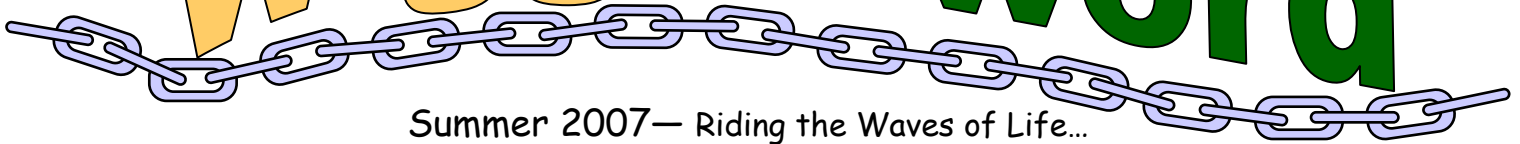


# The Wigglesworth



Summer 2007— Riding the Waves of Life...

This summer has been a little hectic for us... and it has been difficult to keep people up-dated. And so it seemed easier to wait until things subsided to write a synopsis of what happened, rather than giving you the play-by-play as it was happening. So, without further ado: "Our Summer"

June 5th seemed like just an ordinary day when it began but it started getting exciting fairly soon. Kevin's passport arrived in the mail that morning. We had been waiting for it to arrive for 13 weeks in order to book a last-minute get-a-way, a trip that was beginning to seem like a never attainable mirage. So with passport in hand, AE booked a trip to Cuba for departure in 5 days. Wow! Busy thinking about what needed to be done in order to leave on this new adventure, she was less than thrilled to discover that evening that the thunderstorm outside decided to enter our suite through the foundation. Bearing in mind that we live in a basement, this was not good news. This was the fourth time in three years that water decided that it liked being inside our bedroom. Lovely. Water was in both bedrooms, the bathroom, and the laundry room/front entry way. So at 10:30pm with a batch of brownies in the works, the landlords came over and thus began the clean-up. All of our belongings from the above mentioned rooms ended up in our living room/kitchen area—which was no longer fit for living in. After 4 days of dealing with ripping up carpet, washing clothes at a laundromat, drying out everything, and packing... we were off to Cuba for a week!

Cuba was wonderful! It was so nice to get away, especially in the midst of the chaos at home. We were also really craving some time together which Cuba allowed most graciously! Overall, the weather was great, as were the beach and pools. We stayed at an all-inclusive—a first for both of us—and it really nice to have things taken care of and included in the price of the hotel. We did go off the resort a couple times to go on a jeep safari, catamaran ride, swim with dolphins at a local aquarium, and visit a little tourist market. But other than that, relaxation at the resort was key.

It was a good thing too, because when we got back to our poor little suite, our landlords arrived 20 minutes after us and informed us that we needed to move out asap so that they could start necessary renovations to the suite. Plumbing, flooring (including tiling), walls/insulation, installing a sump pump. And so, we began packing up everything and looking for a place to stay. We stayed with friends in Airdrie for a couple days while we packed and then moved everything over to Kevin's brother's. We thought we would be staying there for the summer but after four days found out that the arrangement wasn't going to work because some of their summer plans had changed at the last minute. We started packing

up again, this time leaving our things in their garage. During the week that followed, we discussed many options of what to do next and we were making major decisions quickly and then changing our minds just as quickly. Situations changed daily. In the middle of this, we found out that AE's dad had relapsed with acute myeloid leukemia. This is now his third round of cancer and it does not look very good. He is in very good spirits and determined to beat it again, but nonetheless the news swung us in a new direction and three days after hearing from him we made the decision to move to Winnipeg. With new direction, we moved to Airdrie to stay with friends for the summer. AE went to Winnipeg for two weeks to spend time with her dad find a place for us to live, and start applying for jobs. Kevin has been applying to a Masters of Divinity program offered through St Arseny Institute, accredited with the University of Winnipeg, which is one step in becoming a deacon in the Orthodox church. The hope is that he would begin in September, but if things don't come together in time he can wait until January.

So our time has been spent getting ready for Winnipeg, and getting ready to leave Calgary. Part of that has meant finishing up some projects and handing over responsibility to others at church—including an "Amazing Race" event for the city-wide Orthodox youth group (scheduled for September) of which Kevin has been the brains behind the operation. Another part of that is AE trying to complete as much as possible on her thesis before we leave. She had grand plans and new motivation for May-August but situations kept arising to detract from those plans. She is still determined to work on it as much as possible though before moving. She is now in the writing stage and fairly attached to the computer.

Church camp begins in less than a week, so things are busy with camp plans too. This year, AE is the director and Kevin will be working in the kitchen. After camp, we have one week left before we move. Everything is moving so fast! The whirlwind of June/July has subsided and things are feeling a little more calm now but there is still lots to do and more changes ahead once we move again.

In an effort to visit with as many people as possible before we go, we are having an open house party on Saturday, August 25 from noon on. If you did not receive the details (ie. address and phone number) by email and would like to join us, please contact us and we will give you those details!

Also, if you have not received our new address and phone number by email and would like to have it, please contact us so we can pass it along!

I also need to say that in all of this we feel peace that this is where we need to be right now. We don't know how long we will be living in Winnipeg, but God will reveal that in time. We were so comfortable in our routine and being displaced from the water damage opened us up to hear God's voice for "what next?" We will miss our church and social network of friends & family in Calgary very much, and there will be aspects of this new move that will be difficult. Pray that we would continue to accept God's direction and to be overcome with His peace in the times ahead.

Love and blessings, Kevin and AmandaEve Wigglesworth