

The Wigglesworth

Christmas 2005

Here are the highlights of the year 2005:

Travel: In June, AE flew to Winnipeg for two weeks to visit friends and family. July found both of us flying to Toronto for our church's All-American Council (a council which occurs every few years). In addition to being the chaperones for the 6 youth from our church, Kevin was an observer while AE worked in the youth program with the 10-12 year olds. Immediately after the council, AE flew to Chicago to visit family. In August, AE spent a week at the Orthodox Church Camp for Alberta. She led the crafts and music... among other things! The last week of October found us driving to Winnipeg, MB and Duluth, MN on a very multipurpose trip! During the transition from November to December we were house/babysitting for some friends in Airdrie. Following this, Kevin flew to Kansas for work meetings and the (entire) company Christmas party. Throughout the year, we also spent weekends in Rosarito (Mexico) and Edmonton (AB) for weddings, as well as weekends in Lake Louise, King's Fold Retreat Centre, and AE went to the annual women's retreat.

Work: Kevin continues to work for Point Inc. as an Applications Engineer and was offered employee status in September which has been a great blessing! AmandaEve continued working at Rocky Mountain College as an Administrative Assistant in the Music Department until her contract ended in May. She decided to redirect her time in order to complete her masters degree. She worked for a few weeks at Stage West Theatre Restaurant in wardrobe as a seamstress again. She was also a guest lecturer at RMC for a spiritual theology and Eastern Orthodox theology course.

School: Kevin took a course through SAIT on Microstation software and received high marks! He also continued taking the Readers' Course through St. Arseny Institute in Winnipeg. AmandaEve continued to plug along at the MA Applied Linguistics through Charles Darwin University (Darwin, Australia). As an alumnus, she returned to RMC to sit in on the Intermediate Greek class to do some much needed review of Koine Greek.

Missions Plans: We were able to make some good connections this year to help speed along the process of establishing a Canadian board for the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) to the point where this is now happening without much involvement on our part. Through some friends overseas, we were introduced to another organization called Institute for Bible Translation (IBT). We have had very positive dialogue with the director and deputy director via email and even met the deputy director in Duluth, MN when she was visiting the US this fall. More decisions are yet to be made but we have started looking into language learning opportunities as well as whatever professional development would be beneficial to take prior to moving overseas.

The (other) ongoing stuff: This was another year of the wedding: we attended 6 weddings and missed three others. We continued taking dance lessons this year, though fairly sporadically. We also continue to be actively involved in our church. AmandaEve purchased a music software and has been helping the other choir director to update the service books.

Kevin is almost done the Readers' Course and anticipates becoming an official reader when the Bishop comes on January 1st. Kevin has also been involved in a recovery group program as a co-leader this year (after taking a few years off). This has proven to be both time consuming and rewarding.

The new stuff: We were blessed to celebrate our first anniversary with a beautiful fall drive through the foothills to the mountains. AmandaEve's mom sold her house this year and moved to the farm in Minnedosa, MB with her boyfriend, Gary Charles, and his kids Casey & Rachel. AE's dad has struggled with infections this year and was just recently diagnosed with cancer in his lymphnodes. We are waiting on more tests to verify this diagnosis and treatment. Kevin's Aunt Ruth and Uncle Raymond moved into a care facility this year.

Well, that was our year! It has been full of ups and downs and lots of excitement. It seems there's always something happening and we're never bored! So as the Christmas season is upon us and everything gets busy(-er!) with concerts and parties, we're trying to keep it simple. The house was decorated yesterday and it's amazing how much peace can exude from one little Christmas tree (we're using AE's 2' tree this year). So from our decorated tree to yours, we wish you a very peaceful Christmas.

Christ is born! Glorify Him!

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