is too small of a building and we had to look elsewhere. Our two options were the Greek and the Ukrainian churches. We preferred the Ukrainian church. There you have it.

Reception: is taking place at the Sheraton Cavalier (the one by the airport). We're getting a good deal in terms of pricing, and the added bonus of having them set up and tear down and clean up. Other bonuses include our honeymoon suite included for that night, and a wonderful waterpark for our guests to enjoy (especially with the out of town guest rate! If you're coming for the wedding and staying at the hotel, be sure to mention you're with our wedding, you'll get a nice discount!)

The ceremony: What's so different about an Orthodox wedding? Or, do Orthodox weddings have any special traditions? Or, varying questions regarding vows etc.

My answer to that, please see the other attachment which we sent out as a pamphlet in the invitations. The Orthodox wedding ceremony is totally different from Western wedding rites. Rings are exchanged at the back of the church, at the beginning; the bride and groom walk down the aisle together, led by the priest, with the attendants behind them (hence no father walking the bride), no vows, in fact the bride and groom don't say anything during the ceremony, no instruments, everybody stands the whole time, the bride and groom are crowned, there's a common cup, candles, no kissing allowed in the church... different enough for you?

Latest developments: We bought our rings and marriage license this week. We are looking forward to starting plans with the hotel when our contact returns from holidays. Shower plans are starting to emerge.

Where will we live? We have a basement suite in Mount Pleasant (near SAIT for those who know). It's in an older, established neighborhood. It reminds AmandaEve of where she grew up. (For those in Winnipeg, the street reminds me exactly of Cobourg Ave, that whole area of Elmwood on the west side of Henderson.) The lady who rents the upstairs is from our church, as is one of the next-door neighbors. Our landlords seem wonderful. They are repainting everything and cleaning, and asking our opinion on everything, realizing that we're the ones living there not them so they are tailoring it to our wants. Wow.

That's all for now. Thanks so much for the updates we have been receiving from so many of you. Please continue to do so.

Love and blessings,

AmandaEve and Kevin