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School Begins Again

Hello again from St. Louis. August flew by and orientation for the next quarter is already in full swing. Here's a short accounting of what we've been up to.

I continued to study Greek for most of the month (a never ending task) and took my entrance exam on Wednesday the 25th. By the grace of God I was able to pass the qualifying exam without any problem – in fact, I received a higher score on my Greek test than I did on any of my New Testament, Old Testament or Doctrine exams. For a guy whose main apprehension about attending the seminary was learning Greek and Hebrew; the Lord continues to ease my fears and gently carry me along.

Most of the guys in my class also did well. There were a few that struggled with the language and didn't pass the exam; but the richness and depth of the language has only strengthened their resolve to go at it again. For the 3-4 guys who have to re-take the class, they are already scheduled and convinced that they're on the right track.

After the exam, Tricia and I made a very quick trip to Colorado to see my parents. It had been since last Thanksgiving that we were home and I was desperately longing to see the mountains again. We were not able to stay long but we made a quick trip through Buena Vista and Salida on Friday and had an impromptu family gathering on Saturday. We were also able to make it to worship services at Mt. Olive and Concordia on Sunday morning. It's hard to explain but what an amazing feeling when you finally come home after being gone – being surrounded by friends and family and being able to worship together again. We weren't able to see everyone or visit for as long as we would have liked to; but we are already planning our trip back at Thanksgiving and hope to see EVERYONE then.

We made it back to St. Louis in short order and orientation has gone smoothly so far. I just registered for classes and will be taking Elementary Hebrew and Biblical Greek Readings. I'm not sure how I am going to handle two foreign languages at one time – but this time I'll trust that the Lord will carry me through again.

On top of my class work, I have joined the Seminary Chorus and been asked to join the recording chorus "Laudamus" as well. I'm not sure I want to spend the extra time to sing in two choirs but the honor is too much to pass up. Tricia has also joined the seminary brass group which will meet weekly as well. I'm very excited to see her playing her trombone on a regular basis again. We'll let you know when our groups perform.

That's about all for this month. The coming weekend will be filled with the normal "Welcome" activities – family sports, BBQ's and the opening service. It will be very busy but should be a lot of fun. We pray that all is going well for you and your families. Please drop us a line when you can and let us know how you are doing as well.

Dan & Tricia



A picture from our trip to Salida

UPCOMING EVENTS

This will be an exciting month with orientation and classes beginning. We will also find out more about Dan's Field Work Church.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEMINARY ORIENTATION

SEPTEMBER 1-5

TRICIA'S BIRTHDAY

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

CLASSES BEGIN

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

CAMPING WITH BRUCE & MONICA

SEPTEMBER 18



A snapshot from Grandpa Jarvis' roses

TRICIA'S CORNER

It was so nice to receive your kind letters since our last update. Your prayers and words of encouragement do more than you know. I have enjoyed getting involved with the seminary wives activities on the Seminary campus. I attended a Bible study this summer where we read through "After the Boxes are Unpacked...Moving On After Moving In" by Susan Miller. I recommend it to anyone who is facing a move. It has been a wonderful support group for me to be around other women going through the same experiences.

It has been an adjustment for Dan and me as we discover our new roles and responsibilities. One of the changes for me has been the added chores around the house along with running errands. I guess I didn't realize how spoiled I was for the past several years having Dan available to do most of the cooking and shopping. I am learning how to organize my time better. I run errands on my lunch hour and cook a few nights a week. It may sound like easy stuff but it's been an adjustment.

I've gotten used to forgetting a thing or two when I go to the grocery store and Dan has learned that Stouffers and Oscar Mayer really do have a lot to offer. ☺

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.
Proverbs 3:5-6
