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# KLETKE NEWSLETTER

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## One Long, Hot Summer

Well, it's taken me almost another two months to get another newsletter out. It's been another busy summer and classes are finally out so I have a few minutes to write and say hello. Here's a quick recap of what we've been up to.

Summer school began on June 6 and I was back in class after a short break. Since I needed to take Hebrew last fall, I was one quarter behind the regular schedule and needed to take a full term of classes to stay on track. The first four weeks flew by with two great classes. The second half of the summer dragged on longer than I would have wished, but primarily because the summer heat continued to rise and I wanted to be anywhere but in class. Of all my classes this summer, I especially enjoyed my Theology of Missions class. Combined with my trip to Guatemala last spring, the idea of mission work is becoming more attractive. I doubt if going overseas is a real possibility, but incorporating many of the same concepts locally could prove fruitful and fulfilling.

Weaved around my classes and Tricia's work schedule, we did manage to get out and enjoy the summer a bit. In the middle of June, Tricia went to Michigan for a long weekend and spent some time with her mother. While there, her cousin Joann and her mom through her a huge baby shower and from the pictures it appears that half of Detroit showed up. Then, towards the end of June, my brother Bruce put together a family camp out that we were able to join in on. It was a hot couple of days in the eastern Kansas sun, but we enjoyed the chance to relax and catch up with the family. And then the highlight of the summer was a five day camping trip over July Fourth. We drove back to the Colorado Mountains with some friends from the seminary and went rafting through the Royal Gorge (that's me at the bottom left of the picture). Don't worry, Tricia spent the day shopping. We also went swimming in the Salida Hot Springs, spent an afternoon in Aspen and climbed the great sand dunes. Everyone had a great time and we slipped in one last hoorah before "Peanut" arrives.

Speaking of "Peanut", (s)he is doing very well too. Now that our summer fun is over with, everything is now baby focused. We just finished our child birth classes at the hospital and will soon start our child care classes. Our

local congregation threw Tricia a HUGE baby shower this past weekend and as she writes all the thank you notes, I have been doing all the baby's laundry and finding places to put the "stuff" – no small task I can guarantee you. Although, I think I have the better end of this deal since I get to play with all the toys and read all the books while Tricia works. Tricia is currently in the middle of her 34<sup>th</sup> week and feels great. "Peanut" should make his/her grand arrival in 4-6 weeks and we can hardly wait. Please continue to pray that all goes well.

September will be a busy month. Tricia has volunteered to organize the field day events for all 200 of the kids at the seminary on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. I will preach again at St. Paul on the 4<sup>th</sup>. The choir sings for the Cardinals/Cubs game on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Classes begin on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Tricia's last day of work is the 14<sup>th</sup>. Then "Peanut" will hopefully arrive close to the 24<sup>th</sup>. I'll plan on sending another update around the first of October and include pictures of our latest addition.

Well, I think that's about all there is to report right now. We pray that all is going well for you and your family. Please make sure to give us a call if you make it close to St. Louis. We'd love to see you all. God's blessings.

In His Care,  
Dan & Tricia



## Tricia's Corner

As Dan stated above, "Peanut" and I are doing well. The second trimester and the third so far have been uneventful and often a pleasure. The baby is moving around quite a bit now and especially enjoys putting his/her toes in my ribs. We discovered last week that I can hold two glasses on my belly. Since I have my Mom's goal of 4 glasses yet to attain, I'm sure the baby has more growing to do before the arrival day.

The baby shower that Joann and my Mom threw for us in Michigan was wonderful! It was such a pleasure to be back near the water and spend such precious time with family and friends. Thanks to all of you for your generosity and kindness! One of the highlights was seeing Uncle Al up and around after his troubles last winter. You are an inspiration to all of us! I just hope I can hold up with the pain of childbirth like you persevered through your adventure.

Our trip to Colorado was very relaxing. After the upper 90 degree weather with humidity here in St. Louis, I especially enjoyed the 50 degree nights. I was a little nervous about having to get up in the middle of the night to go to the "potty log" knowing that bear scat had been sighted, but to my great thankfulness no bears payed us a visit. Also while we were in Colorado, I enjoyed sitting in the sand dunes in my lawn chair and with an umbrella watching Dan and our friends run all over the dunes. After a long 15 hour drive home we thoroughly enjoyed the shower and our own bed.

Last week we had a great visit by my Mom and our niece Ana. We had lots of fun shopping, swimming and catching up. We also now have all of the baby gifts from the shower in Michigan and the nursery is mostly put together.

All in all, we are doing well and really getting excited about our new addition. Along with the excitement is a little apprehension about how our lives will change, and of course, I'm nervous about the delivery. However, I'm comforted to know that everything happens in our lives for a reason.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### INDEPENDENCE DAY

JULY 4

### ANASTASIA LAMPSON'S BIRTHDAY

JULY 28

### CLARENCE & KAREN BERGERON'S ANNIVERSARY

AUGUST 4

### DAN & TRICIA KLETKE'S ANNIVERSARY

AUGUST 7 (CAN YOU BELIEVE IT'S BEEN 12 YEARS?)

### JIM & CATHY SHEA'S ANNIVERSARY

AUGUST 12

### JIM SHEA'S BIRTHDAY

AUGUST 16

If this next event doesn't go smoothly, we will grow stronger because of it and learn something from it. God has a wonderful way of making everything work to the good of his will. Thanks to all of you for your thoughts and prayers. They are much appreciated.

Love,  
Tricia



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*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests before God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7*

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