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Dear friend:

The Greens have been traveling! One week this spring a majority of our immediate family was in the Eastern hemisphere. We all enjoy seeing the world.

**Daniel** is still working for the government and living near Annapolis. He says, “I had a work trip to England, and **Ginny** joined me afterwards for a week in London. We saw the Churchill War Rooms, Kensington Palace, Stonehenge, Bath, a Jeeves and Wooster play, and many other sights. Back home, she worked on her boss’s campaign and he was re-elected in the primaries. I started teaching second grade Sunday School again and went sailing from Georgia to North Carolina.”



Daniel and Ginny at Kensington Gardens



Amelia and Elijah

**Peter and Megan** interviewed for several RUF positions, but nothing worked out. Peter is finishing his PhD dissertation this summer, and the family is planning to move to Alaska for a couple of years to be close to Megan’s parents. There is some talk of a church plant they might help with while Peter works to pay off school debts. Megan, Elijah, and Amelia have already

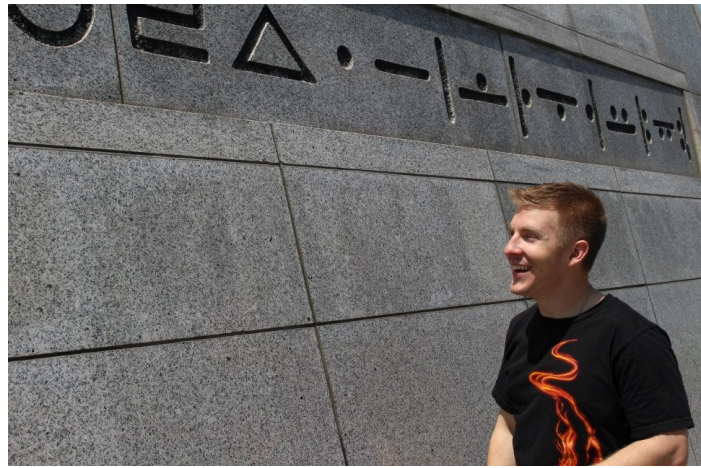
moved there, and have acquired 25 chicks and three milking goats. Elijah loves playing outdoors, but misses friends his own age.

“Employee’s Meteoric Rise Through Company a Testament to Staff Turnover” read a recent title from a new satire website. With the onward rotation of most of his Consular colleagues in Taipei, **Christopher** has seen a great increase in his responsibilities. He now spends his days running up and down between three floors to issue visas to foreign students (and summer workers at his old haunt, Dorney Park!), help people adopt children, and get destitute Americans back home to their families. Chris still finds some time to go hiking around the island and invite friends in from the tropical humidity to play board games. He is currently deciding where his next post will be after his time in Taiwan finishes next summer.



Christopher blazing trails on Yagnminshan in Taipei

**Stephen** has just returned from a six-week language immersion program at Korea University in Seoul. He had a great time there and can't wait to go back. He and the rest of his classmates are now in their third and final semester at the Army's Defense Language Institute in Monterey, CA, and are working overtime to get ready to take their final exams in October. He also just received his tentative future orders and will be stationed in Korea after finishing up all his training. Here is a picture of him incredulously stumped, once again, by the Korean language.



Stephen stumped by extinct Hangul symbols in Korea



Benjamin (3rd from left) with his pROVE team

**Benjamin** traveled to the northern shore of Michigan with pROVe (Pennsylvania Remotely Operated Vehicle Engineers) to participate in the MATE (Marine Advanced Technology Education) international competition. This was his second year with pROVe, and they improved their placing to 11<sup>th</sup>! Benjamin was the programmer and the operator for the robot. He also is enjoying his airsoft team, and has been promoted to shift manager at Rita's Italian Ice. In other news, only one more year of high school to go!

**Ruth** is still teaching AP English online and two English classes in the homeschool co-op, and **David** is Area Coordinator for Reformed University Fellowship in the Northeast. So far this year we have traveled together to Greenville SC for RUF Assessment (evaluating potential campus ministers), Mexico City (to visit the RUF ministry there), Panama City FL (RUF Summer Conference), Houston TX (PCA General Assembly), and Atlanta GA (another RUF Assessment).



Ruth, David, Christopher at lunch in Taiwan

But our most exciting trip was to Taiwan to visit Christopher. He has a spare bedroom, so we stayed with him for a week. We hiked up Elephant Mountain and saw the city as the sun set. We rode to the top of Taipei 101, one of the tallest buildings in the world. He took us to see the wonderful scenery at the Taroko Gorge. He had to work a couple of days while we were there, so Ruth and I were on our own to see the National Palace Museum and the Zoo.

When we entered the Zoo we were given a specific time to see the Pandas. I expected this meant that, as important foreigners, we would get a private interview. Alas, it was only to control the crowds. A highlight for Ruth was the hot sulphur springs. We loved Taiwan and would jump at the chance to return, but Christopher will be off somewhere else when we get enough frequent flier miles to visit again.

Yours,

*David Alan*