

Happy Epiphany!

When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

Dear friend:

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” Matthew 2:1-2



It's a story of religious tourism – three guys male-bonding on camels across the Middle East in search of an elusive baby king. Normally you would only risk the hazzards and hardships of such a long trip for the expectation of riches. Camel caravans would travel afar with precious cargo to trade for even greater wealth. But these men had only a few small valuables, and they gave them away and returned home empty-handed.

Our son Peter moved across the continent from Alaska to West Virginia with his wife, three children, two goats, and household possessions. It was a massive undertaking, but for a good cause – to bring Christ to students at West Virginia University. But these three wise men accomplished nothing. Except worship. And like the woman who wasted a year's salary on ointment for Jesus, their story lives on forever. May we worship Jesus with such excitement this Epiphany Season.

Ginny reports: “**Dan** and I went to NYC for a few days in October while my parents watched Victoria. Dan also took a trip to England for work and went to Utah for his annual snowboarding week with his college roommate. Victoria is now 9 months old and is close to her first word (DaDa –she loves to “talk”) and first steps. She can stand on her own for a few seconds now.”

Christopher spent the fall season preparing evolving budgets, digitizing embassy HR file systems, and writing justifications for the purpose and effectiveness of U.S. federal assistance programs in Azerbaijan. However, he was glad to take a break from those and other responsibilities for a few weeks to return to the States for the first time since his assignment to Azerbaijan to visit friends and family (including niece Victoria and



nephew Isaac for the first time). Among his other destinations were Boson to visit his girlfriend and Salt Lake City to visit other friends. The weather can never be cold or snowy enough for Chris, so he was thrilled to have arrived, having in classic style forgotten his jacket in Azerbaijan, during our historic cold front.

← Christopher and his girlfriend Christine at a live ice sculpture event outside Trinity Church in Boston.



Peter, Megan, Elijah, Amelia, and Isaac in their home in West Virginia

Megan and the children arrived safely in Morgantown in October, and the goats arrived several weeks later. The RUF ministry at WVU has gone so well in its first semester they have met all the goals **Peter** set for the whole year. He is leading three weekly Bible studies, and they went to the fall conference and a training conference. Peter passed his exams and was ordained in November. The children enjoy the new house and yard and the goats enjoy grazing on the hill. Megan has been homeschooling Eli and Amelia. Isaac turned one and is just starting to walk.

Stephen says, “Not too much to report here south of the DMZ. I have started the Yonsei program and finished the first semester already. I had the best grades out of all the students last semester, so the school awarded me with an excellence award and some scholarship money which was a nice surprise. The next (current) semester is more difficult, however, and my goal is simply to do well. Attached is a picture of me with my classmates and teacher at a site overlooking Gyeongbokgung Palace. A shrewd observer will note that I am the only Caucasian! As the program levels increase in difficulty, the student body consists more of Asians (mostly Chinese and Japanese who are geographically and linguistically close) and less of westerners. Give it another couple of months and there will be even fewer people who look like me! In addition to homework,

projects, assignments, tests, and presentations, I do have Army business to take care of as well. Tomorrow I have my first PT test in a while. Here’s hoping I can knock out that 2-mile run fast enough to avoid getting frost-bite in these consistently below-freezing temperatures!” ←



Benjamin’s robotics club is taking off well enough. “We have about nine regulars, and we were able to help the local Girl Scouts get their robotics badges by organizing and hosting four hour-long meetings involving some presentations, and helping them design, build, and program Lego Mindstorm robots. Our Ultimate Frisbee team is looking to join a national league for the Spring.” →

Ruth took a field trip to the Brandywine Museum with other Excel-sior teachers. She enjoys babysitting for friends and caring for her mother when she’s not teaching her classes. A highlight of the fall for both of us has been visiting our grandchildren.

David Green



The Greens

David and Ruth, Daniel and Ginny, Peter and Megan, Christopher, Stephen, Benjamin

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