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Christmas flew by in a fury for us... anyone else feel that way? Right out of the Christmas services we were into New Year's and then the Bishop was here... followed by Theophany (or Epiphany) and house blessings. We were both already back at work by this time.

AmandaEve got a nasty ear infection bug that also affected the eye. He came, and subsided and came back, and subsided, and I thought he was coming back again but the doctor assured me that he was gone and then two days later I got sick with a lovely something that's been going around Calgary. little to no voice, fever, head all stuffed up and leaking out, coughing... It took a few days but Kevin got the head stuffed up / coughing part of it.

A week ago already we were in Mexico... well okay a week ago we were landing in Calgary coming back from Mexico. We were down in Rosarito (Tijuana) for a wedding. My godbrother and his new wife work at an orthodox orphanage there. So they got married there at the orphanage chapel. Yesterday was a reception in her home place of Colorado Springs and next Sunday there will be rousing party in Calgary. We were extremely blessed to be part of the ceremony and reception in Mexico as well as the reception in Calgary. It was great to meet the boys at the orphanage (it's the only orphanage for teenage boys in Tijuana) and relax down there. it was actually quite cold there for that region but the sun was warm. As long as the sun shone and the wind stayed at bay it was great. but with the sun behind a cloud and the wind blowing even all the Canadians were freezing.

so with an extremely short visit to B.C. (Baja California) behind us, Kevin is now working on a power point of the weekend so we can bring the wedding to the Calgary reception for all those who couldn't go down.

Looking ahead to February, well, let's just say there isn't an empty square on the calendar. What's keeping us busy this month? Church dance, Calgary Philharmonic, wedding reception, a friend's 30th birthday party (we won't reveal who!)... we will also be making a presentation to Parish Council on the Orthodox Christian Mission Center to give them an overview of the ministries involved here. The purpose of the presentation is to help council decide where to funnel more charitable giving from the church budget. But we're excited to do this for awareness sake too since this is the mission we've applied to. No new news on that front. We just know that they've received the forms.

Kevin's finger is doing better (for those who forgot, he had surgery to reconnect the tendon and nerve after a nasty fight with a sharp wedding knife). He is no longer wearing the fancy contraption of a splint. However, the finger isn't doing as well as the doctor wanted by this point so there's talk of going in to do another surgery. We don't know too much about what that would entail at this point. More information to come.

And the final highlight of January: we finally bought a digital camera! The long awaited piece of technology was purchased a week before going to Mexico giving us ample time to spend every waking moment learning what it can do.

Kevin has wanted this for a long time, AmandaEve didn't really care too much... but now they have a new toy, Kevin is taking the pictures so AmandaEve now has pictures to scrapbook. (no camera, no pictures)

So with that, I will end our January highlights with a picture taken on our new camera... you guess where it was!

Blessings to all of you,
AmandaEve and for Kevin too :)