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Hello Everyone,

I wanted to write and let you know how things are going for Tricia and me here at the seminary. There are several other seminarians who write monthly newsletters and we thought it would be a great idea for us as well. We know that a mass mailing is not the most personal way to keep you updated; but with all our friends and two families following our progress – it really is the only logistical way. We hope to get a letter out every month – but I'm already late this month and we haven't even started, so please don't hold us to a schedule. With that said.....

Greek is progressing along very well. As many of you know, I was extremely nervous about learning a foreign language. I never had much success with German in high school and my college Latin was very disappointing. In fact, my fear of Greek and Hebrew is one of the main reasons I steered clear of the pre-sem program at Ann Arbor. However, this Greek class is moving along very well and I seem to be grasping the major concepts. It is the most difficult college course I've ever taken and absolutely consumes all of my time; but I'm dedicated to making it through and so far my perseverance is paying off. I have only two and a half weeks left before the final and a much needed break. Please keep praying.

Tricia's job is going very well and she continues to gain respect and responsibility. Being back in the Midwest, she has taken the opportunity to travel and see some family - one trip to Denver and one to Michigan. We've also made a couple of short trips to Kansas City to my brother Bruce and his family. Most recently we finished an eight week beginning ballroom dance class – which Tricia thoroughly enjoyed. We've gone out to the local swing club once and had a great time. The smile I saw on Tricia's face that night I don't think I had seen since our wedding. I had fun just watching her have such a great time. In between all that, she has found time to get involved with the Seminary Wives weekly Bible study and take care of me. I'm not sure how she does it all, but I am thankful and very blessed.

That's about all for now. We pray that you and your families are doing well and we look forward to hearing from all of you soon.

Dan & Tricia