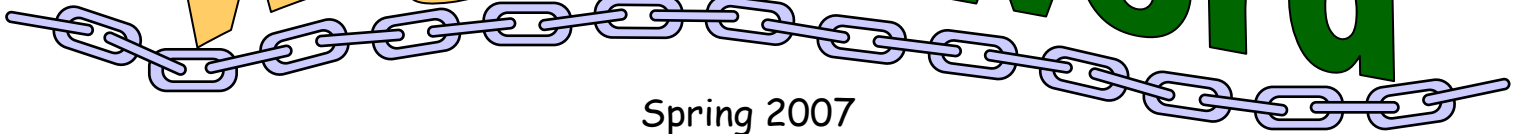


The Wigglesworth



Spring 2007

Any News, AmandaEve?

Greek continues...

I continued co-teaching Koine Greek at Rocky Mountain College this semester. I was glad to teach alongside another professor since it gave me a mentorship opportunity so that if the opportunity comes along to teach the courses on my own I will be in much better position to accept that challenge. I also continued with my tutoring student this semester. This was really more of a one-on-one teaching arrangement where I tailored the course schedule and delivery to his learning style. In the end, all the students passed which was a great feeling!

Discover Wycliffe—March 9-10th

I was able to be a key part of developing and presenting a weekend workshop to introduce Wycliffe Bible Translators and the world of applied linguistics to college-age students. I presented the sessions on phonetics (which deals with identifying all the sounds we make in language), phonology (rules for how those sounds affect one another when they are put into words and phrases), language learning (I taught some Russian using an interactive repeat-after-me method.), and ethnomusicology (We looked at how culture affects the use of music in the religious context.). The goal for this weekend was to keep everything interactive and fun! I certainly had fun being a part of this!

Youth with a Mission—Training

Following the Discover Wycliffe weekend, I was asked to come with WBT's Derryl Friesen to lead the language learning component of YWAM's training session during May. This was another fun, interactive session as we covered phonetics, grammar, and language learning over an afternoon. I was able to do my first monolingual demonstration, which was a little nerve-racking but I ended up enjoying it! "What is a monolingual?" you ask! Well, it's when two people speak in different languages (and neither one can understand the other) and person one tries to learn how to speak the language of person two. I spoke in Russian and tried to learn Farsi from a lady at the YWAM base. I was successful in learning how to count to four using grapes... I am giving you two grapes... You are giving me a grape... Hi... thank you... yummy!... COOL STUFF! She even complimented me on my Farsi pronunciation!

Church Music

I've continued to be the main choir director and have been a lot more involved in the creation of new music books. This year, I re-made books for 6 of our holy week services with

the help of many proof-readers and proof-singers. We have also been creating a visitor text for the Sunday liturgy, and new liturgy books for the people and choir. There's so much work to be done in this area that the list goes on and on!

Church Camp

I've been asked to be the on-site director for this year's Orthodox Church Camp in Alberta. This is only a one-week camp but it is daunting enough to take on this role for the first time. I'm trusting that past experience in children's ministry will be helpful... and praying for a good dose of God's grace!

My dad

Many of you continue to pray and inquire about my dad's health. Thank you! He is doing reasonably well and has not relapsed. He continues to undergo tests on various body parts & systems and is trying to deal with the aftermath of the chemotherapy & radiation by using natural supplements as an alternative to Western medicine (which carries many side-effects).

Missions Plans?

Dialogue with the Orthodox Christian Mission Center re-opened in January. Please pray for direction and timing as we continue to wait on God's guidance in this area.

Mastering the Master's Degree

With the end of a teaching semester, I'm putting priority and energy into completing my master's degree in linguistics. This has been a long and surprising journey but I now hope to have my project completed this fall. Since the research for this project involves a local congregation that is not our own, I am taking a break from directing music at our church during May and June in order to visit this other congregation. Please pray that I will have the commitment to interact with the congregation and that the people will be favorably responsive to this study.

Well, I started writing this thinking "What am I going to write? I don't have any news." and then realizing that there was plenty to share. SO, there's MY spring update...

So, what about Kevin?

Since work keeps him pretty busy there's not nearly as much new stuff to share! He finished his MicroStation II with flying colours (A+!). He continues to meet with a group of guys once a week and they have been working through the "Wild at Heart" book which seems to be popular these days! He keeps busy with various projects for church: His most exciting obsession has been brainstorming and organizing an "Amazing Race" (based on the T.V. show) for the city-wide Orthodox youth group to be held in September.

Spring blessings,

Kevin and AmandaEve Wigglesworth