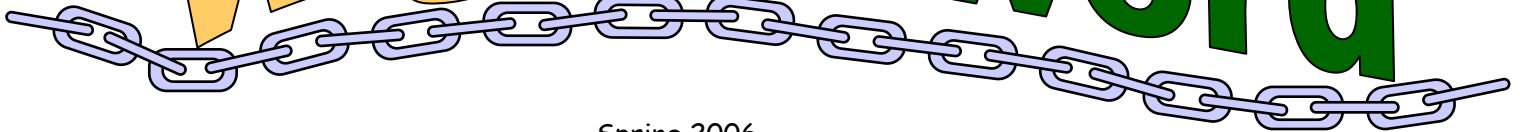


The Wigglesworth



Spring 2006

After a month of solid winter, the temperatures are rising and delighting Calgarians with thoughts of spring. While I know that the snow is not entirely gone yet, the spring weather reminded me that it is time for another update.

So what are we up to these days? Here is a snapshot:

Work: Kevin continues to work at Point Inc. as an applications engineer, working with GPS technology. AE worked for the federal elections in January and anticipates working for Stage West again as a seamstress in April since the upcoming show will be a large musical (the bigger shows always require more costumes!).

Dancing: We've been working through a package of dance lessons that we bought last April. Currently, we are using the remaining private lessons before they expire! Lately we've been learning two-step and just started salsa. Dancing continues to provide us with exercise and some fun time together... as long as no one steps on the other's toes!

School:

AE has continued to participate in the **Greek** classes at Rocky Mountain College. She is currently sitting in on the exegesis class, semester 4/4, which goes until mid-April.

Working on the **MA Linguistics** continues to plague AE as she seeks motivation.

Kevin has finally received the exam for the **Reader's Course** he has been working on. There is a written portion as well as an oral portion (done over the phone).

We also began taking a **Russian*** language course at the beginning of February. It is a continuing education course from the University of Calgary. We have both been enjoying this course so far but after 8 weeks the homework is starting to require more effort! The current session finishes on April 11. We plan to continue with the second session which runs till the end of June.

Church: It's Lent!

We are currently in week 5 of the Lenten fasting season with 3 more weeks to go. Services are always increased during fasting seasons (since, as one priest said: fasting without prayer is a diet!) which means that as a choir director (AE) and a reader (Kevin) our weekly calendar of services is more involved than during other times of the year. However, this year we have strategically planned *not* to attend every service due to our regular weekly commitments, and the desire to spend time together too.

Recovery Ministry

Kevin is nearing the end of this year's commitment to the Living Waters recovery ministry. (The last meeting is on April 20th). It has been a fulfilling year for him to be involved in this ministry once again. He has found that the ministry has provided a very tangible way to be involved in helping people in the here and now.

*see Missions Opportunities, p2 for the reason why.

Missions Opportunities

From our vantage point, there has not been much activity on this front during the last few months. We are trusting that God is in fact orchestrating the details and that He will reveal the steps to us as we need to see them. Currently, it is still most likely that we will be working within the Russian Federation or former Soviet Union countries. It is based on this faith that we have been taking Russian classes since this is one area in which we can take action at the present time, and also since language learning takes time so the more time we can spend on learning Russian the better!

January: Surprise trip to Winnipeg

AE flew to Winnipeg somewhat spontaneously to be with her dad as he began the first round of chemotherapy for cancer in the lymphnodes. While this was not the most ideal reason for a visit, she was able to enjoy spending time with her dad as well as connecting with her mom and a few friends. Dad recently completed round 2, this time as an outpatient, and is doing fairly well under the circumstances—especially since this is a highly unpredictable form of cancer. AE sends email updates approximately once a week with more details. If you are interested in receiving these emails, please let us know.

February: Marriage Enrichment retreat at King's Fold

Over the valentine's day weekend we participated in a marriage enrichment retreat at our beloved retreat centre: King's Fold. Having been married for over a year now, this was a great opportunity to discuss the last year and identify some areas we want to work on. It was also great to be among other couples (ranging from engaged to married 44 years) who were also content in their marriages and putting time aside to enrich those relationships.

What's up next?

April: We continue with Lent until Pascha on April 23rd (Eastern Easter falls one week after Western Easter this year). Greek, Russian I, and Living Waters all come to a end.

May: Russian II begins, dancing lessons, birthdays abound!

June: Russian II finishes, dancing lessons finish

Prayer Requests:

- Stamina (physical, emotional, and spiritual) to run the Lenten race;
- For God to direct our steps regarding future mission work;
- For God's will to be done within AE's dad life and body;
- For us and those around AE's Dad as we walk through this with him.

Praise/Thanks:

- For the opportunity to participate in the marriage enrichment retreat;
- For a good experience in the Russian course;
- For a fulfilling involvement in a recovery group ministry;
- For the opportunity to prepare for Easter through the liturgical cycle;
- That God continues to meet our financial needs.

Blessings! Kevin and AmandaEve Wigglesworth