

Greetings from Idaho

We hope this letter finds things going well for you and everyone you love. For the Moores the past year has been full and sometimes even frantic, but often comfortable and satisfying. Kevin continues to teach and do research at Idaho State University. He is now an Associate Professor and is up for tenure this year. Last summer he travelled to Greece, Denmark, and the Netherlands to present papers at professional meetings. He continues to play guitar in the early service at our church. Tammy is now in her final semester as a history major. She will walk through graduation at the August ceremony and Kevin will get to hand her the diploma. A big part of her summer was spent researching and writing her senior seminar paper, which examined the impact of a British woman named Annie Besant on the independence movement in India. She has also been happily enjoying our new kitchen. We did a major remodeling job: all new appliances, new floor and counters, new cabinets that Kevin built, lots of painting by Tammy, new hardware, etc. We learned a lot. For instance, we learned never to do it again!

This year marked the first time that both kids were in school all day. Julia is in first grade and Joshua is in third. Julia has adapted very easily to school and she is excited to be reading "chapter books." At the beginning of the year Joshua was placed in a program called PACE, which is supposedly accelerated, and at the same time was placed in Chapter 1, a remedial learning program. So much for the efficiency and competence of the school district! Both kids are also active with their own extracurricular things. Julia is still in gymnastics and will soon move to a pre-competition team. Joshua got into swimming this summer and is now on a swim team. He will compete in his first meet in May. Both of our kids spend a lot of time with computers. We finally got one at home and IBM came to their school and put six computers into each classroom. Joshua and Julia each managed to get into trouble for password tampering activities. However, they do seem ready for the information superhighway we keep hearing about.

This year also marked the first time that our family was home alone for Christmas. Although we missed our extended family, it was nice to be able to relax together and to start some of our own family traditions. We also didn't travel back "home" this year, but we did enjoy visits from each of our parents. We camped and hiked the west side of the Tetons and did a tourist-level whitewater raft trip with Kevin's family. Tammy's parents also visited this summer and her dad taught us to fly fish. As the kids get older we are looking forward to more of these outside activities.