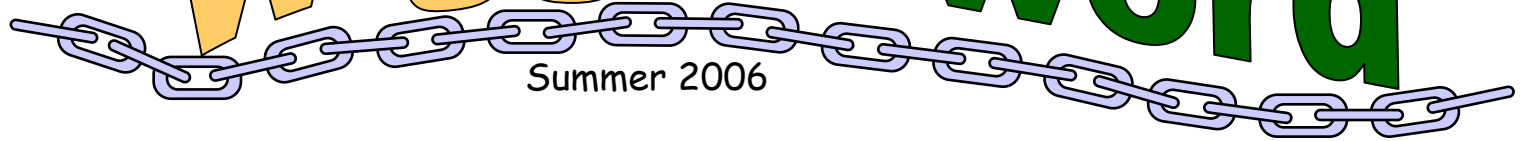


The Wigglesworth

Summer 2006



May

Once the whirlwind events of Pascha (Easter) weekend were over, we were quite exhausted and pleased to discover that we were able to spend 4/5 evenings at home together the following week. This was a fantastic time for both of us!

In normal post-easter fashion AmandaEve got sick a few days after Pascha. A combination of cold, allergies, and sinus troubles gnawed away at her as she led choir practices in preparation for an early May wedding! Kevin did the videotaping while AE led a vocal quartet. Every thing worked out, it sounded great... and then there was a *long* nap that afternoon!

The rest of May provided some time spent with family and friends after a somewhat unintentional Lenten fast from visiting. One notable birthday was celebrating Kevin's dad's 65th birthday. The kids (who all live in Calgary) drove partway to meet dad in Red Deer for a surprise birthday meal. Dad was thrilled to pieces to celebrate with all the kids at the same time!

We also enjoyed having AE's friend Melody stay with us over the May long-weekend. The girls took the opportunity to see the town on Friday. The original idea was to show off Calgary, but AE ended up seeing some new sights too: Devonian (botanical) Gardens and the Bernard Callebaut Chocolate Factory (self-guided) Tour!

June

On a very warm and sunny afternoon, Kevin participated in a triathlon with his brother Steve and nephew Jordan put on by Jordan's junior high school. Kevin started off the race with the swim (300 m), Steve ran from the pool to the school (approx. 2 km), Jordan cycled the course in the school field (also approx. 2 km). Besides burning a few calories, the team had the pleasure of knowing they came in fourth place in the overall standings, and eating some well deserved pizza!

We were thrilled to use our new tent for the first time in a weekend camping getaway to Cranbrook, BC. Our church has a new daughter church in Cranbrook (St Aidan's) and we have wanted to visit for quite some time. Cranbrook is located not too far from where Kevin grew up, and there are some family friends in the area. This trip gave us the opportunity to breathe in some nature, visit St Aidan's, and visit some friends... with a bonus stop at Radium Hot Springs on the way back to Calgary!

Check out our new blog site for pictures of some of the items featured in this newsletter! <http://wigglesweb.blogspot.com>

July

We hit the highway on July 1st and drove to Minnedosa, MB to visit AE's mom for a few days. From there, we drove to Chicago with visions of roller-coasters and beaches in our eyes. We were not disappointed! We returned to Winnipeg to spend a few days with her dad and some other friends before completing the circuit home to Calgary on July 15. It was a great time away: great weather, great visiting with family/friends, and great vacation highlights! We hit 3 beaches (Minnedosa, Lake Michigan, and Bird's Hill), went on a hike in Manitoba's desert: spirit sands, rode all the roller-coasters at Great America, had a day in downtown Chicago (Navy Pier, boat cruise, trolley rides, Millenium Park), went to a winning baseball game in Winnipeg, saw 2 movies at the Drive-In, went on a tour of the Canadian Mint... and those are just the major highlights!

What's Ahead... August

AE is planning the crafts and music for St Peter the Aleut Church Camp again this year. Camp takes place August 8-13. She's hoping for a sunny camp this year! With all the rain last year, the crafts area was hopping at all times.!

Other newsworthy items:

AE's dad has almost completed this season of cancer treatments. He is currently in the last week of radiation treatments and will then have follow-up appointments to make sure he continues to be okay and to detect a relapse should that occur. He is currently cancer-free, and the doctors think his body is too weak to successfully complete further maintenance treatments. As a result, Dad has decided not to pursue those treatments any further. Not taking the treatments increases his risk of relapse, but the risk is there regardless. And if he continues with the maintenance treatments there is the added risk of dying because of the treatments themselves. Please continue to pray for this situation since he is definitely not out of the woods yet! A relapse would almost certainly mean death since his body would not be strong enough to fight through the treatments.

Russian II ended June 20th. We've enjoyed these classes and have learned a lot! It will be good to take a break from structured classes to work on really learning and knowing everything that has been taught so far. This will also enable us to decide how to proceed with the next stage of language learning.

Praise:

AE's dad is cancer-free. For the chance to visit with family.

For the opportunity to study Russian in a small classroom setting.

Prayer:

For dad's complete recovery and protection against relapse.

For God's continued direction and timing regarding future missions work.

Blessings! Kevin and AmandaEve Wigglesworth